Mount Lebanon Band Builders
General Board Meeting Minutes(draft)
May 6, 2024 – Location: Mt. Lebo HS FAT

I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 7:06PM
II. Approval of the Minutes from April 8, 2024 – Priya Sukumaran
- Cathy Neergaard (1st motion). Darlene Obuchowski (2nd motion); Minutes were approved.

A. Co-Presidents GG Strom & Cathy Neergaard

1. Nominating Committee needs

a) Co-President, Co-Vice President, Membership, Fundraising

- - table the election till later in the agenda.

2. Spaghetti Dinner Update (Friday, May 10)

- band ap has the information packet.
- there will be 2 open office hours – Wed/Thurs (30 mins) for Q&A
- buy tickets now. Limited number of tickets at the door.
- pre order today (about 125). We expect about 200 based on the response.

a) Sponsorship coordinator role – we need to work hard to get sponsorship and fundraise for the summer.

3. 2024/25 Budget – is in influx. Trying to plan ahead on budget.

4. 2024/25 Calendar - will be presented at show reveal meeting.

- Still working on the calendar. The show reveal meeting will be May 28th.

B. Treasurer – Erin Drozda

- Good news! We had a good response to 3 fundraisers.

a) Saris Sales (we pushed for online sales) = $278.42

b) Spirit Night Totopo - $417

c) Fall Apparel - $259.20

- Financial reports:

- General Fund: $3,569.45
- Winter Guard: $18,877.31 (There are still a few Wildwood Expenses but otherwise good). They did well at their home show.
- Student Account: $1,015.75
- Savings Account: $5,690.43

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C. Co-Vice Presidents – Jessica Concannon & Laurel Kennedy

- nothing to report

D. Secretary – Priya Sukumaran -nothing to report.

E. Director of Administration – Jeffrey Obuchowski – nothing to report.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. Membership – NEED

B. Fundraising – NEED

C. Publicity – NEED

IV. Representatives' Reports

A. Guard – Stephanie Schulte-Albert – Stephanie Enedy reported: winter guard is done with their season. They came home with a silver medal. It was their highest score ever. Blue show made the semis (that team consists of middle school and 5th grade). They did a fantastic job. We awarded Zaire a $1,800 scholarship at Wildwood. Ashley - received a scholarship at local championship.

B. Musician –

C. Percussion - Jacqui Zapko(Priya reporting): we are in our final stretch of Spring concert series and 40th anniversary. We just came back from Norwin Percussion Symposium – which was a great experience for the kids.

VI. Director's Report – Jason Cheskawich

- PMEA wind ensemble was awesome. Percussion will have their concert series in a few weeks.
- memorial parade is coming up.
- Band concert: 3 scholarships will be awarded.
- Night at the Grove – was a success ($1,600). The jazz band will be performing at the Spaghetti dinner.
- the budget is on the website. (There was some discussion on budget cuts) – If we must pay for trucks, we may have to carry that burden. There has been no communication on the transportation budget from the district as of now (issues of bus, truck, and trailer – not answered). We need to plan for the worst. We are expected to show up for all football games, parades & competitions.
- truck rental = about $ 10,000. Buses are not included – every Friday night, at least one is rental.
- we are trying to set the yearly dues low and hoping fundraisers& sponsorship will help fund things.
- right now, with so many uncertainties (including field times) we are not sure what the next season would look like.
- the field time schedule is not out yet. We do not know why the field time was cut.
- upper practice field – we used to have 2 rehearsals a week but that disappeared.
- according to the district - the program has outgrown the district support.
- Parking lot - is that an option? The district does not support in helping traffic restrictions on the lot or restrictive parking. The parking lot is not an acceptable option.
- possible usage of other fields? – there are more sports, hence more demand. If we have lights, we will have no issues for practice, especially on the upper field. Ideally, we need 6 hours a week for practice. 4-5 hours is workable.

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- discussions in public forums such as the school board meeting may help. (school board meeting is 13th & 20th)
- more HS administration rather than district administration has been providing the directive.
- Football – FYI the Blue Devil football booster organization does provide a lot of money to the sport.
- the district does make money on rentals.

VII. Special Committee Reports

A. Nominating Committee – Election. The following slate:
    1. President: Cathy Neergaard
    2. Vice President: Priya Sukumaran
    3. Secretary: Julie Connolly
    4. Treasurer: Sean Delehanty
    5. Director of Finance: Bonnie Dougherty

- Are there any objections? NO.
- collective approval? YES. Jen Rick (2nd motion). All in favor – slate is approved.

VIII. New Business

A. 2024 goals - Sponsorship & Fundraising – already discussed earlier.

IX. Adjournment – meeting is adjourned at 8:32PM

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