



**Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:30p.m.
Lakota East High School Band Room**

Called to order: 7:30 p.m.

Elected officers present: Amy Stiefel, Al Dick, Julie Leonard, Maria Wiedwald, Patrice Pieratt

Directors' Reports:

- **Mrs. Kathryn Knueven** - Band Director, Liberty Junior School
(Report read at meeting by Mrs. Knueven and also submitted via email [attached]).
- **Mr. Kevin Engel**, Assistant Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
 - The Try Band Event, held on Saturday, January 21st, was successful and Mr. Engel extended his gratitude for the volunteer support.
 - Mr. Engel stated he would like to see even more students attend the event next year and would like to work on developing more communication and signage for the event.
 - Weekly emails for the band are being generated highlighting important current performances and events.
 - Please note if receiving multiple emails with the same information it is due to the individual being signed up for multiple groups.
 - Mr. Engel is working with the Junior Guard, comprised of 22 girls from Hopewell and Liberty Junior Schools.
 - The guard has several performances remaining and will be performing in a MEPA event at Hamilton High School on Saturday, March 18th.
 - There is an \$80.00 fee to sign up for this event and Mr. Engel requested that LEUC pay this fee.
 - Motion to pay the \$80.00 fee: Julie Leonard, seconded by Al Dick.....**Approved.**

- **Mr. Rob Tanis, Director of Bands, Lakota East High School**
 - Mr. Nordyke is doing well, and is now recovering at home.
 - Mr. Aaron Todahl is the substitute teacher for jazz studies until Mr. Nordyke returns.
 - The directors are working through the details of the Beaver Creek Jazz Festival with Mr. Todahl, and information is now posted on the band website about the event on Saturday, March 4th.
 - The Winter Concerts will be held on Thursday, February 23rd.
 - Please see the band website for details and performance times.
 - Students may leave after they have performed.
 - The OMEA District AE will be held Friday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 4th.
 - The Winds will play Friday, March 3rd, and the High School Symphonic Bands and Freshman Concert Bands will play Saturday, March 4th. Please see the band website for detailed information about the performances.
 - Mr. Tanis was very pleased with the performances at Solo and Ensemble.
 - Noted that Lakota East High School had the highest number of events performed.
 - The Concerto Competition will be held on Monday, February 27th from 3pm - 5 pm.
 - There are 5 participants this year: Kat Eroskey, Brooke Lilly, DJ Cleavinger, Alex Belkin and Paul Barlow.
 - There will be one recipient for this award this year.
 - Going forward Mr. Tanis would like to consider awarding more than one recipient.
 - The pit orchestra will be playing in the Spring Musical, Into The Woods, on March 17th, March 18th, March 19th, March 23rd, March 24th and March 25th.
 - Mr. Tanis noted that the pit orchestra is doing an incredible job and encouraged everyone to attend the show.
 - The marching band commitment form and deposit are due Friday, February 24, 2017.
 - Maria interjected and stated it would be helpful to communicate at this time about the Hal Hobe Scholarship (s) that are available to assist families, meeting specified criteria, with one half of the cost of the fees for marching band.
 - Julie Leonard also interjected and posed that the junior high directors communicate the information about the Hal Hobe Scholarship Fund to the 8th grade band classes.
 - Mr. Tanis posed the idea that the remaining balance for marching band be due at the Marching Band Reveal/Registration Night.
 - Percussion clinics are underway for the upcoming marching band season.

