

Live Oak Emerald Regime Band & Color Guard Boosters Minutes of Board & General Membership Meeting, January 6, 2010

Directors Present: Jason Locsin, Jeff Salvotti, Debbie Turner, Marty Brenneman, Beatriz Echalico, Carrie Hightower, Kris Villareal, Mark Frederick and Linda Holler, Gus Rubio

Other Members Present: Beth Hartman, Mike Tatarakis, Chip Turner, Ciana Whitfield

Meeting called to order: 6:33 PM

Minutes reviewed from 12/09 meeting

Motion 100106-01 made by Debbie Turner to approve, 2nd by Beatriz Echalico, All in favor motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Fundraisers: Debbie reports on the crab feed coming up this month. Everything is ready and the presale ticket count is at 30. The kids have been given 2 tickets to sell each and will earn 5 points towards their band account for pre-sale tickets only. Mike brought left over liquor to use from last year. Auction donations are going good, she has 25 items so far and hoping to get more. She will try to have an ad placed in events section of Morgan Hill Times. Tickets have also been placed at Bingo for sale. Profit from the Sees candy sales are \$316.15 from the box sales and \$1778.40 from the candy bars. She is still collecting the last of the monies. 100% of the profit goes to student points accounts.

Treasurers Report: Beatriz reports fall season exceeded budget for instrument purchase by \$2,278.83. Current year income is less than budgeted due to ERI losing money this year. However, we just received a refund of \$500 for overpayment to the Dublin venue, so the loss is now only \$300. She did a comparison of the winter percussion budget, which was \$10,000, due to salary of \$2,200 per month we will be over budget on the winter season also. The winter color guard is going to combine Britton with Live Oak. Beatriz reports we will be over budget on salary by \$1,000. The color guard needs to submit a revised proposal. She has completed all the necessary updates to transfer the monies needed from the American Century account. Tish and Yvonne needed to co-sign due to signature cards not being updated for 4 years. They are currently processing the 25,000 needed from the account. Mike Tatarakis suggests that we take more time to check the budgeted items prior to approving expenditures. We are also over budget on sheet music, but within budget for MHASBP.

MHASBP: Mike Tatarakis and Ciana Whitfield update that there are between approximately 85 students enrolled in the program. She has provided Beatriz with a list of those who have not paid to follow up with a letter to the parents. Several instruments have been donated. She purchased percussion instruments from The Music Tree for \$273. She is still looking for a bass drum. Mike is trying to get the Morgan Hill Times to do an article on the concert for the end of the year. The program is growing and he stressed the importance of having a board member attend the school board meetings to

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stay visible. One of the prior music teachers has started her own after school program at Jackson Elementary which has distracted from our program. She has support from MHSD. The San Martin Gwinn program is going smooth. Small issues have been worked out with the principal at that school. The Principal must be kept in the loop on everything. Laura Zeck is a parent that offers to watch the kids for the 30 minute window after school lets out and prior to our program starting. San Martin has 25 kids and Mr. Bremis has approximately 30 kids per school. San Martin seems to be reluctant to promote the program so we have to work on gaining the support of the principal. We will offer a complimentary entry to the crab feed for 2 so she can see the band perform. Mike reports that we have applied for grants from 9 organizations and are continuing to apply. Ciana would like to bring in some professional musicians to perform for kids as a guest performance each month. Mike suggests getting the Principal, Barbara involved in those decisions and that she prices out any instrument purchases to insure she is getting the best price.

Garlic Festival: The funds have not yet been received. Beatriz will follow up with the people in charge.

Trailer Painting: Mike Tatarakis has obtained a 3rd bid from a company in Fresno which includes graphics for the same price as the lowest bid obtained. The best time to get the work done is now. He suggests we rent any transportation needed for winter percussion and proceed with the painting. He asked that the item be added to the agenda for a motion to be made at the next meeting.

New Business:

Bingo: Carrie suggests that we create a bingo manager position as a paid contractor. Discussion on the possible needs to review the current by-laws with regards to the Bingo President description and the possibility that a bingo manager should not be a member of the executive board to avoid any conflict with regards to voting. We would have to continue having an active Bingo President with voting rights and a separate paid Bingo Manager. It is currently the Vice President, Debbie Turner's job to present any needed amendments that would be needed in the by-laws to reflect duties to be done personally or to hire a manager to execute. Sub-committee assigned to review the bylaws and present motion if any needed to amendment to the board at the next meeting. Kris suggested a possible salary of \$500 per month and Beatriz proposed a salary of \$600 per month to hire a bingo manager. That amount would be added to the budget for bingo. The manager would submit a monthly invoice and be treated as a vendor. Committee of 5 members, Mike Tatarakis, Debbie Turner, Jeff Salvotti, Linda Holler and Carrie Hightower will meet for review of this topic and report back at next meeting.

Bingo Presidents Report: Kris Villareal reports that we had a \$9,900 deposit at the New Year's Day marathon, making \$8037.39 toward the winter percussion and color guard trip. This is not final until an adjustment is made for the baskets. We had 224 attend.

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She is going to have a special on Valentine's Day with all pull tab games being \$1199 only.

Bingo Treasurer Report: Marty Brenneman reports that during the month of November the Saturday income was an average of \$1,975 and Sunday income averaged \$3,383. Attendance averaged 140 for Saturdays and 164 for Sundays. During the month of December the Saturday attendance averaged 147 and Sundays averaged 145. The income on Saturdays averaged \$2,999 and on Sundays \$2,712. Overall, the month of November we averaged \$2,679 and in the month of December we averaged \$2,856. Expenses in November came in higher than in December.

Student Points Report: Linda Holler reports that she is concerned about the negative balance of a couple of students that are signed up for winter percussion, but no longer have a family member working bingo, but they do have some points coming in from the Garlic Festival. She will address again next month after the money is in from the Garlic Festival. She also discussed senior student accounts with a negative balance.

Publicity Report: Mark Frederick is also attempting to get The Morgan Hill Times to do an article on the MHASBP. The Championships were reported incorrectly. They aren't very cooperative and the current Editor is a Sobrato Band parent, which seems to have a negative impact on our reports being published.

Band Directors Report: Jason Locsin reports that the new sound system is perfect and it's portable so he can use it anywhere. He is working on getting the outstanding points accounts for senior students included in the senior signoff packets. He spoke with Nick Boden about the spring musical being held on either May 15th or 22nd. The musical the year will be Grease and might require some front money for hiring a professional in the pit. The jazz band will perform at the Santa Cruz Jazz Festival this year and he is looking into another festival in April. We need to schedule the awards night around these events. The Music festival might be scheduled at the end of April. Winter percussion has 20 students signed up. The performance information is to be sent directly to the parents. March 18th is trip to LA. Michael Sullivan is getting fingerprinted to be driver. Award night date needs to be requested at the venue for a May 7th.

Meeting adjourned: 9 PM

Next Meeting: February 3, 2010