

LAHS Jazz Band Booster Club Meeting January 16, 2008

A meeting agenda and financial reports were distributed. A sign up sheet was passed around. Marla Welsh, our Booster Club President, welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the meetings are available on the website: www.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 inflow of \$24,775.85 primarily from membership dues and Class Notes Concert sales. We had an outflow of \$8,643.54 from Class Notes expenses, festival fees, instruments purchased, insurance, music compositions, office supplies, postage, and professional fees. The additional net inflow \$16, 132.31 leaves a cash balance of \$32,379.28 as of 1/14/2008.

Class Notes Report: Deborah Hiltzik explained that the sales of tickets have slowed down. This typically occurs because our publicity hasn't started yet. She encouraged all band parents to buy tickets now. The good seats will go quickly once the general public starts to buy them. She sent around a sign up sheet for parent volunteers. Many openings are still available to help. A lively volunteer is needed to "work the crowd" for a 50/50 raffle. Help is needed Friday, February 29th from 3-5pm to assemble the sets. A work day will also be scheduled to distribute flyers, and work on the banners.

- We need to all sell ads for the Class Notes Program.
 - A senior parent is wanted to coordinate a congratulations page in the program.
- Deborah will be in touch vial email or phone regarding flyers, ads and volunteers.

Reno Report: Steve Chatter stated that everything is in place for Reno. He opened the floor to questions and comments.

- Do we know when the band is playing? No, that information is not yet available. Mr. Rush will email us as soon as he knows.
- A concern was raised regarding the students walking through a casino. Reassurances were given that the students will not be going through the casinos.
- What is the name of the hotel? The Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada.
- Steve Chatter also mentioned that help is needed working in the "green room" providing refreshments for Gordon Goodwin and the Big Phat Band. Set up will start about 4-4:30 and volunteers should be free by 7:30ish before the concert (on 3/1/08).

Jazz Festival Report: Monica Dessouky reported that the band's first performance will be at Disneyland on Monday, February fourth. She will be calling the volunteer

chaperones to verify that they can come. Volunteers are needed for the May Festivals, San Clemente and The Super Jazz Festival at the Ranch.

Music Director's Notes: Mr. Rush went over the charts that the bands will be playing. He is pleased with both bands. He is really grateful to have the copy machine. It has been very useful. He thanked everyone for providing it.

- Mr. Padilla's Oak Middle School Jazz Band was Outstanding!
- Picture day is January 24th. Concern was expressed by a parent that the photograph last year was too dark. Mr. Rush said he would speak to the photographer about this.
- Both Jazz Bands will perform at Disneyland on Feb. fourth. This is the first day of the second semester. The students all know about it and are prepared to perform. Pink cards will be given to the students a week before so they can get their teacher's signatures and permission to miss school on the fourth. It is not up to Mr. Rush what day the student's perform. He requested other days, but this was the day that Disneyland provided. Tickets for chaperones are limited by Disneyland. If you are not assigned to come with the band, you are still welcome. You will need to use your own Disneyland pass or purchase your own ticket. You won't be able to go backstage. This will be a great opportunity to take pictures.
- February 27th is the All District Band Night. Each band will play one tune. It will be on campus in the gym. Next year they should have another venue.
- Class Notes Concert: Jazz II will play first. Both bands will play two songs.
- March 8th is the Esperanza Jazz Festival. Both bands and possibly one combo group will perform. This event will last until approx. 2:30. Jazz I will be performing at Steamers at the 4-6pm show. The students need to be at Steamers no later than 3:00. They will return to the school at approx. 7pm. Jazz II students can ride the bus from Esperanza to Steamers, too. They can watch and support the other students. It is a fun evening with good food and great music. Friends of Jazz is the coordinating nonprofit organization that generously donated four hundred dollars to our program. They also provide scholarships to chosen student performers.
- Combo Groups: There are three Jazz combo groups and possibly a fourth Dixieland group. They met for the first time January 16th, and will schedule a time to meet weekly for approx. one hour. These are student based rehearsals. Mr. Rush will attend, listen and be available to give advice as needed.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Blumenthal,
Booster Secretary