

Laingsburg High School Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2025
LHS Media Room

Boosters Present: Thomas (Tom) Cousineau, Nathan (Nate) Bartley, Michael (Mike) Dhaseleer, Jessica Higgins, David (Dave) Sebenick, Larry Vogl, Donna Cochrane. Ashlie Helmer and Catherine Heyd via Zoom.

Motion to Call to Order: Call to Order at 6:34 pm by Nate

Directors Comments: Presented by Tom Cousineau

- The Nashville trip went very well. There were lots of great chaperones. The students got a lot of positive comments from the staff of the locations we visited. Seventeen students left from Nashville with their families to continue Spring Break plans so the ride home was more relaxed. The only complaint was that the tour director got lost a few times and this caused the chaperones to have to step in occasionally. This will be noted to the tour company. Overall the places that were visited were worth the time and money. No complaints on the buses this trip.
- The High School Spring Concert will be May 12. This will be on the same night as a track meet, but that should not impact many students.
- Award Night will officially be held on May 14th.
- Band Camp Update - licensing is being worked on. Lucy Sanford's Mom is a LPN and will be stepping in as the new Medical Chaperone. Mary Lafevre has voiced interest in chaperoning and will be included on the communications. Catherine asked when the deadline for Chaperones will happen and when those chosen will be notified.
- Cedar Point Trip is coming up on May 19th. Prices have gone up slightly, but we are negotiating a price closer to before. Deposits have been collected from the students already. Ashlie will be designing the shirts again, but will be unable to chaperone the trip this time.
- The check was received from the Vertical Rise Fundraiser. The check total is \$10,567.20. This will be distributed to the students that participated once the band portion is taken out. The students will receive 75% of the amount raised. 157 students raised funds overall, meaning that 15% of the students in Middle and High School. The top earner raised almost \$1000. General discussion was held.

- The LHS Community Basketball group gave us a check for over \$2000 for the students that worked the concession stand for their games. Dave will get a list of the students that worked and put the funds in their trip accounts.

March Minutes: Motion to accept as presented by Mike, second by Larry

Treasurer Report: No Report

Fundraising Report: Presented by Dave Sebenick

- Pop Can Drive for the Middle School is taking place on April 27th from 3 to 5 pm. Drivers can sign up via Signup Genius. Early collections will likely be done by FFA students that are also in band since they have a banquet that time. Cans will also be gathered from the Recycling Center as the band is the recipient for the month of April.
- No updates from the MSU Concessions. We likely will not hear until July, as usual.

Communications: No Report

Uniforms: Presented by Ashlie Helmer

- All of the marching uniforms are heading to the cleaners in the following week.

Other Business:

- Tom extended congratulations to the Red Thunder Robotics Team as they will be competing at the First Robotics World Competition in Houston.
- Tom extended thanks to Mike and Jessica for the new keyboard stand/piano shell. It has already been used by the students.
- Mike presented a proposal for families that have multiple students in band. General discussion was held. Mike will present a new proposal at the May meeting that takes this discussion into account.
- Shadow Box Building Night will be hosted on May 6th from 6 to 8 pm in the Media Room. Seniors will be able to pick up their new pins/patches that night.

Motion made to adjourn by Larry at 7:45 pm