

Laingsburg High School Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2026
LHS Conference Room

Attendance: Tom, Mike, Catherine, Jessica, Nate, Dave

Call to Order: Nate @ 6:38

Director's Comments

- Tom gave us the two estimates for the upcoming Disney trip. They are based on the previous trip. One is just a full Orlando trip with overnight driving. There are two different pricings for the bus usage on both of them. They are based on one or two buses. With the overnight driving, it gives them an extra day or more at the parks. Cost is up, but there is a lot bigger of a trip. The second trip includes Disney and Universal. There isn't much of a cost difference. This will help us get an idea of how many students are interested. This would be a 2027 trip. Question was brought up about how long the trip is. Could we cut a day?
- Pie Sales - some supplies are still left. Do we want to try to return them? They are in the storage room.
- Band Awards - we will plan on ordering them by mid-January.
- Band Festival - March 13 has been requested. Performance time has not been released yet. It looks like it will be in St Johns.
- CMU Jazz Fest - Feb 5 @ 8:30 am. We will be going up and back that day.
- We did not do a LEAF grant this year. We do need to dip into the instrument fund to replace an instrument.
- Plaque bill has been paid.
- Band Camp -
 - July 19-24 - Send out a Save the Date - to 8th grade and High School (no seniors)
 - Costs need to be addressed. Based off of the number presented, there is quite an increase.
 - He would like to give an idea of cost to the parents with the Save the Date.
- Christmas performance went really well. Lots of parent help.

November Minutes: Approved by Mike, second by Dave

Treasurer's Report: No report

Fundraising Report:

- MSU - 5 games. The last game was a complete dud. The stand was never busy. Overall the commission was over \$7000. We did end up paying \$300 in insurance. This will be taken out of the commission total. The students will receive a portion of about \$5000. Averaged \$152 per person per game. The new organization that is running it is still suffering problems even in the end. This includes the menu board being for the wrong stand and items not in the sales program. Their inventory system is much harder and may be costing them a lot. There is a potential to open up a second stand. Dave suggests that we do it again next year.
- Apple Pie Sales went really well. Other than the supply discrepancies, it was really good. We ended up donating about 14 pies to the Lions Club for their Thanksgiving baskets. The leftover shells and apples went to Amy's Place in Owosso at cost. We ended up selling about 1030.
- Vertical Raise can be run anytime. The guy who leads it can come in any day. We ran it in February last year. We should keep the 75/25 that we did previously. This is run with both Middle and High School.
- Mike talked about the new Dueling Piano event. General Discussion was held. March 7, 14, 21, 28 are suggested. March 14 looks best.
- Mike brought up the possibility of the band building jazz band stands to sell to other bands since they are so expensive otherwise.

Band Camp:

- Tom presented the new invoice. It is based on 80 students. There may be some flux based on the 8th graders.
- Tom questioned some of the amounts that they added.
 - Motels - we have only ever used 4 max. Their estimate of 7 is overblown.
 - We are removing the snacks - we would be providing instead at a cost saving. We will do a Signup Genius for snacks for the parents.
 - There is a discount for longevity, but they are eliminating the one free adult per 10 students.
 - General discussion was held. The cost isn't as significant as originally planned.
 - Installment plan should start earlier this year.
 - Dave will finalize the numbers. Mike will create the installment options on the website. \$125 per for the first 3, the last one is a flex based on credits. We are looking at the 9th of the month - Feb 9/March 9/April 13/May 11. Then they would be done before school was out.

Communications Report: No Report

Uniform Report: No Report

Other Business

Adjourn @ 8:20 by Mike/Catherine

Next Meeting - February 12, 2026