

BBLZ

Band Boosters of Lake Zurich



MEETING MINUTES

Band Boosters of Lake Zurich Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, April 18, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Lori Schwartz at 7:01 pm.

2. **Attendees:**

Lori Schwartz , Sheri Conover, Lynne Recktenwald, Josh Thompson,
Dennis Byrd, Tom Ketcham, Elizabeth Miller, JoAnn Niermeyer, Paul Pike,
Donna Young, Mary Madsen, Chris Cranstoun, Mary Kalafut,
Charlotte Furton Walker, Catherine Halinski, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Donna Young,
Laura Hurley, Jenny Ginn

3. **Old Business**

- All covered below

4. **New Business**

- Possibly send a Band Booster representative to the middle schools to talk to the parents about participating in the Band Booster meetings and organization
 - Create a grant form for the middle school band directors to submit requests to BBLZ
- Open Positions for 2017-2018 Committee's – I know it sounds like this is early, but the year will be over before you know it! Please let me know if I have missed any positions
 - Open –
 - Buzz Book Coordinator **(May-Oct)**
 - Communications – New – Intermittently throughout the year
 - Committee Chair Coordinator – full year
 - Car Wash **(July-Aug) - Filled**
 - 8th Grade Half-Time co-chair **(Oct) – Filled (Elizabeth & Emily)**
 - Shadows –
 - Wine Pull – JBTL **(Nov – Feb)**– Lori graduating
 - Cheesecake **(April – May)** – Barb graduating
 - Yard Signs **(July-Sept)** – Julie / Jen graduating
 - Band Camp Coordinator **(June-Aug)** – Marilyn graduating
 - JBTL – Auction items **(Sept – Feb)** – Skelton's graduating
 - Student Accounts **(all year)** – Renee graduating
 - Secretary **(all year)** – Lynne graduating
 - Jazz Hospitality Chair **(Jazz Concerts)** – Laura graduating
 - Thank you plaque for Kent Nightlinger / Rolly Vasquez at last concert – Dennis to put in order – will present at May concert

4. Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes were approved from last month

5. Band Director's Report

- Solo & Ensemble
 - Went really well
 - Experiment for doing it in-house
 - Some students might have perceived they were missing out on the prestige of the IHSA
 - Students walked away with good feedback
 - Most of the judges were very good and gave helpful feedback
 - A few needed a little more guidance on how to give the students feedback
 - Parents enjoyed coming and watching their students and being pretty much on schedule
- Numbers are a little low for the band next year
 - Attempted to have discussions with parents to generate the enthusiasm for staying in band
- Wind Ensemble received the top rating at Hersey!! WAY TO GO!!!!
- Jazz Ensemble played at Dirty Nellies
 - A Fun evening was had by all!
- Musical is coming up
 - Small this year
 - Next year's musical will be larger
 - Will allow more band members to participate in the Pit
 - Very funny show this year
- Looking into a new software for handling the student accounts
- May 1
 - Percussion Concert
- May 2
 - 3:30 – Concert Band Workshop
 - 5:00 - Symphonic Band Workshop
- May 10
 - Band Concert
 - Freshman playing a variation of Star Wars
 - Symphonic band is playing Lawrence of Arabia
 - Wind Ensemble playing Angels in the Architecture
- May 18
 - Jazz Band Concert
- May 24
 - Band Banquet
- May 29
 - Memorial Day Parade
 - With at least a 2-week advance notice and excused absence granted, student may complete a make-up assignment to re-gain points lost. Unexcused misses result in a 70% score without the opportunity to make up points – per the band handbook.