- The marching band brass and woodwind audition clinics will be held on February 28th, March 1st and March 2nd from 3pm - 5pm. All veterans must attend one clinic and leadership applications will be available at that time.
- The fall marching band schedule is available on the calendar on the band website.
 - The OMEA band competition the band will participate in on September 16, 2017 will be held in the Canton, Ohio area.
 - On Saturday, September 30, 2017 the band will have a minicamp with a possible performance for parents at the end of the day.
 - The OMEA band competition the band will participate in on October 14, 2017 will be held in Kettering, Ohio.
- The tentative date for Tag Day will be Saturday, August 26, 2017.
 - Mr. Tanis is unsure at this time if the marching band will perform at the Lakota East Football Game held at the University of Cincinnati on August 26, 2017.
- Auditions for the 2017-2018 concert bands and jazz bands will begin the week of March 20th.
- Mr. Tanis spoke with Andy from Lakota West High School and Thom Beresford, and are discussing how to upgrade and redesign the inside of the trailer.
- Mr. Tanis thanked everyone for the donations of spiritwear and other items used in the raffle at Try Band Day.
- Dr. Rumbelow will be working with the bands on Friday, February 24th.
 - Winds will have a special rehearsal on Saturday, February 25th from 10 am - 12pm to work with Dr. Rumbelow on music the band will be recording on March 10th.
 - The recording will be submitted in hopes that Winds will be selected to play in Chicago in December at The Midwest Clinic. Mr. Tanis noted that it is a highly selective process to be chosen to participate and perform at The Midwest Clinic and it would be a great opportunity for the musicians.
- Mrs. Davis, Mr. Tanis and Mr. Engel have had many discussions regarding the Winter Guard and feel confident about the direction going forward.
 - Taylor Evans will be leading the Winter Guard the remainder of the season, as well as leading the Color Guard during the marching band season as Kristin Chappell will no longer be moving forward.
 - The Winter Guard has two remaining performances on March 18th and April 1st.
 - Vicky Boercher will be offering technical support to the Color Guard in the fall.
- Winds will be performing at Mason High School in the MFA Concert Band Festival on Saturday, March 18th.
 - Mr. Tanis noted this is a noncompetitive event and many great bands will be performing.

Secretary's Report: Patrice Pieratt

- Motion to approve the January 17, 2017 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: Maria Wiedwald, seconded by Julie Leonard..... **Approved**

Treasurer's Report: Maria Wiedwald

- For a copy of this month's budget report, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary.
- There was some difficulty with PayPal the week leading up to the Swing Dance, therefore there were not as many tickets sold online.
- The Swing Dance brought in a total just under \$3,300, and last year the Swing Dance brought in a total of \$4,000.
- Cool Jazz n' Hotcakes is the final fundraiser for the year.
- With regards to the budget, it is projected we will break even for the year, and do not anticipate any overspending.

Vice-President of Ways and Means Report: Al Dick

- The next band night fundraiser will be March 11th at Pizzeria Locale located on Mason-Montgomery Road.
 - The event will take place from 4pm - 9 pm.
 - Pizzeria Locale will donate 50% of proceeds to LEUC.
 - Please state with the Lakota East Bands, it is not necessary to present a flyer.
- Al spoke about the first Sponsorship Meeting which was held Wednesday, February 15th.
 - Al gave information to Mr. Tanis for review
 - Next meeting will be held in the next 3 - 4 weeks.

Vice-President of Student Activities Report: Julie Leonard

- Julie stated that there will be an open position for coordinating the state adjudicated events, and therefore would be helpful to have a shadow this year (Dylan Mason has shadowed and will need assistance going forward).
- The Band Awards Night is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th, and since this is the evening before commencement there was discussion of moving the Band Awards Night to earlier in the week.
 - Mr. Tanis proposed possibly moving the Band Awards Night to Monday, May 15th.
 - Joe Matejkovic stated that he will assist with the slide show and morphing pictures.
 - Joe stated that there are typically a great deal of pictures from marching band and is requesting that people please also send in pictures from concert band, jazz band, pep band, backstage pictures etc.

- Julie added that the directors will be sending our photo requests for the slide show soon with specifications to ensure the senior pictures will work well with the morphing software.

