



**Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting
 Tuesday, January 15, 2019 / 7:30 p.m.
 Lakota East High School Band Room**

Called to order: 7:30 p.m.

Elected Officers present: Amy Stiefel, Maria Wiedwald, Jennifer Berry, Jenny Tripp

Directors' Reports:

- Mrs. Maggie Whaley - Band Director, Liberty Junior School
 (Report submitted via email and is attached)
- Mr. Rob Tanis - Director of Bands, Lakota East High School
 - Reported on Band events from December and early January
 - Gift of Music Concert ran smoothly with the online ticket sales. Discussion followed regarding the popularity and size of the audience. Other venues were considered regarding advantages and limitations. Princeton Pike Church of God and The Vineyard were among the suggestions discussed.
 - Honor Band will be this coming weekend.
 - Thanked Upbeat Club for the food provided at the Side by Side event.
 - XH Recitals are a fun addition this year for him and the students.
 - Current developments on the 2019 Marching Band schedule include: Performance at Southwest Ohio Regional BOA, Super Regional BOA Performance at Indy, but no performance at BOA Grand Nationals in 2019 (we will not attend this every year). Additional dates are being added to the calendar and everyone should check it for continued developments.
 - Discussed transportation needs for next year. They continue to look for a suitable trailer to purchase that will meet the band's needs.
 - Discussed a need for drums next year as a potential purchase for the next season.

Secretary Report: Jenny Tripp

Motion to approve the October 16, 2018 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: Maria Wiedwald,
 seconded by Jennifer Berry.....**Approved**

Treasurer Report: Maria Wiedwald

- For a copy of this month's budget report, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary.
- The Bake Sale in November did not reach its goal, but with the Marching Band and Families in Indianapolis at the time, that was expected. It made \$1600 of its \$2000 budget.
- Krispy Kreme donut sales were over budget goal by \$1000.
- Spiritwear has already met their budget goal and has more sales to come this year. This line will be over as well.
- Donations were received from Dairy Queen, Johnson and Johnson, Kroger, and Tom's Driving School.
- The Gator invoice was finally settled. There was a mix up with two invoices being sent to Lakota West, but this has been cleared up.

- There was discussion regarding a check received from Philmore Band last year that was held, but never cashed. Mr. Tanis has made contact and another check is being issued as a replacement.
- Discussion continued about the budget for the future of the Band Program and the \$30,000 Equipment line which is Upbeat's donation to the band. Fuel, donuts, pizza, spray paint, were brought up as expenses.
- Mr. Tanis addressed the raincoats for marching band. He proposed doing away with them as an expense and needed item.
 - They are an expense of \$800-\$1000. The uniforms are washable. They continue to be a nuisance for everyone keeping track of them, including the students and uniform team. He proposes we do away with providing them. Students can continue to wear them if they want to and have one. Personal winter coats can be worn in the stands if weather dictates.
 - Uniform changes will probably be coming over the next few years.
 - For weather, students will use their own gear in rehearsal and at games. Mr. Tanis will provide guidance.
 - Angie Deutsch discussed concert band jackets and the need for more sizes.

Vice-President of Ways and Means: Jen Berry

- Dine and Donate Night for Freddy's on Dec. 19th profit was \$250.
- No D & D events in January and February.
- Corporate Sponsorship Update
 - Dairy Queen (new store on Cin-Day) is our first Sponsor. They donated \$1000, Silver Sponsorship level.
 - Website additions for sponsors need to be finalized. Costs and procedures were discussed. Amanda Pisano may be a resource for helping with website questions. She will be contacted.
 - Next Corporate Sponsor Tag Day scheduled for January 25th.
- Bake Sale took place on November 10th -11th.
 - Profits were \$1600, down \$400 from last year and attributed to the Marching Band and families being in Indianapolis for BOA Grand Nationals.
 - Thank you to Lori Carlin, Terry Mitchell, Cathy Potts Sarah Sizemore, Elaine Nomina, and Angie Deutsch for the baking, help with the booth, and to everyone who made donations and helped.
- Butter Braid sales
 - Discussion about possible dates for the students to sell. Jen will get back to Joel Wagener with Feb. 25-Mar 15 as our target dates.
 - Joel will provide the order forms and some incentives
- Blooming Bucks is a fundraiser possibility submitted by Terry Mitchell.
 - It would be a spring fundraiser
 - Potential for 25% profit
 - It would be an ongoing sale
 - Discussion was positive for giving it a try. Jen will pursue more details.
- Spiritwear Update:
 - Spiritwear announcements will always be on the website. Please visit <http://www.apparel.promospark.com/lakotaeastband>

Vice-President of Activities: (position open)

- No report / No business

President's Report: Amy Stiefel

- Please refer to the Lakota East Band Website for all current dates, events, and contact information: www.lakotaeastbands.org
 - Google Calendar on the website is the accurate calendar and most up to date.
- Community Conversation about Band/Instrumental Music K-12 in Lakota Schools is Tuesday, January 22 at Plains Jr.
 - The audience is the band community. Everyone is invited to share input.
- Honor Jazz weekend was to be held Jan. 11th but was unfortunately cancelled due to weather.
- Other dates on the calendar include:
 - Honor Band Weekend Jan. 18th
 - Swing Dance Jan. 26th
 - Tascha Alsdorf, Daena Reichelderfer, and Amy Stiefel have everything prepared. The SUG is full. Each Jazz class will provide refreshments.
 - In agreement with Mr. Todahl, tickets this year will be \$10 and sold at the door with no pre-sale of tickets and no online ticket sales. A hand stamp is all that will be given at the door, and no paper ticket will be issued. Concluding discussion and a committee vote, it was approved.
- Marching Band:
 - The 2019 Marching Band Show Reveal will be on April 17th with Upbeat meeting the day before. These dates are in question. Check the calendar to see if anything changes.
 - Spring Concert and Relay for Life are on the same night. Students participating in both, should be able to go between them.
- Leadership Needs 2018-2019
 - Band Camp Coordinator for 2019
 - Website Administrator
 - Cool Jazz 2019 Coordinator
 - Shadow for OMEA State AE Chair
 - Photography Chair
 - Spiritwear

