



Friends of the Lewis S. Mills Band
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
LSM Faculty Dining Room/7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Kathy Wesolowski, Jamie Nicoletti, Tina Magill, Susan Kellogg, Scott Kellogg, Jodi Dickson, Joanne Reitz. Cheryl Martinelli

Call to Order: Mr. Deeb called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m..

Treasurer's Report: Nothing has really changed here.

Mum Sale Wrap-Up: Only 32 students participated, selling 795 plants. Discussion progressed as to whether this fundraiser is worth the efforts. Fewer students have participated since no letter went home, and everything is on line. For the poinsettia sales, a mailing will go out this year, hopefully raising participation. Linda and Marie worked on this ~ thank-you!
Jamie Nicoletti will be assisting Linda Leonard with the mum sales next year, in order to take it over.

*Prices need to be known by June 1st, and the organization of the pick-up date and time are the main concerns for this project.

Poinsettia Sale Report: Tina Magill is in charge of this project. Students should be selling NOW. Pick-up will be on Fri., 12/3/10, with a snow date of Mon., 12/6/10. Orders will be in the cafeteria.

Big Band Bash Report: Jane Molon is in charge of this event. The dates for this year's BBB are May 5, 6, 7, 2011. The Art Department would like to set up their art show in the lobby of the auditorium during the BBB time. This would give greater exposure to the artwork. Details about entry into the BBB will be worked on in order for the event and the artwork viewing to move smoothly.

Band Director's Report: The Marching Band did very well during this fall season - Congratulations!! There is still work to do - the band sounded good, yet members needed to "step it up" at times in order for things to run smoothly.
The North Adams Fall Festival is on You-Tube. You can see the whole parade.

Mr. Deeb continues to put the Marching Band in to receive $\frac{1}{4}$ of a credit each year. Currently, there are too many issues with this, but it is still in the works. More info to come as it is available.

There have been too many excuses for missing Band Camp and/or marching band

practices. Students need to work on this.

The BBB DVD situation has been evaluated. Coverage was not what was wanted so the DVD was not created. All money is being returned.

For this year's BBB, Mr. Deeb will attempt this again, but go about it differently. More info later.

Mr. Deeb is very proud of the quality of all of the LSM bands right now! Discussion continued on how great they sound, and how hard everyone is working!

Two concerts are coming up - 12/10/10 and 2/3/11. Tina will be working on the receptions.

The Middle School Regional Festival will again take place at Mills. Dates and times to be presented later.

The FLSMB Mission Statement and Bylaws are being worked on with the assistance of Attorney Bruce Temkin. We are also working on attaining non-profit status.

Fundraising thoughts and ideas are being considered. Mr. Deeb will share any info as it becomes available.

Letters are being created in order to send out to area banks in order to obtain donations for the complete painting needed on the band trailer.

Grants are also currently being written for current and future band purchases.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 7:00 pm in the Faculty lounge. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martinelli

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MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Tina Magill, Jodi Dickson, Jane Molon, Janis Woodward, Linda Leonard, Cheryl Martinelli

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

Treasurer's Report: Nothing has changed here.

Mums: Linda Leonard reported that only ½ the numbers of students sold plants this year. The profits made for the students was \$3,180.00.

Next year, the mum sale info. Will be mailed home, as the poinsettia info. was this year.

Linda said that the pick-up procedures in the band parking lot was great - much more efficient!

Poinsettias: Tina Magill reported that orders are due 11/12/10. To date, not many have come in yet. The next few days should bring in quite a few.

Pick-up is Friday, 12/3/10, in the mills cafeteria. Janis Woodward offered to help out with the unloading of plants at 2:00 on pick-up day.

Big Band Bash: Jane Molon reported nothing new right now. Jane did comment on wanting to improve the quality of the calendar a little - parts were a little dark.

The Art Show will hold its opening on Tuesday (the first night of the Choral Festival), and will remain open during the BBB, and through Honors Night. This way, all of these great events will be going on, and bringing many families to Mills in May!

Mr. Deeb is determined to make more money with the ads this year. He will be sending out an email concerning this.

Pictures of the bands will be taken during the 2nd or 3rd week of Dec. Specific dates soon.

Info about patrons will be discussed more thoroughly with the students.

Dec. 10th , 7:30, Wind Ensemble Concert: Symphonic Band will be there to support. Concert reception will be organized by Tina Magill, Janice Woodward, and Jane Molon.

Feb. 3rd, 7:30, Symphonic Band & Jazz Ensemble Concert Wind Ensemble will be there to support. Concert reception will be organized by the same volunteers.

Middle School Music Festival: First weekend in March, Fri. and Sat. Cheryl Martinelli will be responsible for the concessions, and high school band students will help out as needed.

New England Music Festival: This year the festival is in Burlington, VT. (Mr. Deeb is still getting raving reviews and positive comments from conductors about last year's music festival that was here at Lewis Mills!!)

By-laws for the FLSMB: These are being worked on by Attorney Bruce Tempkin, and Mr. Deeb. They are also working on the details for becoming a tax-exempt group. The Friends of the Lewis S. Mills Band group needs to have all of this in place, with executive members supporting the bands and its directors. Currently, the Board will consist of:

Executive Director - John Deeb, Band Director

President - Janis Woodward

Vice-President (BBB) - Jane Molon

Treasurer - Leslie Cote, (Kathy Wesolowski will be in training)

Secretary - Cheryl Martinelli.

2012 High School Band Trip: Many options are currently being worked on here. A number of possible destinations are being looked at, and more information will be given at a later date.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Martinelli

A very happy and safe Thanksgiving to everyone!

