



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

MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Marie Simard, Jean Bernier, Jane Molon, Leslie Cote, Linda Leonard, Bruce Temkin, Kathy Wesolowski, Janis Woodward

Call to Order: Mr. Deeb called the meeting to order. As Cheryl Martinelli was absent, Bruce Temkin volunteered to take minutes for the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Cheryl Martinelli was absent, so Mr. Deeb generally discussed minutes and meeting dates.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Cote reported that the Friends of the Lewis Mills Band account currently has \$21,400 in the checkbook. Approximately \$15,000 plus is student funds and \$1,500 is for the New England Music Festival, leaving available funds of \$4,700.

Mum Sale Wrap-Up: Marie Simard indicated that 1,443 mums were sold with a student profit of \$5,844 and a profit for "FLSMB" of \$748.71. Marie acknowledged the help of Linda Leonard and everyone else who volunteered to help in distributing the mums. This is Marie's last year doing mums; she handed over the reins for next year to Linda Leonard. Great job Marie! She also indicated that next year the tennis courts will not be available and that a new location for distributing the mums is needed.

Poinsettia Sale Report: Jean Bernier reported that December 4th is the pick up date and the 5th is the snow date.

Big Band Bash Report: Jane Molon reported that everything is quiet so far. But she is ready to go. There was a general discussion of finances for the event, including making and selling a DVD.

Band Director's Report: Mr. Deeb reviewed the Fall Marching Season: a wet one. The Marching Band marched only on Tavern Day and in North Adams. The band sounded great. He reviewed problems that included substantial and frequent problems with attendance from evening practices and concerns about funding in the future in light of budget cuts. He indicated that the Band should have practice dates set aside without conflicts and the need to get parents and students to commit to students attending all practices. He also discussed the possibility of credit for students participating in marching band.

He reviewed the concert schedule for all concerts through to the Big Band Bash next year. The Winter Concert on February 4th will include a reception. Jean Bernier volunteered to be in charge of the receptions for both the Holiday and Winter Concerts.

The Middle School Regional Festival at Mills is two weeks before the New England Music Festival. We sell candy as a fundraiser.

New England Music Festival: Things are on track. Mr. Deeb discussed making a shirt and also a CD. Janis discussed ticket sales. There is a 3/1 cutoff date for advanced sales. The NEMF Executive Board came to Mills on September 12th and loved the facilities. There will be no school on Friday of that week, and Mr. Deeb is working on an early dismissal for Thursday. There will be a teachers' reception on Friday night probably at Apricots. Teachers will be staying at the Marriott; Mr. Deeb was able to get a very good rate. Kathy reporting on housing: there are about 30 hosts so far and a lot of enthusiasm—but we need many more hosts. The LSM website will have a ticker to attract interest, and area churches have been and will be contacted.

Old Business: Mr. Deeb discussed the Florida trip, which is a go. The choir will not be going.

New Business: A 2011-12 calendar will be coming out soon, so all rehearsals, concerts, etc. will be known with plenty of time for future planning. There was a discussion about fund raising ideas. Mr. Deeb asked everyone to think of ideas for fundraisers (hopefully out of the ordinary).

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the LSM Faculty Dining Room. Everyone is welcome. The NEMFA Committee will meet that evening as well at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Deeb ended the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Temkin

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 17, 2009 (6:30 p.m.)

2009-10 Meeting Schedule

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Tuesday, November 17, 2009
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MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Jane Molon, Leslie Cote, Kathy Wesolowski, Marie Simard, Jean Bernier, Janis Woodward, Tina Magill, Ellen Benson, Phil Benson, Beth Lowrey, Marty Lowery, Cheryl Martinelli

Call to Order: John Deeb called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. . As Cheryl Martinelli was late, Marie Simard volunteered to take minutes for the first part of the meeting.

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: None

Poinsettia Sale Report: Jean Bernier reviewed the December 4th pick up procedure. John will get student volunteers to help on pick-up day. She seems to be set for adult help. A spreadsheet report on the profits will be given to John and Leslie Cote as soon as Jean completes it.

