

## **Jazz Band Booster Club Meeting**

**November 7, 2007**

A meeting agenda, student account statements and a financial report were distributed. Marla Welsh, our booster club President welcomed everyone. The Board members were introduced.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the meetings are available on the website, [http://geocities.com/l\\_alamitos/](http://geocities.com/l_alamitos/).

**Treasurer's Report:** John McCallum discussed the LAHS Jazz band account from 7/31/07 to the present. We began with a balance of 16,246.97. We had an additional 8,081.25 from bus transportation receipts, membership dues and Taste of Los Al income. We had an outflow of 2,529 from instruments purchased, insurance, music compositions, office supplies, postage and professional fees. The additional **net inflow** 5,552.25 leaves a cash balance of 21,799.22 as of 11/4/2007.

**Class Notes Report:** Deborah Hiltzik explained that this is our one big fundraiser. (We do not have car washes or sell candy or cookie dough.) This year, Oak and McAuliffe will play at the 6 pm show and the LAHS Jazz Bands will play at the 8 pm show. Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band is terrific! All families are encouraged to sell ads for the program. The more ads sold the better. All families are encouraged to help with this fundraiser. The middle schools are in charge of the food court, but volunteers are needed to help from 5:30-7:30 so that the middle school families can enjoy the 6pm performance. Help is also needed with a ticket booth; construction on Friday night, and taking it down on Sunday. Families can sign up to take tickets, be ushers, put up a large stage prop Friday night, or design the program. Students can earn service hour credits for construction, putting up the wooden stage props, or working on the signs. (A tentative date of 1/12/08 has been set for fixing the banners.) The concert is scheduled for Saturday, 3/1/08. A sign up sheet went around, and an email will be coming asking for volunteers, too.

Ticket prices this year were raised slightly. For students with an ASB card, the general admission ticket is only 10 dollars (instead of \$15). The limit is two tickets per ASB card. Each of the students in the Jazz Band gets a balcony ticket. Please let Deborah and Feng know where your student will be sitting. (Instead of purchasing a ten dollar ticket, you can use the ten dollars toward an upgraded ticket.)

**Reno Report:** Steve Chatter encouraged families to reserve their hotel rooms ASAP if they are going to Reno. Lisa Chatter, Hugh MacInnes, Jeff Lundberg, Steve Kolkin and Mike and Shelley Nichols are chaperones. Marla Welsh will be flying up early, checking in at the hotel, and collecting keys before the buses arrive. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lisa or Steve Chatter.

**Jazz Festival Report:** Marla Welsh encouraged each family to chaperone at least one Festival. Festivals are a good opportunity to take photographs or video of the bands. Chaperones ride on the buses with the students and help with the equipment. There was a sign up sheet. Truck drivers are also needed. Monica Dessouky is the Festival Chairperson, and she will be scheduling everyone.

**Music Director's Notes:** Mr. Rush requested that someone video each Festival, and make a DVD. It would be best if Jazz Band I and II are videotaped individually, and separate DVDs are created. It would be helpful to have a lot of footage.

We don't know yet if the students will be playing at Disneyland this year.

Kim Archer was working on having the bands play at Spaghettini's as a fundraiser, like Jazz Band I's performance at Steamers. Mr. Rush would really appreciate someone finding out if this has been or can be arranged. (Kim's son is no longer in the Jazz Band.)

He is very excited to have Jeff Jarvis helping our band. Mr. Rush has commissioned a song from him, and he is a great asset to the band. He is the director of Jazz programming and works at Cal State LB.

Auditions will start in early January for the combo groups.

The director of the Valencia Jazz Festival changed schools. Instead of the Brea-Olinda Jazz Festival on 5/17/08, we may be participating in the "Super Jazz at the Ranch" Festival. He is not 100% sure, yet.

He ended with a question and answer session:

Q: Are the registration papers for Reno here?

A: No, they usually email them; last time Mr. Rush checked they had not updated the website.

Q: Is there a day set up for pictures yet?

A: No, things are very busy right now with the Marching Band. He will let everyone know when this is set up.

You can contact Mr. Rush by voicemail, or email if you have questions, concerns or problems. He mentioned that while the school's website is not updated, the LAHS Jazz band website is, and is also linked to the Big Phat Band's website. If possible, the 3/1/07 date of the Class Notes Concert will be on their website with their other dates.

**Class Notes Ticket Sales:** Feng Jiang was available after the meeting for ticket sales.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Blumenthal, Booster Secretary