



Friends of the Lewis S. Mills Band
Tuesday, November 4, 2008
LSM Faculty Dining Room/7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Karen Kelleher, Marty Lowrey, Beth Lowrey, Pat Schnee, Ellen Benson, Kathy Wesolowski, Linda Leonard, Tina Magill, Leslie Cote, Marie Simmard, Jean Bernier, Sherri Porter, Eileen DiNicola, Janis Woodward, Glenn Foley, Theresa Foley, Cheryl Martinelli

Call to Order: Mr. Deeb described the specifications of the organization, and told why it is an important group. He asked for a volunteer for the secretary position. Cheryl Martinelli will fill this position.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Cote reported the Friends of LSM Band account currently has \$18,822.44. She reported that a second account that the group has, with the school, will be closed and all monies will be in one account.

Band Director's Report: Mr. Deeb reports that it was a very successful marching band season! Best Overall award was presented for the Bristol Mum Parade, with the highest score. Top award was also presented at the North Adams Parade.(Way to go band!)

Some issues were present however - many, many deterrents from band rehearsals. Things must change for next year. Mr. Deeb will propose for more rehearsals during the summer band camp, more nights before school begins, then only one evening rehearsal each week during the beginning of school. This change will hopefully rectify so many members missing rehearsals. A 3 year calendar will be out soon so that parents/students can plan accordingly for future years.

Tina Magill will help Jean with the receptions for the concerts in Dec. and Feb.

A new percussion ensemble will begin soon, after school on Wednesdays, 2 - 3:30, with Jarred Cattey instructing.

Mills will host the MS Regional Festival during the end of Feb., beginning of March, 2010. The plan is to host this important event for the next 3-5 years. We will be looking to sell waters, candy, etc. for this event. All profits will go to the band. Students and parents will be asked to help.

Mills will also host the New England Festival - 2010. 500 students, 100 directors for orchestra, band and chorus. Thurs. - Sat. March 18-20. There is great potential to make money here, splitting all proceeds with the Festival Committee.

Mums: 1195 plants were sold
\$8,962.50 total brought in
\$4,780.00 profit for students
\$3,580.00 plant cost
(\$48.67 donuts)
\$545.83 profit for Mills Band

Linda Leonard will be helping Marie Simmard with the mums when they arrive.

Poinsettias: kids need to get going on this fundraiser. Forms and money are due soon. Jean Bernier stated that help is needed to go through the orders. Friday, Nov. 21st, at 6:30, at her home (69 Gilbert Lane in Burlington) will be the date for going through the orders. Please call if you can help out (675-4894), or show up with your calculator and a pencil!

Pick up for the plants is Friday, Dec. 5th from 4-7. *Parents are needed to assist with the pick up day: 2-4:30 for organization, and 4-7 to help out with the pick ups. Pizza will be available for the students, and coffee for the adults! Jean is looking for someone to take this over for next year.

Big Band Bash: Karen Kelleher has run this event for the past 4 years. Jane Molone has volunteered to assist. It is a huge job ~ thank-you, Jane! 4th grade info is sent home about the BBB in backpacks, while middle school and high school info will be sent home through emails. All forms are on the web site should anyone need them for advertising, etc. Many volunteers will be needed on the 3 nights of the BBB. Pat Schnee has been selling the flowers for the past 8 years. Looking for assistance here.

Old Business: Since 1988, the group has been looking for a locking file cabinet. Mr. Deeb asked that he be allowed to buy one! All members agreed.

New Business: The band trailer is 5 years old, and has been through a lot. The band is now twice the size, and the trailer has outlived its usefulness. One of two things should be done:

1. Buy a new trailer, possibly something drivable, or
2. Revamp this trailer. Currently needs a 3/4-ton pick-up to tow it. Mr. Deeb is in the process of researching this.

Band Calendar: A 3 year calendar will be coming out soon, so all rehearsals, concerts, etc., will be know with plenty of time for future planning.