Big Band Bash Report: 5th & 6th grade letters to go home in backpacks, 7th & 8th grade letters to go home through postal mail, high school letters to go home through email. Expenses for the BBB have increased: police (2 per night) security, buses for the 4th graders for school day rehearsal; \$1,000. extra. Group decided to raise ticket prices for the BBB to \$6. (Ticket price has been \$5.00 for more than 8 years now.) The BBB is the only fundraiser for the LSM Band.

*Mum and poinsettia sales are for the students' trips.

In Jan. or Feb., Jane will begin getting everything in line for the BBB.

Flowers to be sold this year was in question. Is this worth it? Jane will look into the cost, if any, for the flowers, as well as where to get them. (100 flowers/night)

Band Director's Report:

Concert Receptions - All set. Both bands will be present at both concerts.

During the Wind Ensemble concert, the Symphonic band members will usher and help out with the refreshment table. John will get 6 student volunteers for each. During the Symphonic concert, the Wind Ensemble members will usher and help out with the refreshment table.

- Dec. 11th - Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 4th - Symphonic Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- Jazz Concert - March 27th, 7:00 p.m.

Middle School Regional Festival - March 5th-6th, 2010 Cheryl Martinelli will also do the concessions for this event. Middle school parents, as well as high school band members, will be needed to cover 4 hour shifts during the wonderful

event. Shifts would include times during: Fri.: 3 p.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. : 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Please contact Cheryl if you would like to help out, 860-485-0567, or email at jmartinelli0567@charter.net .

Spring Band Trip to Florida - Mr. Deeb is handling all schedules. Mr. Deeb took out trip insurance for all of the students going should any unforeseen incident cancel the trip. A full itinerary should be available at the next FLSMB meeting (Jan. 12th, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.).

New England Music Festival - March 18th - 20th, 2010

Housing is still the #1 concern. Currently, we are at approx. 25% for housing 500 students. Mr. Deeb has contacted ALL Reg. 10 staff, and will be sending home info. with ALL Reg. 10 students. The Burlington Academy will also be letting students and parents know about this event and the needs for housing musicians. Mr. Deeb has contacted Reg. 7, Litchfield, Torrington, and will be contacting Reg. 6. LSM Band families who have not either signed up to house musicians, or contacted Mr. Deeb to let him know that they are unable to house, will be called by FLSMB volunteers.

***If you are able to house 2 or more musicians for this tremendous musical event, please contact Kathy Wesolowski at nemfahousing@region10ct.org ***

Old Business: The 2010 - 2011 FLSMB committee chairs are all set, however we are ALWAYS looking for input and assistance!

- Linda Leonard – Mum Sale
- Tina Magill – Poinsettias

Any and all are welcome to join us at any of the meetings!

New Business: None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. in the LSM Faculty Dining Room. Everyone is welcome. (The NEMFA Committee will meet that evening as well at 7:45 p.m.)

Mr. Deeb ended the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martinelli

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 12, 2010 (6:45 p.m.)

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Tuesday, January 12, 2010
LSM Faculty Dining Room/6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Jane Molon, Leslie Cote, Kathy Wesolowski, Marie Simard, Jean Bernier, Janis Woodward, Ellen Benson, Beth Lowrey, Marty Lowery, Cindy Berardinelli, Lisa Butler, Cheryl Martinelli

All minutes are on line now, along with the agenda for future meetings.

Treasurer's Report (Leslie Cote): Balance is now a little more than \$24,000, with \$600. - Mr. Cramer's money, \$18,000 in student funds, \$4,000 available funds.

Poinsettia Sales (Jean Bernier): Only 45 students sold plants, 637 plants sold. \$2,866.50 was made for the student's accounts. Parents commented on how beautiful the plants were, again this year!
Tina Magill is taking over the poinsettia sales for next year.

Big Band Bash (Jane Molon): Ad letters are out, and we are awaiting ads and checks to begin coming in. Patrons and Boosters page will be used again.
Students need to take advantage of this! Reminder, that the ticket price was raised to \$6.00.
Pictures, etc. will be forwarded to Jane by March 1st. Printer is Rick Goulet.

