

LSN Music Parents Minutes  
Executive Board  
October 12, 2009

Board members present were Jenny Mallott, Joe Keeney, Jan Durbin, Brian Wilson, Dwight Wheaton-Werle, John Johnson, Elizabeth Hawkins, Marilee Magerkurth, Mark Bickelhaupt, Scott Kuhlman, Robin Dawson, and Beryl Wilson.

Minutes were distributed and approved.

President – Brian thanked Robin and the committee for a successful festival this past weekend in Blue Springs. The Battery Fundraiser has started with the deadline to turn in orders Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed on participation and how much information actually gets home and should we mail it to the home or have the teachers pass it out. We need to collect the email addresses of all parents so an email blast can be sent out from the teachers. The information can also be put on the website with a link in the parent email. LSNMP email only goes to people who are signed up and confirmed but does not include all parents of music students. Even the parent list is only 65-70% accurate. We are still looking for a liaison to help with the Taste of Lee's Summit. There is a possible candidate, but hasn't been confirmed yet. Brian will send out another request. In November, we will start asking the kids to start thinking about putting baskets together for the silent auction. Alcoholic beverages such as wine are allowed.

Secretary – The minutes from the previous meeting were passed out and approved.

Treasurer – Marilee went through the report and distributed copies. Start-up cash was needed for the weekend, so the actual amount is \$2050.00 higher once we are reimbursed by the district. It was moved and accepted to extend the notary signature requirement by one day.

Jenny – We are very proud of the twelve students in the all-district choir! There is also a new women's honor choir forming. The auditions start with 300 students which have to be reduced to 70 to provide an opportunity for women with talent & interest in choir. This, however, conflicts with a thespian workshop so it is losing a lot of people who didn't even audition. Choral people in charge are looking at the conflict to see what can be changed. This also affects other schools – kids want to do both but can't. All-state auditions are in a few weeks. October 27<sup>th</sup> is the first concert – outfits need to be ready to go and reminders will be sent out.

Scott – Everything went very smoothly Saturday – the event staff and parents keep raising the bar! There were eleven schools, five color guards, six drum lines and nine bands. It was a cold day but a good day – everyone was out by 5:30 – net proceeds were around \$6000 or so. All the bands fought the cold weather which affected the sound. BOA is this weekend, spending the night on Friday. Keep your fingers crossed about the weather! The color guard now has five girls and has been consistently practicing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are trying to put together something for Warrensburg in a couple of weeks. Danielle will start working on routine and there is one more game to go.

John – The district auditions are moving forward. Signups are on November 7<sup>th</sup> for band, orchestra, jazz band which will have potential rehearsal time changes. Exciting times ahead!

Joe – Thank you very much for purchasing the music for the spring concert. The composer was excited that a high school was going to perform it and he would like a recording. Cathy Houglund

did good job as violin clinician for 2.5 hours and went over and above to help kids. John, the bass clinician, brought in recordings for kids and came in early to spend extra time. Thank you to the great people who are giving more bang for the buck to prepare for auditions on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The orchestra concert is October 20<sup>th</sup> – we are looking forward to those events along with the musical opening November 6<sup>th</sup> (parent night November 5<sup>th</sup>).

Hospitality – Beryl will get volunteers and have a table for both concerts, October 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. LSNMP information will be available along with apparel. The stand to hang apparel was a good idea. Let Beryl know if there is anything else we need to have on the table. Keeney said let him know if there is anything we need and he'll take care of it. There is typically no intermission, although that would be up to the instructors. It was suggested that at the holiday concerts it might be appropriate. Concerts start at 7 and they try to keep it to no more than 1.5 hours. Instrumental and vocal are mixed at the holiday concerts.

Battery Fundraiser – we will have information out on the table at the concerts. They ship within a week but are delivered in bulk which will take time to sort and fill the orders. If we extend the deadline until the 27<sup>th</sup>, an announcement can be made during concerts. Brian will overnight the order so it will get processed faster. Our goal is to have the orders filled and delivered by Thanksgiving. If it works out and we do it next year, we will have a better idea of how to do things.

Trash Bags – sales are closed for now. We will do it again in the spring. There are a few extras (approximately 6-8 rolls) which can be put out at the concerts.

Robin – what a great season this has been and there are only two more weeks to go. Everything ran very smoothly with great volunteers! We need a successor for next year.

Website – no report.

Apparel – we are slowly but surely getting rid of the existing inventory and working on new design for t-shirts and sweatshirts.