Public Relations: Janis Woodward will be the public relations person, to contact newspapers with press releases. She will also contact the HS office with latest band reports.

New England Music Festival: March, 2010 A great festival! Auditions will be in December, 2009, in Glastonbury. (More info. On this later.) The event runs from Thurs. night to Sat. Many volunteers will be needed, while 2 main people are needed as organizers:

1. Sales - food and novelties - Someone is needed to organize the ordering, set up

selling times, etc.

2. Housing - 450+ students - Someone is needed to organize where students will be staying. Currently the following towns are available: Burlington, Harwinton, Torrington, Litchfield, Region 7.

Organization of forms needed, dealing with concerns, allergies, etc. 2+ students will stay in each house.

Mills has everything that is needed to run this event successfully!

Kathy Wesolowski will chair the housing committee.

\$6,000. - \$10,000. profit has been made in previous years, and this will be a feather in L.Mills band cap!

The Superintendent is very supportive of the scheduling with the festival events, as has the Mills staff.

Pictures: All bands will be taken soon. Mr. Deeb will be sending an email about this.

Thank-you to all parents who participated in tonight's meeting. All other band parents are welcome to come!

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Martinelli

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 13, 2009

2008-09 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, November 4, 2009
Tuesday, January 13, 2009
Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Tuesday, March 10, 2009
Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Tuesday, June 2, 2009



Friends of the **Lewis S. Mills Band**
Tuesday, January 13, 2009
LSM Faculty Dining Room/7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Tina Magill, Kathy Wesolowski, Tina Hasapis, Karen Kelleher, Jean Bernier, Jonathan Bruzas, Pat Schnee, Cheryl Martinelli

Call to Order: Mr. Deeb asked that an email reminder be sent out 1 week before the meetings to remind parents of the date and time. Secretary will do this. By the next meeting (Feb.) everyone will be able to see the minutes from other meetings, and the agenda for the upcoming meeting in order to add or delete changes, on the web site.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were passed out for all to read, and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie was at a swim meet, but finances were reported to Mr. Deeb. All money is now in one account, about \$16,000, currently. Some of this money is Mr. Cramer's bands' money. All figures will be noted by the next meeting.

Band Director's Report: The calendar is all set for the next 3 years, and approved by BOE. All of this information will be on the web site soon. Concerts on the calendar will be set soon, and hopefully up by March 1st. Percussion with Jarred Cattet will begin on Wed., Jan. 28th, 2-3:30. Winter concert for Symphonic, Wind Ensemble and C. Choir is set for Feb. 5th. The concert will last approx. 1 1/2 hours. If snow, then will "punt" to find another date.

Poinsettia Sale was successful again this year: sold 515 plants, with a profit of \$2,317.50. Only about 30+ students sold this year, down from last year.

Big Band Bash: *Karen and Mr. Deeb get 10 gold stars for the early start!* Karen reported that letters went out last week, and 2 businesses have already responded. High school emails also went out already. Students should be reminded to do the Patron Booster sign ups in order to help with trip \$. Middle school info. should be going out this week, 5th and 6th grade info. will go home by Friday, and unsure about 4th grade info. at this time. Marie Simnard said to sign her up for whatever in order to help. All H.S. photos have been taken and middle school photos should be finished, too. Unsure about the elem. right now. March 1st is the deadline. Tickets will remain \$5. for the BBB.

New England Music Festival: March 18 - 20, 2010

Thurs. 3/18, approx. 500 kids from all over New England will arrive at the LSM gym with luggage. To auditorium for introductions, then to rehearsals held throughout Mills and Har-Bur. Dinner break is at Mills, provided by a food service, then back to rehearsals. At 9:00, host families will collect their musicians - this will be chaotic, but it always works! Directors will stay at the Farmington Marriot.

Fri. 3/19, rehearsals all day, lunch and dinner at Mills, to homes at 9:00.