LSM Winter Concert: Thurs., Feb. 4th, Winter Concert will showcase the Jazz Band and the Symphonic Band. Jean Bernier and Tina Magill are working on refreshments for this concert.

Middle School Regional Festival: 1st weekend in March. Cheryl Martinelli is handling concessions. John will get student volunteers to work.

Florida Trip: Thurs., April 15th, the band will be marching in Disney's Magic Kingdom! The trip schedule is coming together and Mr. Deeb should have it finalized soon.

Fundraiser: An added fundraiser may come about in the next couple of weeks. Students will receive a booklet to simply write down names and addresses for a magazine ordering company, similar to what Girl Scouts have done in the past. Mr. Deeb will know more soon.

New England Music Festival: Everything is on track and moving. We still have a need for housing, so continue asking neighbors and friends!

Donation: A \$75.00 donation was made to Bronc Callahan in memory and honor of Beverly Fortin.

Meeting was adjourned by 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martinelli

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 9, 2010 (6:30 p.m.)

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Friends of the Lewis S. Mills Band
Tuesday, February 9, 2010
LSM Faculty Dining Room/6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Cheryl Gnitzcavich, Jane Molon, Jean Bernier, Lelie Cote, Janis Woodward, Kathy Wesolowski, Marty Lowrey, Tina Magill, Marie Simard

Treasurer's Report: (Leslie Cote) We have approximately \$4400.00 available cash in the checkbook. John Deeb will let Leslie know when she needs to write the check to Sububan Travel for the balance due from students' accounts.

Magazine Fundraiser: (John Deeb) This is a new fundraiser that went home with the high school students today (Feb. 9th) and is due back on Thurs. Feb 11th. Students simply fill in names of people they think might order magazines and the fundraising company will do the rest of the work, mailing out the order forms. We will get a percentage of any magazines ordered through this mailing.

Big Band Bash: (Jane Molon) We have 14 ads so far and ads are due on March 1st. Last year we had 63 ads placed. Jane will call people from last year who have not responded one week before the due date.

Linda Donahue will do the flower sale this year. Photos are almost set for the program with Jazz band to be photographed Feb. 17th.

The buses are booked for May 6th rehearsal for the elementary schools.

John is working with Marie Ruscitti for a possible videotape fundraiser.

Band Director's Report: (John Deeb) Florida trip is coming together nicely. We are waiting on a few medical forms.

There may be an additional charge of approximately \$31.00 per student depending on the number of buses we need. Right now we have too many students for 2 buses and not enough to fill 3 buses

The 2010-2011 schedule for Band Camp and Marching band has been updated! The Winter Concert for Symphonic Band and Jazz Band has been rescheduled to Thurs. Feb 25th, Jean Bernier will do refreshments with Tina Magill.

The Middle School Regional Festival is scheduled for early March, Cheryl Martinelli will be handling concessions for that weekend.

New England Music Festival: (John Deeb) The festival is taking shape and a meeting of Chairs of all committees will follow this meeting.

Registration with medical forms are coming in and they are being separated by ensemble and sex, a spreadsheet should be ready by the weekend.

Leslie Cote has put together a list of restaurants for the Band directors and it is on the Web.

Kathy Wesolowski reports that we have housing for all students!

Meeting was adjourned by 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Simard

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2010 (6:30 p.m.)

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Tuesday, March 9, 2010
LSM Faculty Dining Room/6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Jane Molon, Kathy Wesolowski, Marie Simard, Jean Bernier, Janis Woodward, Beth Lowrey, Marty Lowery, Cheryl Gnitzcavich, Tina Magill, Cheryl Martinelli

All minutes are on line now, along with the agenda for future meetings.

Marie Simard ~ thank-you for doing the minutes from the Feb. meeting!

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Cote is away, so no report tonight.

Big Band Bash: Jane is working hard on this - only ½ of the ads have come in so far. Mr. Deeb has some, and others have said they were coming in.

27 businesses have put ads in, which is close to last year's number.

Only 12 families have ads this year, whereas last year there were around 30.

A DVD of the BBB, one for each performance, will be worked on for purchase. A form will be sent out, or a form can be filled out at the BBB, along with check or cash payment.

