

10/19/09 All Bands Parent Meeting

- 1) Helen Weary called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and welcomed everyone.
- 2) Helen Weary called for Approval of Minutes from Sept. 21, 2009 Band Parent Meeting. All minutes are posted on the band website and emailed to the group prior to each meeting. Motion was made, first Lace Bencivengo, second, Rachel Deese, vote was taken and unanimously approved.
- 3) Greetings and Overview from the Band Directors - Mike Corrigan and Terry Sakow

Marching Band

Mr. Corrigan outlined schedule for next five weeks in Marching Band.

Mr. Corrigan pointed to the white board, which now has a calendar and schedule showing upcoming practices, events, etc. He pointed out two Friday practice dates 10/23 and 10/30 at SMC from 4-7pm. He also discussed the possible addition of competition date Dec. 5 in Antelope Valley. Be prepared for extremely cold weather.

Mr. Corrigan pointed out parking issues for the mini band camp on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 due to multiple activities on campus. Students need to bring their own supply of water, and drink it, during practices. We are seeing a dehydration problem among the students. Please bring water containers labeled with names, snacks, and apply sunscreen.

Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Sakow encouraged all the students and parents to attend the Monday, October 26, 2009, free performance at UCLA of the Marine Corp. Band.

The November 6, 2009 Football Game will be Homecoming, and final home game. Please be aware that the band will be squeezed together because space will be limited. We will hold the Senior Recognition Ceremony for band members during the game.

Concert Bands

SCSBOA, there are no restrictions regarding auditions. Please make sure you submit your application and fee by the due date, November 9, 2009.

CBDA due date is December 1, 2009; however Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Sakow are asking that the application and recordings be submitted to them by November 23, 2009 (before Thanksgiving). All students are encouraged to submit a tape, but the directors will be listening to the recorded auditions and will decide which to submit. There will be a limit of 20 submitted.

Upcoming dates to remember:

December 5, 2009 Marching Band – Antelope Valley (tentative)
January 15, 2010 Winter Band Concert – (date change!)
January 16, 2010 Marching Band – Disneyland Parade (tentative)
January 19, 2010 Jazz Band Winter Concert

Leah Moore talked about establishing a procedural handbook for Marching Band. This will be a good tool for next year.

Terry Sakow announced that the band program acquired a Digital Theatre Organ. There is an Organ professor at UCLA that we are hoping to arrange a class with in the future.

4. Concert Band Business - Lace Bencivengo
A new calendar is available on the website and was handed out. Lace will be putting together a Directory for Concert Bands and will be organizing volunteers for January 15, 2010 performance. More to come.

Keiko Kuyama - All but one student have picked up their black concert dress.

5. Fundraising – Ellen Rennell
Genevieve's sales were \$4000 of which we get 40% of sales.
It was not as much as we have raised in the past, but we were able to make up the difference in direct donations of \$600.
Ellen announced that she will be switching from Fundraising to Program Ads.
If anyone would like to help her with that, please contact her. Jan Kravets volunteered to help. Fundraising should be handled by event; there was a discussion about possible fundraising events and leaders to coordinate:

Barnes and Noble - Mimi Winship

Cake Walk, 50-50 raffle (Pops Concert) - Lace Bencivengo, Lynn Leavitt,
Tamara Mugalian

Video Game event - Sharon Dobeck; set up video game stations and make a tournament event, the students should help to organize.

Ellen announced that the Film Shoot with Band students brought in \$3500. She mentioned that it was part of stock footage sold to a production company who is working on "Alvin and the Chipmunks II".

Reminders:

Pajama Pants \$20; order from Pat Mahler

Register your Ralphs card number online, please support band program, register any family or friends that don't have school age children.

Band Roster still available \$1.00

6. District Volunteer Clearance – Rachel Deese

Rachel Deese announced we have 23 Level II volunteers to date. Anyone who has been fingerprinted and updated from Level I to Level II, please let Rachel know. She is also keeping a list, which is helpful for upcoming competition events. All volunteers should have received their I.D. badges and can purchase Blue Band Shirt (\$10.00). Anyone who is a District Employee can wear their district badge.

7. Treasurer's Report – Chuck Dobeck

The SMAPA reps and treasurers from all 4 arts groups met with Freddi Levitt, the accounting consultant, for two hours today and will meet with her again. They are creating an accounting procedural manual so all the groups will be standardized in their accounting practices, and according to IRS laws and codes.

The budget report was provided, and Chuck explained that he has categorized and will continue to try and compact the budget information. The Concert Bands do not have much in terms of expenses yet. Also the Jazz Bands will be listed, they already have \$6500, part of which will be used to pay Mr. Corrigan for the 2nd Jazz Band Class.

Things not listed on the budget: 15% equity fund on additional expenses; film shoot check of \$3500 (arrived today); price of roster; the income from Ralphs card, you need to sign up online.

Cost of postage will need to be reimbursed.

Balance in account is \$16,000, of which \$6500 belongs to Jazz Bands.

The first week of January need to pay District \$10,000 for coaches.

Added costs are for Coaches, including percussion, which is year around and includes students participating in band and orchestra, and the cost of music for all bands. We are also going to split the cost of new instruments with Orchestra.

The costs also include Color Guard and Winter Guard. We may be short by April, May and June. There is still a question about monies left for transportation costs in the ASB account, as well as See's Candy paid obligations.

Rainy day fund, still not clear on balance, was \$40,000.

Discussion about increasing Marching Band fees, additional \$50 for next year.

If we recruit students, we may be able to keep in at the same amount. The overhead costs are the same. Marching band fees pay for the rest of the concert band program, in effect. Discussion of good ways to recruit more marching band students from middle schools: 8th grade football night, tour elementary schools, tour all middle schools, including SMASH.

8. Marching Band/Other Business

Message from Susie Gunter: Level II volunteer needed for bus by November 7, 2009 competition date. Also need Hospitality volunteers to bring snacks for the adults. Three people volunteered to contact Susie Gunter: Tamara Mugalian, Mimi Winship, and Sheri Edwards.

Senior Recognition at Homecoming Game, flower given to each senior and name announced. Color Guard received their new uniforms and flags.