Sat. 3/20, rehearsals, concerts at 2:00 and 4:00 (chorus and orchestra will perform at one concert, and the band will perform at the other concert). All of this will take place at Mills.

95% of the musicians will leave after the 4:00 concert. A handful will still need to stay the extra night due to extensive travel in order to get home.

Right now, the most important things are:

1. Get the information out.
2. Kathy will be organizing the housing (2 or more students together). If our region will come up with 1/2 of the housing, and the other towns come up with the other 1/2, this will work out great!

Chairs still needed: tickets, t-shirts, cd's, food concessions.

Tickets will be sold in advance. Papers will be sent out (?) concerning all sale items (tickets, shirts, CD's, etc.)

Only bills that we will have would be police, food, but most of the money will go to the LSM Band from this event.

It is hoped that Mr. Cramer will be the equipment chair!

It was discussed to possibly sell pizza slices on the first night. Mr. Deeb will send an email out concerning all of this.

1. Housing
2. Chairs (people to head each job)
3. Keep things moving
4. After Jan. 1st, 2010, everything moves ahead!

Auditions are in Dec., with musicians finding out if they make it in Jan.

There is a Dean of Women and a Dean of Men in order to aid any students who may have housing issues, illness, etc.

New Business: Mr. Deeb mentioned a new fund raising idea - magazine sales booklet. As discussion continued, this idea will be filed until (possibly) another year. Tina suggested an idea from Beth Neidman, involving Cold Stone Ice Cream. Tina and Mr. Deeb will discuss this further with Beth.

Tina also suggested a Jazz Night at Fair View Farms, with % of sales that night going to the band. Mr. Deeb mentioned that 1. This is a lot of time for the Jazz Band to play, so possibly other groups could also play. 2. Selling liquor at the Fair View would probably be a problem with the HS kids there playing. This would need to be checked on.

Janice Woodward has all info. for public relations now, and will get started.

Middle School Regionals will be during the first week end of March. HS band students are needed to sell candy, etc. We need an adult on all shifts of this. Volunteers are accepted now!

Thank-you to all parents who participated in tonight's meeting. All other band parents are welcome to come!

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Martinelli

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2009

2008-09 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, November 4, 2009
Tuesday, January 13, 2009
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Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Friends of the Lewis S. Mills Band

Tuesday, February 10, 2009
LSM Faculty Dining Room / 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Eileen DiNicola, Janis Woodward, Tina Hasapis, Marie Simard, Karen Kelleher, Beth & Marty Lowrey, Cheryl Martinelli

Call to order: Once all of the attendees were able to get into the building, due to all doors being locked, it was suggested that we contact Mr. Dave Fortin in order to ask for our committee members to be let in on the evenings of basketball games.

Minutes from the meetings will be on line for anyone to view.

Mr. Deeb said the BOE has adopted the calendar for the next 3 years, which means the schedules for all band camps are now set for the next 3 years. This information can be found on the Reg. 10 website under the Marching Band pages.

Percussion group began 2/4/09 and went well. 6+ students was a great beginning!

2009-2010 Band Registration: The process has begun. Mr. Deeb will be auditioning middle school and high school students soon. Mr. Cramer has shared a concern that some at the middle school are not planning on continuing with band. Mr. Deeb will be going in to talk with the middle school bands. Numbers for the 4th - 12th grades right now are high, with approx. 748 members in total.

High school band members don't have the time at the end of the day to get their instruments - buses won't wait. Mr. Deeb will try to look into this, but is unsure how to assist here.

2010 Spring Music Trip: The trip request was presented to the BOE. They will decide by March 9th, following any further questions for Mr. Deeb about the trip.

Trip is scheduled for April 11-18, 2010, to Disney. Bands and choirs

will be traveling by motor coach bus, staying at the Fairfield Inn in Orlando. Details for the trip will be available at a later date. Mr. Deeb shared that all trips in the past have gone well, and are well organized!