CD sales – Keeney was not pleased with quality or the cover design, although we did have to reschedule because of the snow day. Parents didn't complain though and seemed to like it. Overall it was a good thing! Contest CDs might be a better option, although pre-contest is more spread out and harder to record. Possibly two CDs? We want parents to hear the best quality which tends to be contest. There are different sides to this, but we might be able to do something better. One good thing is that the company took care of the licensing which is a big thing and can be a pain. It had been quite awhile since the last CD – parents love it and don't really care what the cover looks like, they just want to hear their child. One option is to put it on a jump drive – maybe we can offer both options.

Music Patches – Linda Miller

Engraving and Trophies – Marilee

There is an outstanding check written to Jim Oliver from last summer that needs to be cashed.

Meeting adjourned.

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The meeting was called to order. The minutes were reviewed and approved. A list was passed around to get updated emails from music parents.

President – thank you to Robin for a wonderful job at the band festival – everything was very smoothly run and the kids performed great! Battery fundraiser started with information to be available at both upcoming concerts.

Secretary – minutes say it all

Treasurer – fundraiser report on back page showing the budget vs. actual income, expenses and net proceeds.

Car show – 4803.57

Trash bags – net 1555.00

Balance – 8117.17 + 2050 after tomorrow when we are reimbursed for startup cash for the weekend festival

Money market – 15092.68

Jenny Mallott – There are twelve students in the all district choir including one sophomore. Eleven can audition for all state on October 24<sup>th</sup>. October 27<sup>th</sup> is the first concert.

Scott Kuhlman – Everyone did a phenomenal job at the festival, Robin with all the volunteers, the staff, parents....thank you! The judges were very appreciative – we want to make sure the kids know we are class act around here. LSN event staff had everything under control. The LS high schools could stay inside to keep warm. It was a great day! We will make a bigger push next year to attract more bands and will start working on the judging panel for next year. BOA (Bands of America) is this weekend in St. Louis, performing in the Rams dome. Go to [www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org) for the webcast to watch the kids online. Chaperoning on overnights is different – there will be a lot more help than usual. Warrensburg is the following weekend. The color guard will have their final performances. Information packets will go out this week. Auditions will be November 7<sup>th</sup> at Liberty High School. Jazz band is also starting soon.

John Johnson – Nothing much to add....the jazz band auditions are the same week as symphonic and concert auditions – times will be posted and sent out via emails. The concert is October 27<sup>th</sup> is the band concert.

Keeney – October 20<sup>th</sup> is the orchestra concert.

Battery Fundraiser – It has started, the flyers are out and the deadline has been extended until October 27<sup>th</sup> to take in both concerts. There will be forms to fill out. We will process the order asap to get it back by Thanksgiving. The info is on [musicparents.com](http://musicparents.com), a pdf file with info. The prices are very competitive with local stores. A motion was passed to extend the fundraiser until October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Robin – Thank you to everyone who worked the past weekend! The kids great and performed like troupers. There are two more competitions. Someone needs to take over this position next year.

Dwight – Will follow up on updating email list.

Beryl – The Hospitality table will be set up at the concerts on October 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – apparel sales, battery sales, booster & volunteer forms will all be out. The black boxes need to be checked because people picked up blank forms for apparel. We will need just a couple of volunteers.

Linda Way – Suggested blankets & snuggies to be sold.

CD sales – Put on agenda for November to sell in the spring or at Christmas.

We are discussing the possibility of providing refreshments at the holiday concerts to make some extra money. We will discuss this at the November meeting.

Taste of Lee's Summit – We need a liaison. Someone is considering it, but haven't confirmed. Kids will start putting together baskets in November for the silent auction.

Linda Miller – Still has music patches at home that need to be picked up.

Scholarships – Debbie Cook is not here. Brian has information to pass along. A thank you was read from Leslie Ward and her son, Nathan, who was last year's recipient and is going to MU.

An audio test of the performing arts center found four speakers (25%) not functioning correctly. The system requires two speakers and two amplifiers. It has been approved by Mr. Ulrich to replace amps & speakers so we will have a better performing sound system. It is very nice for the school and district to pick up the tab. The sound board will eventually need to be replaced – hopefully new one will also solve the problem of new microphone curtain (we donated \$500 last year) and once all is working correctly, we should be able to tap into the sound board for digital recordings. This is still in the future, but we are making progress.

Meeting adjourned.