- June 4
 - Graduation Ceremony – sophomores and juniors only
- Aug 2 – 4
 - Band Camp!!!
- Scholarships will be offered again for this summer
 - Currently listed on Facebook
 - Will be posted on the website also
 - Offers up to a maximum of \$300 towards a summer music camp
 - This is not for the LZHS Band Camp, but an external summer band program

6. Financial Officer's Report:

- Income is over 100% of budget
 - It has been a great year, but we need to keep going strong!!
 - Income is currently projected to be in excess of the budget thanks to all of the great fundraising efforts over the past year
- “Friends of BBLZ” is gaining some strength
 - Still growing strong (over \$2651 year to date, + \$300 matching yet to receive)
- Expenses are staying in check so far this year
 - A couple of big expenditures coming up yet this year
 - Still have about \$4800 needed to be spent before the end of the year
- Next year’s budget has been started to be formulated
- **Any questions on what you should be spending for event, please check with Dennis BEFORE event**
- **Paul Pike is now authorized to write checks**
 - We will be adding Paul to a signer - and I will be getting the signature cards so he can be actively signing checks after the May BBLZ meeting

7. Fundraising

- **Manna Gift Cards**
 - A GREAT way to earn money for band events for your student!
 - Kelly will let you know when cards are available for pick-up after ordering
 - Lynne entered orders and went through the process with Kelly’s help
 - **Next Order will be May 1 -5**
 - If interested, you will need a login
 - Contact Kelly Brodeur at xylo40@comcast.net
- **Friends of BBLZ**
 - \$2,651 for the year once one \$300 outstanding matching gift
- **Cheesecake and Coffee**
 - SELL, SELL, SELL
 - April 6 – 24 will be the sales period
 - May 5th Delivery (Friday)
 - Same Cheesecake and Coffee vendor as last year
 - Barb Antonoff – chair

- **DVDs**

- Paris Problems
 - There will be a few copies at the band concert for those that had issues
- End of the year
 - Still collecting video for the end of the year with the remaining concerts
 - The DVDs have chapters this year (index)
- DVD Video coordinator for next year will be Chris Cranstoun

- **Buttons**

- Band Exchange for middle school
 - They were handed out
 - Some high schooler's got them
 - The high school kids like them
 - Should we do one for band camp?
 - Suggested to do a band camp button
- What about a button for the band parents?
 - One with a student face

- **Restaurant fundraiser**

- No updates

- **Spirit Wear**

- No updates

- **Hospitality**

- No updates

- **Car Wash**

- Nothing new to report

- **Yard signs**

- Nothing more to report for this year

- **Buzz Books**

- Nothing new to report for this year

- **ILMEA Jazz Festival**

- Nothing New

- **Ornaments**

- Nothing New

- **Poinsettias**

- Must confirm with Middle School North for Delivery Date
- Delivery on Dec 1st (Friday)
- Sale will begin Sept 20th
- Sale will end Oct 16th
- Proposal for someone from BBLZ or a band director to continue to sell to those customers who are purchasing from seniors which have graduated
 - Reach out to all seniors to find out if they want to continue to sell
 - OR obtain the list of contacts they were selling to

- **Jazz By the Lake**

- Nothing New

8. Wind Ensemble Invite

- Nothing New

9. Solo and Ensemble

- Nothing New

10. Newsletter

- Need to get information to Kathy
 - Band fitting dates
 - Band Survey
 - Band Car Wash
 - Band Camp
 - Suggested to create a student comment section
 - Replacement DVDs will be available for the Paris problem DVDs
- The kids at the doors were handing out the program but not handing out the newsletter
 - Need to tell them to insert it into the program
- Add a section about poinsettias and graduating seniors
 - Attempt to recruit sales from the seniors
- Attempting to do every other month as electronic versus paper

11. Website

- **LakeZurichBandBoosters.com NEW!!!!**
 - **Need to post the open positions and descriptions for next year**
 - **Lori to go through and ask for updates**
 - **Take poinsettia tab down or change to coffee / cheesecake?**
 - **Update Latest and Greatest**
 - **Move the fundraiser entries around**
 - 30 day calendar – on the right side of the page – driven from Josh's website calendar
 - We will be posting the committee chairs and their email addresses

12. Uniforms (Marching Band & Concert)

- Two to Three years ahead of full uniform replacement, we need to let the district know that the band will be requiring a big chunk of change to purchase

13. Band-O-Rama

- Nothing new to report

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:58 pm

- **Next Meeting: May 16, 2017 @ 7:00 pm in band room.....watch for postings**