President's Report: Amy Stiefel

- Amy stated that the following positions will be open for 2017 - 2018 year: Vice President of Student Activities, Publicity, Website Administrators, WCTV Coordinator, Hopewell Junior School Liaison, Liberty Junior School Liaison, Spiritwear, Coordinator of Tag Day Routes, Swing Dance Coordinator, Cool Jazz n' Hotcakes Co-Coordinator, Photographer, Creator of Slide Show for Band Awards Night, Coordinator of Marching Band Dinners, and Shadow for Uniform Chair.
- Cool Jazz n' Hotcakes Preparation is underway and ongoing.

Additional Information:

- **The Swing Dance:**
(Jennifer Samuels' report was read at the meeting by Patrice Pieratt)
 - 62 tickets were sold during lunch
 - 40 tickets sold online
 - Approx 200 tickets sold at the door
 - Our net income was around \$3200. Still waiting to see if we will get a bill for the building usage.
 - Many thanks to The Barlows, Julie Andreotta, Anna Lechliter, and Carolyn Landers for all their help this year.
 - Also, thanks to Mr. Tanis and Mr. Engel for their direction with the bands and for running the dance.
 - Overall, it seemed that everyone had a good time and this was a successful event.
- **Parka Sale**
 - Carolyn noted that a profit of \$800 was made from the Parka Sale.
 - There are still Parkas available for \$10/each.

Meeting adjourned: 8:43 pm: Maria Wiedwald (motion), seconded by Amy Stiefel..... **...Approved**

Liberty Junior School: Kathryn Knueven, Band Director| Upbeat Report February 2017

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Liberty Junior Band

Eighth Grade Band Parent/Student Meeting

Mr. Engel met with the Liberty Junior Eighth Grade Band students and parents on Thursday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the LJS Media Center. The meeting was well-attended by students and parents. A LEHS band student was also on hand to provide her perspective regarding band in high school. Thanks to all who were involved for making this happen!

In-Coming Seventh Grade Parent Registration

The seventh grade jazz ensemble has its first performance on Thursday, February 9, at the LJS In-Coming Seventh Grade Parent Registration. There were two sessions of the registration that evening. The seventh grade jazz performed prior to the start of the first meeting, from 5:50 to 6:00 p.m. The eighth grade jazz ensemble performed prior to the start of the second meeting, 7:20 to 7:30 p.m., in a concert setting. An electives fair was in the cafeteria during both registration meetings. There was a band meeting for all parents/students interested in seventh grade band following each of the registration meetings. We had a full house in the band room for both meetings.

LJS Winter Concert

The next concerts of the Liberty Junior School Bands will be on Wednesday, February 22, in the LJS Gymnasium. The seventh grade concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include the seventh grade concert band and the seventh grade jazz ensemble. The eighth grade band will perform at 8:00 p.m.

Solo & Ensemble Contest

The Liberty Junior Band students have registered for junior high solo and ensemble contest. The OMEA Junior High Solo & Ensemble Contest will be on March 25 at Clinton-Massie Schools. To prepare for contest, the ensembles will perform in the LJS Band Ensemble Recital on Tuesday, March 21, in the LJS Band Room.

Clarinet Choir

The seventh and eighth grade clarinet choirs continue to rehearse bi-weekly on alternating Fridays from 2:10 to 3:00 p.m. Both groups will perform at Solo & Ensemble Contest on March 25.

Student Teacher

Miss Erin Williams is student teaching during 1st, 2nd and 3rd periods with Mrs. Knueven this quarter. Miss Williams will conduct 2 pieces on the seventh grade concert and two pieces on the eighth grade concert on February 22.

Why Band?

Students who are rhythmically skilled tend to better plan, sequence, and coordinate actions in their daily lives. – “*Cassily Column*,” *TCAMS Professional Resource Center, 2000*.

Music has a great power for bringing people together. With so many forces in this world acting to drive wedges between people, it’s important to preserve those things that help us experience our common humanity.” - *Ted Turner, Turner Broadcasting System*

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