



**Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:30p.m.
Lakota East High School Media Center**

Called to order: 7:30 p.m.

Elected officers present: Amy Stiefel, Al Dick, Maria Wiedwald, Patrice Pieratt, Jenny Tripp

Directors' Reports:

- **Mrs. Kathryn Knueven** Band Director, Liberty Junior School
Report read at meeting by Mrs. Knueven, also submitted via email and is attached.
- **Mr. Alan Nordyke** Director of Jazz Studies, Lakota Freshman and High School Campuses (Report submitted via email and is attached).
- **Mr. Kevin Engel**, Assistant Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
 - Mr. Engel commented on the great season by all in marching band and was sorry he missed the Band-o-Ween and State Finals event.
 - He noted the Orlando bus sign-ups happened today.
 - The tour company is making an updated video this year to feature the LEMB for promotion of this Orlando trip to future participants. Adults/Parents are required to sign a video release form this week to allow this video to be produced.
 - He noted the concerts coming up in December, and that Pep Band will also be starting next month.
- **Mr. Rob Tanis**, Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
 - Mr. Tanis discussed how elated he was with the marching band season and how much was accomplished and enjoyed this year by all. He specifically made mention of watching the reaction of the band students on the field at Indianapolis, as the numbers passed by, and the fun for them as they learned they had placed 10th at Super Regional Performance. He thanked everyone who worked so hard this season.
 - He commented on the bad weather (rain) on Senior Night and discussed the pros and cons of moving Senior Night to the Marching Band Concert night and therefore, making it an indoor event. The Juniors will be asked to discuss/decide next year how it will be planned.

- Mr. Tanis reflected on turning the Marching Band concert around this year to face the Home stands and was happy with the way it improved seating and the performance for everyone.
- He discussed students travelling to Grand National Finals as a field trip, and said they had great seats.
 - The shows drill writer for next year was able to meet with him at that event and they got acquainted.
 - Meetings took place with
 - Jeremy Hunt: visual dots writer for this year's show
 - Ryan George: Music writer
 - Andrew Hoskins: Percussion writer
- Mr. Tanis is pleased to have more than 150 jazz band and high school band students auditioning for Honor Band this year.
- Feb 8-10 Symphonic Winds will be at the OMEA conference in Columbus.
- Pep Band starts on December 6th and is a fun winter activity for anyone interested in participating.
- Florida Trip details discussed included:
 - They will be taking a truck to Florida to transport uniforms and instruments. Fuel and rental will be covered by Bob Rogers Travel, but we will provide the driver.
 - Taking a truck allows the instruments and equipment to be available for the clinics in Florida when the charter buses are not present.
 - Tim Shaffer, a former Lakota principal, will be one of our Florida tour guides.
 - Gary Smith worked with our students at last Wednesday's rehearsal. He will be with them in Orlando also.
 - Percussion equipment will be provided at the Disney Music Experience
- The Gift of Music Concert
 - We will be selling tickets this year via "Seat Yourself", an online ticket purchasing company (also used by the Lakota East Theater Department), which will allow tickets for everyone's benefit an enjoyment of the shows.
 - Prices were discussed and it was recommended to keep it to the minimum necessary to pay for the service.
 - This is a way to professionally streamline seating and fill the house.
 - Two identical shows will be performed, in the same night.
 - Questions and concerns addressed if a family cap was needed on the number of tickets purchased, and can tickets be released as available if purchased and not needed?

President's Report: Amy Stiefel

- Band-O-Ween was a success and lots of fun for the marching band students.
 - There was lots of candy provided.
 - We were very thankful for the donations.
- Steve Kortyka was at East today to provide enrichment for the students for the upcoming Jazz concert. Upbeat Club paid for his enrichment.
- **Bake Sale: Beth Dendler chairperson**
 - Was held at the East Craft Show, November 11 and 12.
 - We had a record-breaking year, recording a profit of \$2,200
 - There were overwhelming donations! Thank you to everyone who donated.
 - There was discussion about addressing how to continue the bake sale next year if the marching band does go to BOA Grand Nationals, which will create a conflict in timing with the bake sale. Who can run it since we do not want to give it up as a fundraiser? More discussion at a later time.
- The big composite Marching Band picture is in, and needs framed. Volunteers are needed. Small composites will be arriving in a tube shipped directly to your house, if ordered.
- Marcia Lusnak suggested to raffle one small composite.
- Amy reviewed the calendar as presented on the agenda and noted that Swing Dance will be our next major event to address at the next meeting.
- Orlando questions were addressed regarding the fact that several meals are not mentioned or addressed in the itinerary for the trip. More information will be sent out as soon as it is available.
- Winter Guard will have auditions in the first week of December. Mr. Engel noted they are organizing and discussing it. All competition dates are set and will be posted.
- If parents cannot attend the Thursday Orlando trip parent meeting, the information will be made available on the website.

Secretary's Report: Jenny Tripp

Motion to approve the October 17, 2017 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: Maria Wiedwald, seconded by Carolyn Landers.....**Approved**

Treasurer's Report: Maria Wiedwald

- For a copy of this month's budget report, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary.
- Krispy Kreme cancelled its last sale due to rain, but the season made a profit overall.
- El Rancho Dine and Donate made a profit of \$450.
- Profit for Spiritwear is \$1,285.
- Expenses show for the marching band season awards bill and another year of Smug Mug was also paid.

