

LAKE TRAVIS BAND PARENTS, INC.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2009

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. The meeting was called to order in the Lake Travis Band Hall on February 4, 2009 at 7:04 pm by President Connie Kader with approximately 20 members in attendance.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2008 MEETING
 - A. Kim Anthony made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 3rd General Meeting. The motion was seconded by Donna Wahl and approved.
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. Mini Camp and Band Camp dates have been set. Mini Camp will be June 9-11. E-Day will be August 3rd with Band Camp starting on August 4th. Band Camp will conclude with the Band Picnic on August 21.
 - B. Little Shop of Horrors will be performed at the PAC February 13-14. Attendance will count toward the Texas Music Scholar program. Several band students are involved in the cast and crew.
 - C. Solo and Ensemble will be February 21 in Elgin. Fees are \$8.00 per event, please make sure your student has paid. Students may arrive on the bus or may be brought by their parents. Time assignments will be announced during the week before the event.
 - D. The Solo and Ensemble Honors Recital will be February 24.
 - E. The Late Winter Concert will be February 26th in the PAC.
 - F. There are still a few bags of pecans available from the HBMS fundraiser. They are \$13.00 a bag.
 - G. The 2006-2007 Composite photo is still missing.
 - H. The District Calendar for 2009-2010 is available online.
- IV. VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS
 - A. Julie Roth announced that the Banquet will be Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 at the Westlake Bible Church. If you are interested in helping plan the event, a meeting will be held next Thursday at 10:30 am at the Starbucks next to Randell's.
 - B. Patti Cunningham thanked the Wahl's for coordinating the Lakeway Directory delivery. Michael Wahl announced that 5891 directories were delivered and thanked everyone for their help. Ms. Cunningham discussed the quilt fundraiser that was mentioned in the Band newsletter. The Band would receive 10% of the pre-shipping cost. Ms. Cunningham also announced that, because we did so well raising money with Concessions this fall, we would not have a Spring fundraiser this year. We will review the need again next year.
 - C. Nancy Reed was not present, but left an announcement that she was looking for volunteers to help with Senior gift bags.

D. Brenda Slay asked parents to bring photos and videos of senior band students to include in the Banquet video.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Gary Rische presented a Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual statement which he reviewed. Mr. Rische stated that directories and sponsorships were the only income will had left. The Fall show went over budget. He is still working with the District to determine our transportation costs for football and band contests. Mr. Rische also stated that we still need to pay for the Banquet and the Band Assistant.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Mr. Vise said that the band was heavily involved in preparation for the Late Winter Concert and Solo and Ensemble. There are still a few Jazz Band events left, including participation by both bands in the Hill Country Jazzfest in San Marcos this weekend. Concert Band is going well. The Symphonic Band is playing more challenging music than they have before and may be performing seven pieces in the Late Winter Concert.

B. Mr. Brightwell announced that, for the first year, there is a Winter Drumline. They will ultimately have a show put together which they will perform in March at an event that has yet to be determined. The Drumline will also participate this Saturday in the Boy Scouts Report to State Parade.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. We hosted the All-Region Clinic and Concert. Everything went very well and we have received many compliments. We will be hosting the event again next year.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Board has approved the use of LTBP funds to purchase a semi-trailer to transport the Lake Travis Band instruments and equipment, contingent upon the approval of the District to assume insurance and liability, at a cost not to exceed \$22,000. Because this is not a budgeted expense and exceeds \$300, it must be approved by the LTBP members at a General Meeting. Donna Wahl made a motion that LTBP funds be used to purchase a semi-trailer to transport the Lake Travis Band instruments and equipment, contingent upon the approval of the District to assume insurance and liability, at a cost not to exceed \$22,000. The motion was seconded by Ken Gilbert. Discussion of this motion follows.

