

Leonardtown High School Band Booster General Assembly Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2014

Agenda items:

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Band Room with the minutes from the November meeting being read by the secretary and approved by General Assembly.
2. The President shared the Financial Report in the absence of the treasurer and shared a hard copy of the report with the Assembly. Please reference this report on the website for specific items [www.leonardtownband.org](http://www.leonardtownband.org). A few items of note, \$160 from the tractor/trailer line item were shifted to pay for trailer graphics being performed at the Tech Center. Concessions for four games raised \$3487.46. Spirit item sales raised \$67. The Rhythm Run raised \$2946.96. This amount was questioned by the race chairperson and requires clarification. A preliminary amount of \$350 was raised at the Chick-Fil-A night that included our students performing in the restaurant.
3. Our school principal, Ms. Montgomery approved the revised by-laws. Suggestion was made that now that the by-laws have been approved that they should be included on our website.
4. Formal Fundraising report deferred with comments that future Dine to Donate events will be scheduled in the beginning of the New Year. Claire's Gourmet pick up was this evening. Concern that we have become saturated with the food items and are considering alternative methods of raising funds.
5. The trailer logo for the Union that made a considerable donation toward new drums, is ready for pick up from D&G, president plans to pick this up. Basket Bingo is still in need of a chairperson, event to be held on March 28, 2015 with committee meetings to begin in January. Tax-exempt application is a lengthy proposition. Request was made for assistance with it; responses came to consult with LMS PTA, an accountant friend and Great Mills booster president regarding a determination letter for tax exemption. Garment bags have been purchased to cover all of the concert band uniform dresses.
6. Rhythm Run Chairperson addressed the multitude of 5K opportunities in our area and proposed researching a 10K with possible 5K Fun Run/Walk within the district of Leonardtown High School, but not necessarily in Leonardtown due to the hills, turns and need for so many volunteers. A suggestion was presented regarding a cooperative event with Great Mills and Chopticon at Point Lookout. It is being planned for a SATURDAY in the fall; however, contacts change from Leonardtown to the county if the event is not held in Leonardtown. A motion was brought forth and approved to research the options related to making changes to the race.
7. New Business
  - A proposal regarding hemming and maintaining Concert uniforms options within the community.
  - Question regarding how other bands handle this issue?
  - What happens when students pay fees? There are three accounts that money goes in to at the school. One is for performance. One is for uniforms, and the last is for trips.
  - A question was posed as to how the concert band attire is funded? This requires research from Mr. Pearson.
  - Tractor hood is in need of replacement and will require painting. Plans to have this performed with Mike Stevens at the Tech Center this winter or spring, prior to the next marching season. Estimate to be obtained by Joe Wilkinson.
  - Plans for spring Jazz concert at the Wharf with suggestions provided to increase participation with questions as to what kinds of items could be brought and enjoyed? Mr. Pearson to research and follow up on this item.

## 8. Needs of the band

-PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT remains a concern, contact sheets have been issued to the students to obtain email addresses and phone numbers. Mr. Pearson would like to get results and would like to make personal phone calls to welcome members and encourage parental participation.

-A suggestion was received that during the intermission of the next concert the band boosters could show a slideshow to a captive audience to inform of all of the band booster duties.

-Another suggestion was received to put together a packet for incoming parents including a Welcome Letter, general Fundraising Events, as well as items they would be interested in participating.

-It was also suggested for Booster Board to be in lobby welcoming and meeting parents at the next concert.

-Request for minutes to be posted to the website, which is already occurring, and also a request for minutes to be shared within Mr. Pearson's weekly e-mails. Mr. Pearson will begin to attach minutes following the meeting or the agenda prior to the meeting, as appropriate, in an attempt to improve participation.

-Mr. Pearson is considering changes to the band schedule for next year, possibly eliminating Zero Period Wind Ensemble. Details concerning these changes to follow.

-Request for new marching band pants as our current pants are greater than 10 years old and are showing wear and do not fit in a way to showcase marching skills on the field. Estimate to be provided.

-Mr. Pearson sincerely values communication and welcomes feedback. He was provided with feedback that "NOT SPAM" is helpful on his emails, but also that when he would like a response, he should clearly indicate this "NEED REPLY" to recipients.

-Mr. Pearson was informed that his students seem to appreciate his music history information provided.

-Mr. Pearson plans to meet next week with his Marching Band team to establish a storyboard for next year's show. He also plans to layout a practice schedule which he will submit and discuss at the next Board meeting.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.