Magazine Fundraiser: Only 35 students participated in the magazine forms. Will see what the results are from this, and decide later if it was worth doing. If we do this next year, Mr. Deeb may do an incentive-type program.

Winter Concert: Disappointingly cancelled due to weather issues.

Middle School Regional Festival: Went very well.
Kudos to Mr. Crameri and all those involved!

H.S. Band Trip to Florida: Schedule continues to be worked on for last minutes details, but everything is ready to go.

Due to lower numbers of students going a surcharge of \$31. per student will need to be charged.

(This was told to parents from the beginning that this may need to occur.)

All equipment and instruments will be on the busses, and the band trailer will not need to go.

2010 - 2011 Budget Update: Reconfiguring is happening, but the music programs are fine. If anything should change, updates will be provided.

Friends of LSM Band Executive Director Needed: We are looking for a parent volunteer to be the Executive Director of our parents' group. Attending meetings, once each month, and communicating information with Mr. Deeb and the members is needed. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Mr. John Deeb at deebj@region10ct.org .

New England Music Festival: All plans are moving right along. Well done, Kathy Wesolowski for ALL of the housing work, issues, etc.. The entire group has been working tirelessly on planning, details, trouble-shooting, etc, to make sure this wonderful event goes smoothly.

Meeting was adjourned by 7:30.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 27th, 2010, in the LSM Faculty Dining Room, at 7:00. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend!

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martinelli

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 27, 2010

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Tuesday, April 27, 2010
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MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Jane Molon, Kathy Wesolowski, Marie Simard, Janis Woodward, Beth Lowrey, Marty Lowery, Cheryl Gnitzcavich, Tina Magill, Linda Leonard, Bruce Temkin, Leslie Cote, Cheryl Martinelli

Call to Order: John Deeb called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. .

Secretary's Report: All minutes are on line now, along with the agenda for future meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Cote reported on the finances for the New England Music Festival, March 18-20, 2010:

Receipts from tickets, t-shirts, CD's and concessions = \$20,618.39.

Expenses:

T-shirts	\$1,312.50
Goody Bags	\$2,121.28
Food	\$9,092.47
Performers	\$750.00
Programs	\$945.00
Pay Pal Fees	\$209.86
Miscellaneous	\$105.33

Total Expenses \$14,536.44

Net Profit \$6,081.95

Currently, \$3,977.64 is still in the Pay Pal account.

Big Band Bash Report: Jane Molon says that ad sales are down this year. 3665 last year, and this year only 2435 ad spaces were sold.

Thursday tickets are selling quickly.

Could still use several volunteers for Friday and Sat. night performances.

Doors will be open at 6:30 p.m.

Jane suggested using the front entrance (office entrance like has been done in past years). Everything will be set up in the hallway.

Added the DVD component this year. More things to do, but all is moving forward. (Marie Simard is in charge of the DVD sales.)

Tuesday & Wednesday nights, the choral festival, while Wednesday night is the Health Fair. Set up for the BBB will begin at 7:30.

NEMFA Wrap-Up: The festival was a huge success!!

People are still coming up to Mr. Deeb commenting on how great the event was, and how great the kids were.

Kathy did an absolutely tremendous job with the housing - well done!

Everyone who volunteered or helped in any way, is to be commended ~ THANK-YOU!

Band Director's Report:

Disney Trip: It was a wonderful trip! There were a few little events, but all went well.

At the Adjudication, the band played very well! Mr. Richard Ellis, from the Univ. of South Central Florida was impressed, and worked 3+ hours with the band. The marching through the Magic Kingdom was "magical!" Disney always does a great job announcing as the band moves down the road, and the band sounded fantastic! (What else would we expect?!)

Congratulations to all musicians, and a huge THANK-YOU to the chaperones. The chaperone meeting is scheduled for next week to discuss any issues.

Memorial Day Parade Schedule: Directions and times have been emailed out. (To review)

Sat., 5/29, 10:00 in Burlington
Mon., 5/31, 10:00 in Thomaston
Mon., 5/31, 2:00 in Harwinton

Students are required to be at each parade in uniform and lined up 30 minutes before the step-off time.