Big Band Bash: Karen has received only 24 ads to date, but is hoping for many more during the next few weeks. Ads are due March 1st, Boosters are due Feb. 23rd. **All band members, 8th grade - 12th grade should be out working on getting those boosters and patrons!**

Photos and rosters will be in for the middle school soon.

High school photos and rosters are done. Elementary photos and rosters will be done by March 1st. Karen is all set, just waiting for ads, boosters, rosters and photos. All info. for the BBB has gone home.

File updating went home with the 5th and 6th graders in backpacks.

“Snail mailings” will not be done. Many still need to update their info.

~ *SAVE SOME TREES!* ☺

Karen passed out volunteer pages for the BBB evenings. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist during the Big Band Bash, please contact Karen to let her know (kjkelleher@charter.net).

Public Relations: For PR releases, school wants all info. to go out through the school. Friends of the LSM Band meetings and group info. will go out through Janis.

All-State: Five students made it to All-State ~ congratulations! This is a tremendous accomplishment. They will be going to All-State during the first weekend in April.

New England Music Festival: March, 2010 Need people to chair committees:

Housing - Kathy Wesolowski

CD's, T-Shirts - Marie Simard

Tickets - Janis Woodward & Eileen DiNicola

Snack Concession - Cheryl Martinelli

Any and all other parents who would like to assist are welcome and should contact Mr. Deeb (deebj@region10ct.org).

No company to do the CD's so we can do this, including labeling, mailing, etc. and keep proceeds.

- Tickets should be sold up front (with will calls).
- Housing will be the biggest job, and Kathy is ready to do this! Others willing to assist are welcome.
- January will be when most of the work and organization runs.
- Someone will need to be *In Charge of Musicians' Stuff*. This will include packets/bags of info., a water bottle, stickers for cases, etc. for the kids.
- We are currently ahead of schedule with planning and this is great! Hopefully, other band parents will be volunteering soon to assist with the different committees so the festival runs smoothly.
- After stickers were mentioned, Mr. Deeb stated he will look into getting case stickers for the band trips, also.

As always, parents are welcome to join in the fun for the future Friends of the LSM Band meetings!

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the faculty dining room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martinelli



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MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Tina Hasapis, Karen Kelleher, Leslie Cote, Kathy Thesolowski, Marie Simard, Jean Bernier, Ellen Benson, Janis Woodward, Cheryl Martinelli

Minutes: Minutes are on line for everyone to read. Next year, Mr. Deeb will not be handing out paper minutes, saving a tree!

Treasurer's Report: (by Leslie Cote)

Current balance = \$12,420.

\$9,300. + is from students' fund raising efforts.

Balance for the band is \$3,000.

Mr. Cramer also has funds in this account.

Call To Order: More volunteers are needed for the Big Band Bash evenings. Parents should contact Karen Kelleher, kjkelleher@charter.net, to help out.

Only a few Booster and Patron sales for the BBB calendar came in. Students were reminded often - next year this needs to be worked on.

Food items were sold at the MS Regionals over the Feb. 28 weekend., and this went well. Figures for this will be available later.

90% of the 8th grade wind ensemble auditions are completed. It is a small class, only about 60 students, but includes some talented kids. Mr. Deeb will be finishing this up soon.

110 band students are currently in 7th grade, and 175 4th graders this year!

The high school students interested in auditioning for Wind Ensemble will be held at the end of this week (March 13th).

The BOE approved the 2010 band trip to Disney. Hotel space is reserved, with financial commitments coming in the fall. A ballpark figure is \$925 - \$975 per student. This figure would be all-encompassing. The is a Sunday to Sunday trip.

Chaperones for the trip will get info. during band camp in Aug. The cost for the chaperones is about the same or a little higher than the students' cost.

Info. about the trip will be coming out after the Big Band Bash.

