

LHS BAND BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES 9/14/2021

Attending: Shelli Faber, Jeff Faber, Lauren Siegal, Stacey Siegel, Judith Raiss, Debby Margolis, Greg Margolis, Soma Chaudhuri, Shivani Agarway, Priyanka Kapoor, Diana Zhu, Alissa Nagler, Ann Mollineaux, Natalie Ali, Melissa Coney, Rey Cobarrubias, Seowoon Oh, David Heskett, Alex Iosapa, Ying Cui, Xiaole Shen, Qing Ren, Sasha Koff, Pargeelha Nayak, Mr. Jedwabnik

September 14, 2021

- 1) Call to Order, Approval of Prior Minutes (May 2021 Minutes)
- 2) Fundraising - **Shivani, Priyanka:**
 - a) Apparel sales - Orders are in for Alfred. Final profits should be available in the next few weeks. This time was different as people ordered directly from the Alfred website and we will distribute the apparel rather than them organizing and save \$4 an order in surcharge.
 - b) Clothing and Shoe drive - Will take place 9/25 from 9-2 at the pool tent. Truck will come at 2:30 for bag pick up. We need 200 bags, tall kitchen size, 13 gallon. The Tribune will place a free ad on 9/16 advertising it. We need volunteers to man the drop off and sign up sheet is going out.
 - c) Restaurants: September 29 - Turano's Pizza & Kitchen, November 21 - Chipotle-East Hanover, Perhaps Tony Boys after that.
 - d) Minuteman Press can do new magnets and reusable shopping bags.
 - e) Amazon Smile ongoing
- 3) Treasurer, **Jeff and Lauren:**
 - a) 2021-2022 budget \$7500 Revenue, Jazz Dinner dance is big fundraiser. Applied and received a grant from Investor's bank for \$1,000 in past few years. Can reapply every 15 months, next available is early 2022, will discuss and describe a project for funding.
 - b) Equipment bus repair costs. Needed to be towed.
 - c) Purchased new color guard pants, awards and scholarships
- 4) Membership, **Diana:** 53 new kids, 48 families Still need some freshman email addresses.
- 5) Website/Secretary, **Jeff, Judith:** N/A
- 6) Snacks, **Sangeetha, Ann, Alissa:**
 - a) Still waiting for space in the band closet for snacks, Columbia HS food spread amazing. Need more water and any donations should be nut free. Will try servicing fruit next game to see if popular option.
- 7) Pit/Bus/Tech Report, **Greg:**
 - a) Need help unloading equipment, i.e. xylophone, Move Drum Major podium, Tractor pulls cart. Added bongos this year. Tractor battery replacement was completed over summer.
- 8) Old Business: N/A
- 9) New Business:
 - a) 8th grade night was a success. 40 kids participated.
 - b) Marching Band dinner - need to determine if we can hold this event. (2 years participating gets Varsity Letter, 4 years participating gets pin that goes on Varsity letter).
- 10) Directors' Notes:
 - a) Band program totals 130 kids in all grades and all bands. Concert band up and running. Bigger marching band than in previous years. West Orange marching band usually bigger and we now are the same.
 - b) **Field Usage:** Needs to be looked at for next year. Athletics keeps changing their schedule. They need to understand that our kids' commitments matter too and they have also arranged their schedule on certain dates to attend rehearsal.
 - c) Equipment truck had to be towed
 - d) Marching Shakos stay in band room. Each Shako assigned a number and kids took picture of their number in the Shako so they don't forget
 - e) 3rd song stops so audience can clap/sing along
- 11) Next Meeting Date: October 12