There is one mandatory practice for all marching band and color guard members to prepare for these parades. It is scheduled for Tues., 5/25, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Uniform collection procedure may change. Mr. Deeb will talk with Mrs. Neidmann about this and let everyone know before the end of the school year, what they decide.

May 15th: The LSM Band has been asked to play at the Harwinton Field Grand Opening. Mr. Deeb is currently looking for students to volunteer. This event is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. (?) and should only last for about 2 hours.

E-mail Glitches: Mr. Deeb is having some issues with the current emailing. He is looking into "Constant Contact" for sending and receiving emails. More info concerning this will be shared later.

He is also looking into text messaging, for texts being sent right to kids' cell phone (reminders), and only 3-6 texts a year. Again, more info will be shared as Mr. Deeb finds out more.

Summer Band Camp: All info. is on the web site.
Kathy Wesolowski and Jane Molon will organize and plan the summer band picnic, 8/20/10. (This was canceled due to rain last year.)

Mum and Poinsettia Sales : Updated info. concerning each sale will be addressed by Linda Leonard and Tina McGill. This new info will be shared on the web site when it is ready, so people can get out there and sell the plants!

2010 - 2011 FLSM Band Meeting Dates: These dates will be scheduled soon and put onto the web site. There will be no meetings in Sept. or Dec.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the LSM Faculty Dining Room. All are welcome.

Mr. Deeb ended the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martinelli

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 11, 2010

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MINUTES

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Call to Order: John Deeb called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. . As Cheryl Martinelli was late, Marie Simard volunteered to take minutes for the first part of the meeting.

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Cote was absent (her son was in the State VB Tournament!), but Mr. Deeb gave the Treasurer's report: \$17,000 + is currently in the account. About \$2,000 is Mr. Cramer's, and there are still various bills to pay.

Mum Sale 2010: (Linda Leonard) Mums will be the same prices as last year.

Poinsettia Sale Report: (Tina Magill) This information will arrive soon.

Big Band Bash Report: Jane Molon did a tremendous job! Everything was very organized, and the entrance through the side doors was smooth. Thursday needed more people because it was sold out. There were less ads this year. All flyers needed to go home through the elementary schools. Mr. Deeb will work with conductors on this for next year. CD sales were 60+. They will be ready soon. Well done, Marie! For next year's calendar, add the Friends of LSM Band meeting dates to the calendar.

Band Director's Report:

Mr. Deeb feels this was an outstanding year!

"NE Music Festival was tremendous!

Band trip was a great experience!

Fall parades were very successful!

Spring parades were very well done, beautiful weather, and great music to march to!

Concerts were great!

The Jazz Band was terrific at the fundraising event!

Constant activity and a very productive year!

So many people stepped up to help out.

Dave Fortin was tremendously supportive!"

Band Officers for 2010 - 2011 :

President: Laura Berardinelli
V.P. Wind Ensemble: Shanil Desai
Secretary Wind Ensemble: Megan Osanitch
V.P. Symphonic Band: Brett Deccy
Secretary Symphonic Band: Sarah Watts
Color Guard Captain: Katherine Katehis
Riffle & Auxiliary: Tara Plocharczyk
Drum Major: Cameron Dixon

Band Traier : The trailer will be over-hauled during the summer, as will the golf cart.

SMART MUSIC : This is all set in the practice rooms. Grades will be taken this way. (Students will also be able to do this from home. Sign up through the internet, then pay about \$30 - \$50 to use at home. More info about this later.)

Band Camp: Dates are all set!

A full email system will be up and running soon.

On the last day of camp, a band picnic will be organized. Kathy W., Janis W., and Jane M. will take this on.

If band members need new shoes, gloves, etc., for next year, they will soon be able to purchase these items through Pay Pal. More info later.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martinelli

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 12, 2010 (7:00 p.m.)

2010-11 Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, October 12, 2010
Tuesday, November 9, 2010
Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Tuesday, February 8, 2011
Tuesday, March 8, 2011
Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Tuesday, June 7, 2011