

## **LHSBPA General Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Monday May 19, 2008**

**Officers:** Eric Clark (absent)—President  
Laura Richter—Vice President  
Evonne Green—Treasurer  
Allison Blazer—Secretary

**Band Director:** Woody Gehlert

**Members Present:** Valerie & D.J. Johnston, Tom & Lisa Dulaney, Al Scherman, Tracy Laugle, Karen D., Karen Cables, Jennifer Clark, Jondell Ritchie, Renee Fowler, Ken & Lynne German, Kelly McCarter, Gabby M., Louisa Randolph, Nedra Howard, Mary McClaskey.

**Total Present: 22**

**Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Acting President Laura Richter**

- **Welcome:** Thanked everyone for coming. Laura continues to fill in for Eric who attending school in Rhode Island. Nothing to report at this time.

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Laura Richter**

- Nothing to report at this time.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT: Allison Blazer**

- The minutes from April's meeting were presented for review. Tom Dulaney made a motion to accept the minutes. Valerie Johnston seconded the motion. The minutes were voted into the permanent record unanimously.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Evonne Green**

- **Car Wash Fund Raiser:** Band raised approximately \$460 this weekend.
- **New Uniform Account:** \$3000 has been transferred into savings account which has been set up for the anticipated purchase of new band uniforms in two years. There is now \$9000 in this account.
- Trying to leave some start up money in the account for next year's LHSBPA.
- **Band Fees:** There are still outstanding band fees which must be paid before the end of the year. If your child owes money, contact Evonne about payment arrangements.

## **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Woody Gehlert**

- **Spring Trip:** Spring trip to Florida was very successful. The Band received many compliments from the hotel staff. This year we hired a Security Guard to chaperone the halls from midnight to 6 a.m. Mr. Gehlert recommends that we hire a Security Guard next year as well.
- **Band Mini Camp (Part 1):** There were 56 students at the May Band Camp.
- **Upcoming Band Mini Camp (Part 2): Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> 12-9 p.m. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE.** Mr. Gehlert requested that the BPA feed the band students at this event. Tom Dulaney made a motion to approve this request. Mary McClaskey seconded the motion. The motion was passed to feed the approximately 70 students and 10 staff members who will pay for their own meals. Jennifer Clark estimated this would cost at least \$150 to provide Sloppy Joes, chips and a drink. According to Evonne, this money can be taken out of the Hospitality Account.
- **Color Guard:** Tryouts are being held now. Participation thus far has been very low due to lack of notification at the middle schools. We have 8 color guard students returning next year. Kelly McCarter volunteered to assist Louisa Randolph with the Color Guard next year.
- **Spring Concert:** Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will perform.
- **October 25, 2008 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Eagle Classic Tournament of Bands.** Check the band website for more details as they become available.
- **Video Yearbook:** Applications for the 2007-2008 Video Yearbook put together by John Gordon are available in the band room and on the band web site.
- **Band Web Site:** Check the weekly calendar for upcoming events.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Concessions/Hospitality: Jennifer Clark** We need a new chairperson for this committee. There can be several co-chairs for this committee and Jennifer is happy to train anyone who is interested in helping.
- **Uniforms: Elinor Cunniff** (absent) After the spring concert, the uniforms and concert dresses will need to be laundered. They will be divided up among volunteers to be washed at home. Please contact Jennifer Clark if you are able to help wash the Marching Band uniforms or concert dresses. The tuxedos will need to be dry cleaned. If anyone is interested in chairing or co-chairing the Uniform committee, please contact a board member.
- **Equipment: Ike Green** (absent) Mark McClaskey has volunteered to chair this committee next year.
- **Chaperones: Evonne Green/Crawford Brown** (absent) The possibility of combining the Chaperone and Volunteer Coordinator was discussed. Please contact a board member if you are interested in chairing or co-chairing this committee.
- **Communications/Publicity: Evonne Green** Please contact a board member if you are interested in chairing or co-chairing this committee.

- **Color Guard: Louisa Randolph** Louisa volunteered to continue chairing this committee. Kelly McCarter volunteered to assist her.
- **Ways and Means: Valerie Johnston** Anyone interested in chairing or co-chairing this committee next year, please contact a board member. Valerie suggested that this committee needed more people in order to divide up the responsibilities.

**Scrapbooking Fund Raiser- August 16, 2008 in the LHS cafeteria.** This will be an all-day event with door prizes and concessions available. Laura Richter has been in contact with Mr. Siock and has requested 200 tables for this event.

**Texas 21 Night-September 26, 2008 in the LHS cafeteria.** Al Scherman is the Point of contact for this fund raiser.

**Competitions:** Discussed the fund raising opportunities associated with hosting a competition such as selling ad space in the program, selling air grams and selling pre-ordered box lunches. We need to look into renting large portable lights if we are unable to get them from the city for free. We will also need portable potties for this event.

**Prizes Needed-**Valerie requested donations of prizes for the ticket drawings at the banquet.

**Penny Wars-**Valerie updated the Penny War chart on the bulletin board. The winner will be announced at the banquet.

**Five Below Fundraiser-**Valerie reported that we made approximately \$50.

**Tropical Smoothie Fundraiser-** Mr.German is planning a fund raiser for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in July. More details later.

**Car Wash Fundraiser-** Car Washes have started. This past weekend (May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>) the band made \$460. Car Washes will be held every other weekend at the Walgreens next to Home Depot on Lynnhaven Parkway. The next car wash fundraiser will be May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup> from 10-3. There is a sign up sheet in the band room. Please sign up or contact Mr. Johnston if you are able to volunteer for all or part of a shift. We need more parent chaperones and students to make this fundraiser successful.

**Canopies-** Both canopies used for shade during Marching Band practice are broken and will need to be replaced. Mr. Gehlert, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Scherman are checking the prices of possible replacements.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **By-laws Report: Al Scherman-** The By-laws report by Al Scherman was tabled until the Band Banquet on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The new By-laws will be emailed out within the week, so they can be voted on at the Banquet.
- **Banquet Update: Al Scherman, Mary McClaskey, Jondell Ritchie & Jennifer Clark.** The Banquet meal will be BBQ with several side dishes, brownies and sweet and unsweet tea. The committee is also providing decorations and a cake. Tickets are \$1 per person (including band students). Selling tickets helps off set the cost of the catered meal and also gives us a more accurate head count. Flyers were sent home with students about the tickets. Please note that the time for the Banquet has been changed to 6-9p.m.

- **Nominations Committee: Renee Fowler-** The following names were submitted for nomination: Al Scherman-Vice President, Valerie Johnston-Treasurer and Allison Blazer-Secretary. Evonne Green nominated Louisa Randolph for President and she accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed and this slate of officers for the LHSBPA 2008-2009 year was approved with a unanimous vote.
- **New 2008-2009 Executive Board:** President-Louisa Randolph  
Vice President-Al Scherman  
Treasurer-Valerie Johnston  
Secretary-Allison Blazer
- **2008-2009 Budget:** The budget committee will meet in early June to prepare next year's budget. The new budget will be voted on at the next LHSBPA meeting after the cook-out on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Audit Committee:** Tracy Laugle, Karen Cables & Jondell Ritchie volunteered to perform the audit.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Scratchcard Fundraiser:** Louisa Randolph brought in a handout which explained this fundraiser. There was agreement that this could be very profitable, but concerns were raised about the students having to make the initial purchase of the card. This fundraiser will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**NEXT LHSBPA MEETING IS JUNE 24, 2008 during the Band Cookout from 6-8:30p.m. at LHS. This cookout is for band students and their families.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8p.m.**