Vice President of Ways and Means Report: Al Dick

- The band night Dine and Donate event at El Rancho Nuevo on Tuesday, October 24th made a profit of \$450.
- P & G Fundraiser: (J&R Coordinating Services) made a profit of \$100. They are interested in doing it again next year around band camp.
- Krispy Kreme ended the season early due to the rain at the last game, but was a profitable year overall. We are talking to some individuals interested intaking this over next year.
- **Spiritwear Report: Amy Stiefel and Eunice Vogelsang**
 - Promospark online store will be open until November 24th.
 - The Orlando shirt will be available for pick up Thursday before or after the Orlando parent meeting. You can still order until the 24th, but it will not be in before the trip.
 - We will add some embroidery options, which will include a slight upcharge for this option.
 - Spiritwear was sold at the jazz concert last night. The old inventory is almost gone. Stadium seats are gone.
 - The second shop profits are as good as the first.
 - We are receiving good feedback.
 - After this shop ends on the 24th, the next shop will probably be in late January.
 - Mrs. Knueven requests that Jazz shirts are available for the 7th and 8th grade in January.

Vice President of Student Activities Report: Patrice Pieratt

- Patrice thanked Lisa Mullins for the meatball subs she donated to the Senior Night Dinner.
- We finished under budget for the marching band food and were able to provide a variety of meals. It was a good season!

Marching Band Games and Contests: Additional Information

- There are still volunteer needs including Uniform Shadow, Website Admin, Photographers, etc. Please check the website and look for SUG or contact the LEUC to volunteer.
- The Spiritwear shop is available at <http://www.apparel.promospark.com/lakotaeastband>
- Orlando Trip:
 - Marching Band leaves Monday, November 20th and will return to East on Saturday, November 25th.
 - There will be a parent meeting to share trip details on Thursday, November 16th at 5:15 p.m. Location still pending, but probably in the East High School cafeteria.

New Business:

- Presentation by Martha Yost: Clarinet/Drum Major

- Martha presented her plan to benefit the Lakota East Band Program with her American Heritage Girl Stars-n-Stripes project.
- The project will level two areas adjacent to the end of the blue lines and add concrete slabs for drum majors to put their ladders.
- The project has been approved, descriptions are now due. Once complete, construction can start in January, weather permitting.
- She plans fundraising by bake sale and donations.
- More than 100 volunteer hours are required.
- She will organize work days supervising 3 younger girls who are band members.
- Deadline to complete the project is April 30th, (her birthday), but estimated finish date will be by the end of March.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 8:48 p.m.: Maria Wiedwald (motion), seconded by Jenny Tripp
**Approved**

Attachments:

Liberty Junior School: Kathryn Knueven, Band Director / Upbeat Report November 2017

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Liberty Junior School 40th Anniversary Open House

The 40th Anniversary Open House at Liberty Junior was held on Saturday, November 4, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The seventh grade band performed at 2:00 p.m. The eighth grade jazz ensemble and concert band performed at 3:15 p.m. All former band directors of Liberty Junior School were invited to attend. Mr. Mike Peters was in attendance and played drum set with the eighth grade jazz ensemble. It was a fun day.

Honor Band

Registrations are being submitted, and the students are working diligently to prepare for honor band and honor jazz auditions. We have approximately 65 registrations from the Liberty Junior Bands slated for OMEA District XIII Honor Band and Honor Jazz Auditions on December 2nd at Fairfield Creekside Middle School. The OMEA District XIII Jazz Festival will be January 5, 6

and 7 at Kings High School. The OMEA District XIII Junior High Honor Band Festival will be January 12, 13 and 14 at Mason Middle School and Mason High School.

Eighth Grade Jazz

The LJS Eighth Grade Jazz Ensemble is preparing for its biggest performance to date. The Lakota District Jazz Festival will be on Thursday, November 30, in the Lakota East Liberty Theater. The East portion of that performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. In addition, the jazz ensemble will perform at VanGorden, Independence and Woodland Elementary Schools on Friday, December 8. The final performance for the eighth grade jazz will be at the in-school assembly on December 19th. The jazz ensemble will conclude with a pizza party on January 9, 2018.

Seventh Grade Jazz

Sign-ups and auditions will be soon for the LJS Seventh Grade Jazz Ensemble. Sign-ups will begin on Monday, November 27, and auditions will take place during the Advisory Period on December 4, 6 and 7. The seventh grade jazz ensemble is an extra-curricular group that will rehearse from 2:10 to 3:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday during the second semester. The rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Clarinet Choir

Clarinet Choir continues at Liberty Junior. The seventh grade and eighth grade clarinet choir rehearsals are on alternating Fridays. The rehearsals are from 2:10 to 3:00 p.m.

Next Concerts

The next concert of the Liberty Junior School Bands will be on Friday, December 19, at two in-school assemblies in the Liberty Junior School Gymnasium. The seventh grade band and choir will perform at approximately 7:35 a.m. and the eighth grade jazz ensemble, eighth grade band and choir will perform at 9:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend the assemblies.

Kathy Knueven
Band Director

Lakota East Jazz: Alan Nordyke, Director of Jazz Studies
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Congratulations to each of the East Main Campus and Freshman Campus Jazz Bands for their outstanding fall concert last week. It was great to hear the students demonstrate all of their musical learning and to see them having so much fun playing jazz music. Congrats on a job well done!

District 13 Honor Concert and Jazz Band auditions will be held Saturday, December 2, at Fairfield Creekside Middle School. Thanks to all band members who submitted audition request forms.

The East Jazz Festival will take place Thursday, November 30, at 7:45 PM, at East Main Campus. Please note: The West side schools will have their jazz festival at 6:00 PM on the same night, and the East side schools will have their festival at 7:45 PM. Both are separate festivals, and students are not required to attend the other festival other than their own.

The Swing Dance will take place Saturday, January 27, at 7:30 PM, at East Main Campus. Thanks in advance for all of your help with the Swing Dance.

As always, thanks for all you do for Lakota Bands.

Sincerely,

Alan Nordyke

Lakota Jazz Bands