Mr. Deeb will be applying to Disney for dates, etc., after the Choral Festival, 2nd week of May. He is currently in the process of getting all of the paperwork done now.

The band trailer is in need of desperate help. Mr. Deeb is currently looking for someone to drive during next year.

1. Either this person will have a ¾ ton pick-up truck and will drive the old trailer*, or
2. we will somehow get a new trailer or box truck.

*The current trailer needs an over-haul.

The trailer will be used for fall parades, Florida trip, and Memorial parades. The school insures it and pays for the tires, maintenance, etc. If anyone is interested in helping out with this job, please contact John Deeb at deebj@region1oct.org.

Big Band Bash: Karen is ready to send in the tickets. She received more ads, and we are in good shape. Still in need of volunteers for the evenings of the Bash!

By April 1st, Mr. Deeb will have all notices sent out to all faculty about BBB info. The Wed. night before the Bash is set up time.

The BBB will be videotaped this year. If anyone wants to purchase this, it will be available on CD. (grandparents who live out of town, parents unable to attend, etc.)

*There is a freshman class outing scheduled on May 9th ~ same day as one of the BBB performances. Mr. Deeb will look into this with his current freshman.

New England Festival: Jean Bernier volunteered to be the Hospitality Chair for this event. Specific rooms will be set up for music teachers, etc. Tote bags, with the logo, for the musicians and tote bags for the music teachers will be created. Leslie Cote will chair this effort. These bags will include trinkets for the Festival, (stickers for cases, water bottles (ex.), etc. for the musicians, and lists of area restaurants, attractions, etc. will be for the teachers). Name tags will be necessary for all bags. Approximate cost for each student once they make the festival is \$85.00. This covers all fees. 450+ students will be attending.

Mr. Deeb will continue to find out the exact numbers and \$ for everything needed. The Festival will get 60% and Mills will get 40%, clear profit.

Housing will be the biggest task ahead. 2+ students will need to be put into each volunteer home. Only 2 nights will need to be covered, however, not a third night as was earlier discussed. The preparations for this event are huge...but it will be a GREAT experience for the students, and profitable from the Mills band.

Jazz Concert: Grades 5-12, Jazz Band musicians will be playing on Sat. night, March 28th, at 7:30 p.m. This is always a wonderful evening of music!

As always, all parents are welcome to join in the fun of the Friends of the Lewis S. Mills Band meetings!

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the Mills faculty dining room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martinelli

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2009

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Attendance: John Deeb, Tina Magill, Kathy Wesolowski, Leslie Cote, Jean Bernier, Marie Simard, Karen Kelleher, Pat Schnee, Janis Woodward, Eileen DiNicola, Cheryl Martinelli

Minutes: Minutes are on line for everyone to read. Next year, Mr. Deeb will not be handing our paper minutes, saving a tree!

Treasurer's Report: (by Leslie Cote)

Current balance = \$16,400 in account

\$7,000 is Mr. Cramer's, \$9,400 is the kids', 0 left....the Bash is coming up.

Call To Order: 2009-2010 Spartan Band – All Har-Bur and Mills auditions are complete. Letters will be going home soon for the next year.

We are still looking for someone to tow the HS band trailer. **Please email Mr. Deeb if you are interested.** Looking for someone to do the local activities for now. Talk about the Florida trip can be later.

There will be a parent meeting before the Florida trip. This usually takes place in mid-September, however it will probably take place during the Wednesday evening of Band Camp in August. This would also be helpful before the mum sale – hopefully more students will sell mums, thus increasing their personal trip money collection!

Payment plans for this trip may be worked out for the trip – those interested just need to contact Mr. Deeb about this. (Selling mums helps!) All forms for the 2010 Spring Music Trip will be on line for students to print and fill out.

BBB is coming up ~ Karen is all set, the calendar is all set. If other volunteers could help out, that would be helpful. Volunteers should be at the school at 6:30 p.m.

