

LAHS JAZZ BAND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2008

A sign in sheet and handouts were distributed. The handouts included the meeting's agenda, student statements, and year to date financial activity. A master copy of the Jazz Band Rosters with corrections was available for families to see.

Welcome: Marla Welsh, our Booster Club President, welcomed everyone.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous meeting on 9/23/08 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Student Account Statements were given to families. If your current balance is in black ink, that reflects the current balance due; red ink reflects amount of credit on your account. The year to date financial report is included (see page 5). (Thank you, John©!) In brief, we started on 7/31/08 with a balance of 16,159.32 and have a current balance as of 11/21/08 of 17,828.38.

Uniform Report: Deborah Hiltzik gave out the dress shirts for our students. She asked that we let her know ASAP if they don't fit. In addition to these dress shirts, both bands will wear a black T-shirt, black pants, black dress belt, black socks and black shoes. The pants should be dress pants, please no jeans or Dockers. A dress belt with a small buckle is fine.

Class Notes Report: Deborah Hiltzik indicated that tickets were available for purchase after the meeting from Feng Jiang. This year the concert will feature Wayne Bergeron and a 17-18 piece big band.

Question: Why was the format changed from having the two middle school bands play at the 6 pm show and the two high school bands play at the 8 pm show? (This year Oak Middle School and Jazz II will play at 6pm and McAuliffe and Jazz I will play at 8pm.)

Answer: This is what McAuliffe/Mr. Wackerman wanted. Mr. Rush and Mr. Padilla kindly agreed.

Our annual class notes concert is our big fundraiser and a wonderful concert. Please "push on it."

We need a volunteer to head up the hospitality room. This is a fun responsibility to entertain and feed the band.

Ad order forms were distributed. Please place personal ads for your student, or ask for advertisements from businesses that you frequent.

Question: Will seniors have something special in the program? Will this cost families money?

Answer: Yes, seniors will have special recognition in the program. This is at no cost to the families. Information to senior families will be distributed at a later date.

There will be a work day for us to change the vinyl letters on the banners. This would cost hundreds of dollars to hire someone to do. We will need volunteers to get this done at no cost to the band. More information on this day will be forthcoming.

Jazz Festival Report: There is no Disneyland date yet.

When you are a chaperone, you will be given a list which includes all the student's names and cell phone numbers. It will also indicate if they are riding on the bus or not.

Music Director's Notes: Mr. Rush spoke about the charts that the students are playing.

The postmark deadline to apply for the 2008-2009 Honor Jazz Ensemble through the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association is December 20th. More information is available at <http://www.scsboa.org/honorgroups/pdf/jazzapp09.pdf>.

The Schedule for the Festivals was printed at the bottom of the Meeting Agenda Handout. It is as follows, (note the correction on the All-District Band Night Date).

December 16, 2008	Winter Concert
February ?, 2009	Disneyland
March 7, 2009	Class Notes Concert
March 9, 2009 7pm LAHS Gym	District Band Concert
March 10, 2009 7pm LAHS Gym	All District Orchestra
March 14, 2009	Esperanza Jazz Festival
March 21, 2009	Irvine Jazz Festival
March 23-24, 2009 7pm LAHS Gym	All District Choral Festival
April 3-4, 2009	Fullerton Jazz Festival
April 23-25, 2009	Reno Jazz Festival
May 9, 2009	San Clemente Jazz Festival
May 16, 2009	Brea-Olinda Jazz Festival
June 2, 2009	Spring Concert

Marla will email the schedule to everyone.

Mr. Padilla is arranging a fundraiser at Steamers Jazz Club and Café in Fullerton. This will be for both High School and both Middle School bands. It will be in May or June on a Wednesday evening or Sunday afternoon. (For more information on Steamers you can go to jazz@steamersjazz.com.)

We need a Jazz Band representative to help with our end of the year Band Banquet on June 13th 2009. *Thank you Helen Herbert for volunteering to help!*

Question: Can we please have substitute teachers leave the band room open for a while after school so students can pick up their instruments?

Answer: Unfortunately, no. Substitute teachers are not paid to stay after school is dismissed. To be cautious and prevent theft of equipment, the band room will need to be locked when the substitute leaves. On days when there is a substitute, students who need their instruments will need to get them before school is dismissed. This is not a problem on days when Mr. Rush is teaching.

Question: How many pieces were commissioned for Jazz II?

Answer: Mr. Rush tries to get 3-4 pieces for each group.

Question: Can you make a CD for students to practice with?

Answer: Unfortunately, no. The music is not on Mr. Rush's computer as an audio file.

Addendum: Marla Welsh kindly agreed to email the music file to families.

Students all have copies of the music and they should be practicing 20-30 minutes nightly. This is their homework for this class.

Question: Where is the Winter Concert?

Answer: In the Performing Arts Center.

Question: Will there be tickets sold for the Winter Concert?

Answer: Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10. ASB oversees all sales for student shows. The Chairmen of the performing arts groups met to coordinate a uniform price for all events.

Question: When is picture day?

Answer: There was a freshmen retreat on the currently scheduled date. Picture day will be rescheduled for after the holidays.

Question: Can you purchase tickets for the Class Notes Concert on line?

Answer: For tickets and information, email: lahsjazz@gmail.com or visit www.geocities.com/l_alamitos.

Question: Is there a link from the District's website to the Jazz Band's website?

Answer: No

You can link to the Jazz Band website through the High School website.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Blumenthal,
secretary