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Leigh High School

Performing Arts Parents Association

Minutes of Regular Membership Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, Dec 11, 2017

Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Conducted By: Stacey Taylor, President

Member Attendees: 18 Attendees

Minutes: Hedda Tresch, Secretary

November Meeting Recap – Stacey Taylor

One correction needed in the Nov minutes. The December concert was changed from Dec 13 to Dec 15th. Diane Hoffstetter made a motion to approve Nov 2017 minutes. Kristi Blumstein 2nd it. All Ayes in favor of approval.

District Superintendent Dr. Bravo requested a meeting with Stacey on Friday 12/15/17 to discuss our bylaws and how we elect officers. The district just recently renewed our application.

Brian Ringstead confirmed 12 theater students received gift cards for the mattress fundraiser rather than the 3 previously noted.

Marching Band Recap - Ron Blumstein

We exceeded our donation target of \$108K and received \$111K+. We are still expecting matching contributions to trickle in. Expenses were mostly in line with what was anticipated. Uniforms and color guard were really below what was budgeted. We had 2 silks instead of 3 silks which is typical of 4A bands. \$10K difference spent from budget vs expense.

For the Senior dinner, instead of dinnerware rentals, we've purchased around 40-50 plates, silverware and some glassware for \$300. Also saved money by using our own school tables and crab feed linen rather than usually renting them. These items are stored in the garage under Stampede section.

We will get a \$500 check from Los Gatos parade from winning Sweepstakes.

Need to notify people in Marching Band to send in their receipts so we can close the books.

Treasurer Angela Cookson

We just paid almost \$1000 in credit card fees. Would like to encourage checks instead. Joe Mayer will research a new Paypal account for lower fees. Currently using a private person's Paypal account.

We get about \$100/month from Amazon from linked school purchases.

Will start promotion for Amazon and eScrip promotion in January 2018.

Theater Arts "Noises Off" Recap- Lara Blom

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Made almost \$7500 in gross ticket sales and concessions from Noises Off.

Another show “Rope”, student directed, will be produced alongside the Spring musical “Chorus Line”. Students can audition for both but can only be in 1 show. “Rope” show is scheduled for March 2018.

Regarding the Haunted House and concert date conflict, the concert gets out too late in order for a Choir student to participate in the HH. A lot of the choir kids didn’t audition for the HH because of the time conflict.

Winter Percussion Fundraiser Recap - Lisa Stenfort

20 out of 35 students participated in the Frontier Soup fundraiser and made \$1,557.50. Last year ButterBraids fundraiser made about \$800.

The soups will be available for pick up this **Thur 12/14/17** after school otherwise pick up this **Saturday 12/16/17**.

See’s Candy Fundraiser Recap - Diane Hoffstetter

See’s candy made \$1500 which is \$900 less than last year. The goal next year is to give the forms directly to the parents such as at a concert rather than to the students. Had enough volunteer help in getting the orders together.

Michael Brooks Scholarship – Stacey Taylor

Ed Schultz referred Casey Broberg to PAPA. Casey is starting a scholarship fund in memory of Michael Brooks. The scholarship will apply to Leigh Seniors who are furthering their love and interest in music. Michael graduated from Leigh in 1981. Casey has raised \$3000 out of a \$4000 goal with another \$5000 donation expected. Casey is setting up the scholarship fund with the LHS administration but needs help from PAPA to get the word out and for any guidance advice. Casey is thinking of giving it all away (2 scholarships at \$2000 for a male and female student) and then do another fundraiser next year. Stacey may suggest setting it up as an endowment with scholarships at \$500 - \$1000 so the fund can go for many years. Raising money every year may be too difficult for Casey to sustain.

Need to advise Casey that any scholarship could affect the financial aid package. Stacey will share with Casey our current PAPA scholarship criteria.

1. Need to inquire promotion timeframe?
2. Stacey may suggest as an endowment with \$500-\$1000 scholarships to keep the memorial going rather than raising new money every year for the fund.
3. Need clearer criteria. Will it be ability or performance based?

Home & School Club - Sean Simonson

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There is a HSC \$550 grant available for any approved LHS club. This free money can be used for any club related expense, like a pizza party. The music and theater clubs are not taking advantage of this HSC grant. To apply, submit the 1 page grant form to HSC.

Need volunteers for Grad night.

Crab Feed Status - Lisa McIntyre

Crab Feed is now **Saturday February 3rd, 2018**. The crab is on order.

Price is the same as last year \$50.

Work party this **Sunday 12/17/17** at 1:30pm to go through garage and connex for cleaning and inventory accounting.

Ticket sales start beginning January. Auction has received about \$8000 in donations so far. Need to get all donations in by mid-January to allow time for basket preparation.

Treasurer - Angela Cookson

We have a dozen of these banker boxes full of files that contain personal data. Will need to store somewhere secure and not in the garage.

Budget-wise we are okay. We have money left over from last year.

Stacey - See's and Mattress fundraisers were less than what we budgeted. Rummage was about what we budgeted. Crab Feed and Graduation are left. Class donations are great and activity fundraisers are doing okay. General fundraisers are struggling a little bit this year from what was budgeted.

Band Director - Alex Christensen

Music Concerts –

- Concert I (Symphonic, Concert Band and Jazz II) New Date: **Friday 12/15/17**, 7pm in PAC.
- Concert II (WE, Concert Choir, Jazz I) in PAC. New Date: **Monday 12/18/17**, 7pm in PAC.

*Need help in stage movement in changing the chair setup and choir risers. Need 4 volunteers at each concert to help during intermission. Meet at stage.

Mr. C set a meeting with Dr. Bravo to restart relationship with Campbell's Heritage Theater again since 4 out of the 5 District band programs exceed the size of their PACs.

Band Classes' Status - New Director of Bands from SJ State worked with Wind Ensemble. Dr. DelaRosa from West Valley will work with Concert Choir. Jazz Band I is officially signed up for the Santa Cruz Jazz Festival. (More info to come on these Spring events.)

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Blossom Hill Festival – **Monday, January 22.** Winter Guard and Winter Percussion will do stand still performances for the Middle Schoolers. Will be exclusively Leigh event, no Branham performance. However, may have Branham join us for WG's Friends & Family show.

Theater Pit – Musical auditions are being cast this week. 15 people are auditioning for the instrumental pit. Full version of Chorus Line will be played.

Santa Clara County Honor Band - 13 students auditioned for County Honor Band. 3 LHS sophomores were chosen for the ensemble: Selena Chang, Emily Bodoh and Mallory van Dyke.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 pm

Next PAPA Meeting: **Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ 7pm**