

**LAHS Jazz Band Booster Club Meeting**  
**February 5, 2009**

Student account statements, a year to date financial statement and a meeting agenda were distributed. Marla Welsh, our Booster Club President, welcomed everyone.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from the last booster club meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** John McCallum discussed the LAHS Jazz band year to date financial activity. The band's beginning cash balance, as of 8/1/2008, was 16,159.32. We've has an inflow of 18,704.10. This is primarily from payments from parents for their student's accounts and from ticket sales for the Class Notes Concert. We've had an outflow of 6,658.96, primarily from purchases of instruments, music compositions and instrument repairs. This means we have a cash balance of 22,818.28 as of 1/31/2009.

**Class Notes Report:** Deborah Hiltzik let us know that we need to sell more tickets for the 6pm show. We need to put up flyers around town at shops and music stores. Flyers were distributed. A sign up sheet was distributed for helping on Friday 3/6 and Saturday 3/7. She encouraged Jazz II families to sell more tickets and to sign up to work at the 8pm show. Help is needed to take tickets at the door, as ushers and to hand out programs. Programs are to be handed out for people to share (in pairs). This is to save money and have fewer programs wasted and left in the PAC. Since her injury, Deborah will not be able to drive to pick up the programs the way she has done in years past. She is asking for two volunteers in each position for each show—ushers, people to hand out programs and ticket takers at the door. Ushers will be able to help people to their seats. We need a volunteer to work the ticket booth for one hour at the 8pm show, three people to do the 50:50 raffle and three dads to help on Friday, 3/6 from approx. 2:45pm to 4:30 pm to put up the Jazz sign. She described the sign, and how it

is special for this concert. She will email reminders to the volunteers.

Deborah asked that we sell ads for the program. If we sell enough ads, we can break even for the cost of the program. If we sell more ads, we can make a profit. Please sell business card sized ads, or other ads. Please sell to businesses or to music teachers. For example, you could go to Sam Ash or other local businesses. You can ask your student's music teacher when you take them to their lesson. Please return your ads by 2/14/09 to Deborah. You can email them to her, or mail them to her with a check.

Wayne is very excited about the show.

If you are a parent, please purchase a few tickets for yourself.

Please help after the show to put the risers away. This will take less time if more people help.

Question: Do you need any special training to take be an usher?

Answer: No. If you arrive a half an hour early, Deborah will go over the responsibilities of the job, and explain the layout of the PAC to you. She explained that the layout of the PAC is easy, and that the tickets are different colors for the two different shows.

Deborah emphasized that this is our booster club's main fundraiser; so it is very important. We do not have other fundraisers. We do not sell cookie dough or do car washes. Please help with this fundraiser.

**Reno Report:** Lisa Chattler let us know that all rooms at the Grand Sierra Resort, where the bands are staying, are taken. There are still nineteen rooms left at the Ramada (formerly the Holiday Inn). They are \$69 per night, which is a good price. Please call (775) 786-5151 for reservations.

We don't know when the bands are scheduled to play, yet. That information will be disseminated when it is available.

Reno will cost approximately \$420 per student, not including food and extras.

Question: Is this \$420 in addition to our dues?

Answer: Yes, but forty percent of your student's Class Note Ticket sales will be deducted from the \$420.

**Chaperone Report:** Lori Butcher and Cathy Yaz handed out chaperone forms for volunteers to complete. Cathy is our coordinator for Jazz II families, and Lori is in charge of Jazz I. All chaperones are required to have a TB test result filed with the school. If you have taken care of this in the middle school or in previous years, just write, "TB test results filed with the high school" on the information sheet. If you need a TB test, you can call ABC Pediatrics for a free test. The number is (562) 594-8853. The office is located at 3772 Katella Ave, suite 101 in Los Alamitos. You can come any day except Thursday--- (you will need to return 48-72hrs after the test is administered to have the test read. The office is not open on Saturday.)

Each family should volunteer to help with at least one festival. If you are signed up for Reno; thank you, and you do not need to help with another Festival. We need everyone's help.

Chaperones ride the bus to and from the event, help move and guard the equipment, and provide support to the bands. Siblings may not ride on the bus with the bands. Spouses of chaperones need to have a chaperone form filled out in order to ride the bus with the band.

#### **Music Director's Notes:**

Mr. Rush thanked the parents who attended the meeting for coming out in the rain. He mentioned that he was proud because four of the students were chosen for the S. CA School Band and Orchestra Association High School Jazz All Star Band.

Mr. Padilla, Oak's Band director, is arranging for both Middle School and both High School bands to play at Spagattini's. This will be a wonderful event and great fundraiser.

Mr. Rush went over the charts that the bands will be playing. The bands are doing great!

Combo groups will be starting the week of 2/9.

Combo C: Mondays 3-4

Combo B: Fridays 3-4

Combo A: Wednesdays 3-4

Jazz Band Sectionals will be starting up:

Jazz II: 3-5pm

Jazz I: 5-7 pm

Meeting dates:

February 11, 25\*

\*This is Ash Wednesday; any students who need to miss this sectional for this Holiday are, of course, excused.

March: 4, 18

April: 1, 21

Question: A question was raised regarding the second commissioned piece for Jazz II. Mr. Rush explained that \$500-800 for a piece is a bargain. It is customary for High School bands to learn new charts more quickly than Middle Schools.

Question: All the dates for sectionals are Wednesdays, except 4/21 which is a Tuesday. Is that correct?

Answer: Yes

Question: What should students do if a sectional meeting conflicts with a practice they have for a sport?

Answer: Students can talk to their coaches. If they can't miss; Mr. Rush will excuse them from the sectional.

Disneyland Information:

Jazz II played on Friday, 2/13 and Jazz I will play Thursday 2/19.

Jazz I will play at 1:35 pm.

Students should wear street clothes and bring their uniforms in garment bags.

Our students got to see Eric Marienthal on 2/6 at Oak.

Respectfully submitted, Melanie Blumenthal, secretary

\*\*\*Thank you, Lisa Chattler for your help taking over as secretary at this meeting! Melanie