New Business

- Elaine Nomina made a brief presentation regarding her son, Jack's, intended Eagle project to make two new concrete pads on the practice field for Drum Majors to use. She asked some questions regarding the project scope and process and shared that Jack will address the club with his own presentation soon.

Meeting adjourned: 8:44 p.m.

Maria Wiedwald (motion)/ seconded by Daena Reichelderfer **Approved**

The next Lakota East Upbeat Meeting will be held Tuesday February 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the Lakota East High School Band Room.

Attachments:

LJS Upbeat News

January 2019

On January 9th the LJS Seventh Grade Band took a field trip to Lakota East High School and participated in a combined rehearsal with the Symphonic Winds. Following the rehearsal, the Upbeat Club provided lunch for the seventh-grade band students and some of the former Liberty students from Winds. Every seventh-grade band student learned something on our trip, and they all thoroughly enjoyed it. "Thank you" to Mr. Tanis and Mr. Engel for making this happen. "Thank you," also, to the Upbeat Club for providing lunch. Hopefully, this event can be continued in future years.

On December 19th, the LJS Seventh & Eighth Grade Bands performed for their peers at **in-school holiday assemblies**. The band parents were also invited to attend these assemblies. The seventh-grade band performed for the seventh-grade class and the eighth grade band and eighth grade jazz ensemble performed for the eighth grade class. Congratulations to the students for great performances! The LJS students, staff and parents very much appreciated their performances. We are grateful to the LJS Administration for the opportunity to offer these performances annually to the staff and students of our school.

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Congratulations to the LJS Band students who were selected to participate in the **2019 OMEA District XIII Honor Jazz Festival**. The students auditioned in December for seats in the honor jazz ensemble, along with students from other schools in Butler, Warren, Clinton and Preble Counties. Congratulations to Honor Jazz Members: Theo Engel and Joshua Reigle on Alto Saxophone, Ibrahim Malik on Tenor Saxophone, Angylynn Kiss on Baritone Saxophone, Will Price and Abigail Rutherford on trombone, Alec Brown on piano, Brenden Webber on bass guitar, Ben Pieratt on drum set, and Ethan Gilley on percussion. Sydney Guerin was also chosen as an alternate for string bass. Unfortunately, due to the weather, the performance did not take place this past weekend.

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Congratulations to the LJS Band students who were selected to participate in the **2019 OMEA District XIII Honor Band Festival**. The students were among hundreds of students from four counties (Butler, Warren, Preble, Clinton) who auditioned in December for seats in the honor bands. The Honor Band Festival is this upcoming weekend, January 18th, 19th and 20th. Good luck to these students!

Seventh Grade Honor Band: Dulce Serrato on flute, Ryan Coons on trumpet, Connor Brown on trombone, and Rilee Pendleton on percussion.

Eighth Grade Honor Band: Dulce Withrow and Shelby Zipperian on flute, Jonathan Bowden on clarinet, Emma Alsdorf on bass clarinet, Sophia Bogan on oboe, Theo Engel and Hailey Bowden on bassoon, Joshua Reigle on alto saxophone, Graham Allan on trumpet, Abigail Rutherford and Will Price on trombone, Connor Collins on tuba, Ethan Gilley and Ben Pieratt on percussion. Kadya Schmidt and Diego Sergent were selected as alternates for the festival.

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The LJS Eighth Grade Jazz Ensemble finished the semester with a very busy month of December. The ensemble performed at the Lakota Jazz Festival on Thursday, November 29. On Friday, December 7 during the school day, the ensemble performed at VanGorden, Independence and Woodland Elementary Schools for the sixth graders. The ensemble performed as a jazz ensemble for two tunes and then performed as a concert band for two tunes. The performances went well, and the elementary students seemed to really enjoy them. The final performance for the eighth-grade jazz ensemble was at the eighth grade in-school assembly on the 19th. **The LJS Seventh Grade Jazz Ensemble** began rehearsing on Tuesday, January 15th. The seventh-grade jazz ensemble rehearses twice a week after school and performs during the second semester.

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There will be a **meeting for the Liberty Junior Eighth Grade Band Parents and Students** on Tuesday Evening, February 5, in the LJS Media Center. The eighth-grade parents and students will get a chance to hear about band beyond eighth grade from Mr. Tanis and Mr. Engel.

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Soon the LJS students will have the opportunity to sign up for junior high solo and ensemble contest. All of the students are encouraged to participate. The **OMEA Junior High Solo & Ensemble Contest** is Saturday, March 23, at the Clinton-Massie Local Schools.

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The **next concerts** of the **LJS Seventh and Eighth Grade Bands** will be on Thursday, February 21, 2019. The Seventh Grade Band and Seventh Grade Jazz Concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the LJS Gymnasium. The Eighth Grade Band Concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the LJS Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend.

Maggie Whaley
Band Director