

Laingsburg High School Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2025
LHS Media Room

Boosters Present: Thomas (Tom) Cousineau, Jessica Higgins, Larry Vogl, Nicole Crandall, Michael (Mike) Dhaseleer, Nathan (Nate) Bartley

Motion to Call to Order: Call to Order at 6:35 pm by Nate

Directors Comments: Presented by Tom Cousineau

- The Mother/Son Dance went well with good attendance. The photographer that was hired worked well and the kids that DJd had a good time. The photos will be available online as previously discussed. Overall no complaints from parents. Estimated 10-12 students helped put on the event.
- MSBOA Exhibition went very well for both the High School and Middle School Bands. There was a busing issue, but April Wright (a middle school parent) stepped in and supervised the 8th grade band for their extended time at the performance space. All bands received straight 1's. Thank you to Mary and Ashlie for handling the uniforms and Nate for hauling the band trailer along with stage setup.
- A parent meeting for the Nashville Trip will be held on March 19th. They will receive final directions as well as be notified of any outstanding balances.
- Nashville t-shirts have been ordered. They were designed by Ashlie because she always does a great job.
- A gift was given to the band as a fun encouragement and thank you from Tom. They all received the same music socks that the Jazz Band has. A receipt will be given to Dave for compensation.
- The exchange of the cymbals that were purchased with the LEAF Grant will cost the band around \$300. Motion made by Tom to extend the instrument purchase with LEAF Grant funds from the Instrument Expense Line for \$300. Second by Mike.
- Nate suggested that we research the cost of additional protective pieces for the tympanies when they are travelling. General discussion was held and support was given to proceed.
- Band Awards needs to be rescheduled to May 14 due to conflicts with track competition.
- Tom spoke about the new dividers that Mike created for the band lockers that help organize smaller items.

January Minutes: Motion to accept as presented by Mike, second by Nate

Treasurer Report: No Report

Fundraising Report: No Report. Mike suggested that the board start thinking about transitioning the contacts for the new Vertical Rise fundraising program from Ashlie to Dave unless she wants to continue running it.

Communications: No Report. Tom mentioned that there has been a lot of activity on social media promoting band events.

Uniforms: No Report

Other Business:

- Mike spoke about the new Keyhole Piano Shell upright and how it will be used by the Jazz Band for their keyboard.
- Mike spoke about his goal to create a program to support band families that have more than one student involved. This program would likely offer discounts on required events such as band camp and maybe some travel events. It would also encourage more parents to be involved in band camp. General discussion was held.
- Tom mentioned that he has been asked lately by outside parents about the pennant wall and inquiries as to where they can purchase one. Mike stated that it will remain exclusive to Laingsburg Bands.

Motion made to adjourn by Larry at 7:15 pm

Next Meeting - May 8, 2025