Only the doors near the auditorium will be open. People traffic will move much smoother this way. Tickets are on sale from the directors. **A HUGE thank-you to Karen Kelleher for all of her years of organizing and hard work with the Big Band Bash!!** Jane Malone will be taking over the responsibilities for the BBB.

Jazz Band Concert feedback: 1. Great concert! 2. Need a printed program. 3. Too long. (Low numbers in audience.)

New England Music Festival:

Committee chairs are all set. Work will begin in a few months. Mr. Deeb has the festival packet to get things started. All is right on track for now!

Mr. Deeb will be going to all of the Reg. 10 schools' faculty meetings to discuss housing.
(Thurs. & Fri. nights)

On the web site, in the Region 10 newsletter, and in other schools' newsletters there will be info. and advertising about needing help with housing for this event.

Thursday, beginning at 2:00, activities will begin.

Our group discussed the parking situation. We're not sure that there will be enough spaces. Mr. Deeb said that he will work on this.

Kathy W. will be working on a form for the initial housing volunteers.

As always, all parents are welcome to join in the fun of the Friends of the Lewis S. Mills band meetings!

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lewis Mills faculty dining room. This will be our last meeting for this school year.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martinelli

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 2009

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Friends of the Lewis S. Mills Band
Tuesday, June 2, 2009
LSM Faculty Dining Room/7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Karen Kelleher*, Jane Molon, Pat Schnee*, Linda Leonard, Bruce Temkin, Leslie Cote, Kathy Wesolowski, Marie Simard, Jean Bernier, Janis Woodward, Cheryl Martinelli

*A huge thank-you to those in attendance for their last Friends meeting!

Minutes: Minutes are on line for everyone to read. Next year, Mr. Deeb will not be handing out paper minutes, saving a tree!

Treasurer's Report: (Leslie Cote)
Big Band Bash pulled in just under \$15,000.
Profit after expenses is \$11,920.

Band Director's Report: (Mr. Deeb)
Dates are set for next year's Friends of Lewis S. Mills Band meetings:
(Tuesday's, 7:00 p.m., in the LSM Faculty Dining Room)
10/13/09
11/17/09
1/12/10
2/9/10
3/9/10
4/27/10
6/1/10

There will be Jazz Band rehearsal on June 22nd for graduation, then Jazz Band will play at graduation that night. Mr. Deeb will get that info. out.

'09 - '10 Spartan Band numbers for next year are still being worked on.
Band Camp dates are all set for the next three years, and are on the web site.

One "snail mail" will go home regarding band passwords, etc., soon. After this, only a post card will be sent as a reminder.

Band Trailer: Mr. Deeb did insurance checking on this issue. There is too much expense here, so the existing trailer will be gutted and fixed up to be used for the local band trips. A truck will be rented for the Florida trip.

BBB - Nice job again this year, Karen! Karen Kelleher has organized this event for the past 4 years. Jane Molon will now take on this task.

Mr. Deeb received a very nice letter from Superintendent Beitman, and shared this with the group.

Jared Cattey's Percussion Ensemble was excellent! This group will hopefully continue.

Pat Schnee has done the carnations for the past 8 years ~ thanks, Pat! Linda Donahue will now be doing this for the BBB. The Harwinton Florist donates the flowers, if all of the info. is to them at least 2 months early.

Next year's BBB is scheduled for May 6th, 7th and 8th, 2010. (Save the dates!)

New England Music Festival: Chair people for this event will be meeting immediately after this meeting.

Poinsettia Sale: Run by Jean Bernier and Tina Magill.

Mum Sale: Run by Marie Simard and Linda Leonard.

Band Camp 'small stuff' will be taken care of during the summer.

It was a great year for the LSM Band! Every competition was won, and all musicians were accounted for at the end of each trip.

Congratulations to all LSM Band members for a successful 2008-2009 year! Enjoy your summer, practice your marching band music, and we'll see you at band camp in August!

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martinelli