Currently, to transport the full Band requires the use of three vehicles and two trailers. In addition, the parent volunteers known as the FEDS, have to arrived at Call Time to help load/unload the equipment. By purchasing a semi-trailer and outfitting it properly, we will reduce the number of vehicles to one and allow the students to take a greater responsibility to load/unload their own instruments. A group of parents investigated the costs involved and had estimated, based primarily with discussion with other bands, that it would cost approximately \$18,000 to purchase a used semi-trailer, have it painted, and purchase the supplies to outfit the inside with parent volunteers. To pull the trailer, LTBP would rent the use of a tractor, as needed.

Ms. Kader announced that the District has given verbal approval to purchase and would provide insurance and assume liability.

Mr. Gilbert stated that he had talked to Rider about the leasing of a tractor. Rider provided him with a quote of \$80 a day plus \$0.10 a mile

Mr. Bob Weest, who has a Class A CDL license and works for Capital Metro, asked if anyone has a Class A CDL.

Mr. Cave Wetterau replied we had not found a parent with one, but that several parents had volunteered to get one. In addition, Ms. Kader said that the District has several drivers that do have a Class A, but that we have been told not to count on those drivers to be available.

Mr. Weest stated that training for a Class A cost about \$3000, that there are 5 written tests and a driving test, and that you need to provide a tractor trailer similar to what you want to drive to take the test in. Also, the driver(s) would need to maintain a Medical Card.

Ms. Kim Anthony asked about the cost currently to move the band equipment.

Mr. Rische said that we had spent approximately \$23,000 this fall between LTBP and Mr. Vise's transportation budget. Mr. Vise said that about half of that cost was actually for the equipment.

Ms. Weest asked if we were going to keep the bobtail truck.

The response was yes we would keep the bobtail truck to use when we only needed some of the equipment such as for Jazz Band. It was also pointed out that the percussion trailer could be sold to another band and that several schools had inquired about it in the past at contests.

Mr. Weest pointed out that we also need to keep in mind the time/cost of going into town to pick up and return the leased tractor as well as the cost of fuel. He stated that we could anticipate getting 5.5-6.5 mpg.

Mr. Weest was asked if we should look into a long term lease on the tractor. He replied that we should not and that the \$85 a day quote was a good deal.

Mr. Weest said that he would be willing to volunteer his time to help train volunteers for the Class A test. He stated that at Capital Metro, the drivers have 6.5 hours of classroom training and that it takes two weeks to pass all of the tests.

Mr. Vise pointed out that the drivers would also need to be approved by the District. He also stated that we would be able to carry more equipment and props with the new trailer. With the current transport method, we have used about all the space we have available.

Ms. Weest asked if the new trailer would be available for sponsorship signs.

Ms. Kader said that it was a possibility. We would have to discuss that further, but the District would have no problem with it.

Mr. Weest and Mr. Wetterau discussed the types and size trailers we were looking at. Mr. Wetterau stated that we had not found a specific trailer at this point, but that we wanted a used moving trailer because it would provide the easiest loading and unloading. Mr. Weest suggested some places for Mr. Wetterau to look for a trailer. Mr. Weest also said that we need to pay particular attention to the condition of the tires and brakes because replacement/repair would be a large expense. He also said that we needed to have the trailer smoke tested to make sure that the roof did not leak.

Mr. Weest was asked about the Medical Card. He said that the drivers would need to have a DOT physical which is good for a maximum of two years depending upon the health of the driver. The driver must have the card with them any time they drive. He said that the Class A license was good for 6 years and cost \$60 to renew.

Mr. Weest suggested as an alternative, we could put out an ad for a part time driver and then have them be approved by the District.

Ms. Anthony suggested that we could look for a private driver that has their own tractor. Mr. Weest said that they would probably cost about \$2.00 a mile to use this option. He also suggested where online we could look for the driver.

Mr. Vise asked, if we used a private tractor/driver, would they need to be approved by the District? Ms. Kader said we would have to ask the District about that.

Mr. Weest said that if we found a trailer that was a weekend drive away, he would volunteer to go and pick it up for us.

A vote was then held and the motion was approved without opposition.

IX. ADJOURN

A. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.