**Next meeting : Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 7:00 pm in the faculty lounge.
Everyone is welcome.**

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Attendance: John Deeb, Jane Molon, Susan Kellogg, Bruce Temkin, Kathy Wesolowski

Call to Order: Mr. Deeb called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m..

Progress on By-Laws and Tax Exempt Status: Bruce Temkin reported. He is in the process of completing forms to establish a corporation for the Friends of the LSM Band. That will allow us a tax-exempt status. The process could take a few months before completion.

Secretary's Report: Cheryl Martinelli was absent; no report given.

Poinsettia Sale Wrap-Up: Tina Magill was absent; no report given.

Big Band Bash Report: The letters for ads will be sent home very soon. Susan Kellogg volunteered to help Jane Molon with putting the information on Excel. Jane discussed the possibility of making phone calls with a committee of volunteers a month prior to the BBB to ask for support by purchasing an ad.

Band Director's Report:

- Winter Concert: John Deeb reported that the Winter Concert will be held on Thursday, February 3. It will include the Symphonic Band, Notable Notes, and possibly the Jazz Band. Tina Magill is in charge of refreshments.
- Trailer Chair/Committee: John will make an announcement about the need to renovate the band trailer at the Winter Concert. A committee is needed to raise approximately \$10,000 for its painting, renovations and instrument storage. We have received \$100 from Torrington Savings Bank. Farmington Savings Bank was contacted, but no response yet.
- Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra: John is contacting the Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra to reside at Lewis Mills for their rehearsals and concerts. The district would receive 40% of ticket sales.
- Pepsi Grant: Joanne Reitz will chair.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 7:00 pm in the Faculty lounge. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Wesolowski



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Tuesday, February 8, 2011
LSM Faculty Dining Room/7:00 p.m.

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Attendance: John Deeb, Tina Magill, Kathy Wesolowski, Jane Molon, Janis Woodward, Susan Kellogg, Cheryl Martinelli

All minutes are on line now, along with the agenda for future meetings. Thank-you to Kathy Wesolowski for taking the minutes in January!

Treasurer's Report: Nothing has changed here.

Poinsettias: 105 plants were sold this year. This is fewer than last year. The mum plants and poinsettia plants will be sold next year, but if numbers don't go up, we will look at these sales to see if they are truly beneficial for future years. For next year, forms will be mailed home. Tina said that the students really helped out tremendously when the truck arrived with the plants, and parents were a wonderful help. Thank-you to all who helped!

Big Band Bash: All forms went out either through emails, mailings or in students' backpacks. We are now waiting for the advertisers to send in their ads.

We need an advertiser's list person - someone who will create a list of past advertisers, and follow up to be sure these businesses are still in business, as well as add new businesses to the list. This is a simple job, but we need someone to do it. **If you are interested, please contact Mr. Deeb at deebj@region10ct.org.**

Photos of the H.S. bands will take place soon! Please be on the look-out for the upcoming dates.

All ads must be in to Jane Molon by March 1st.

Patrons and Boosters ads are due to Jane Molon by March 1st.

Tickets for the BBB will be on sale beginning April 11th.

Concert Festivals: 10 musicians qualified at the Regional competitions this year. 6 musicians qualified at the New England competitions. Congratulations to all!!

Winter Concert: This event is currently scheduled for Feb. 22nd. The Symphonic Band and Notable Notes will perform. Wind Ensemble members are expected to attend.

By-Laws: These are currently being worked on, and should be ready in the fall. Officers are in place for the next school year:

President - Janis Woodward

Vice-President - Jane Molon

Treasurer - Kathy Wesolowski

Secretary - Cheryl Martinelli.

Trailer Info: Susan Kellogg reported that 2,000 ping pong balls will be sold for \$5 each. Names will be written on the ping pong balls and placed in the miniature trailer.

Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra: The concert is May 21st, in the LSM Auditorium. 40% of all ticket sales will be given to the LSM Band. If the Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra subscribes at Mills, many wonderful events could be put into place ~ visiting artists, concerts for the elementary schools (rather than traveling to Hartford, this would be much less expensive and the students would get to hear and see the musicians more up-close and personally), and other great opportunities.

More info. on this be available soon.

Pepsi Grant: Joann Reitz will take this on. More info. will be available soon.

The weather and snow days have wreaked havoc with rehearsals! But the musicians are working hard and things are progressing. Please remind your student musician to continue to practice!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!!

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martinelli

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MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Kathy Wesolowski, Jane Molon, Janis Woodward, Susan Kellogg, Bruce Temkin, Cheryl Martinelli

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

Treasurer's Report: (from Leslie Cote)

Balance: \$7660.78

Students Funds: \$5937

Mr. Cramer's: \$276.81

Available Cash: \$1346.97

Big Band Bash: Tickets will be ready by April 11th.

Ads are continuing to trickle in, up to 34 right now. All ads must be in by the end of next week, March 18th!

Volunteers are needed for the BBB evenings: selling flowers, taking tickets, manning doors, selling raffles tickets. Anyone who can help, please contact Jane Molon.

Jane will pick up the flowers to sell.

Sue Kellogg will be selling the ping pong balls.

Printer - Jane will be using the same printer as last year, but will be researching to possibly find a different printer or route for this job due to rising expenses.

Mr. Deeb said that all photos will be taken on Friday (3/11/11), and he has all of the other photos needed.

Janis and Cheryl will review the list of businesses that have placed ads in past years, adding or deleting as needed.

Trailer: So far, Sue Kellogg reports that \$247 has been collected. \$9753 to go!

Winter Concert: The concert went very well! Congratulations to all musicians!!

MS Regional Festival: All went well, again this year. The music was tremendous! For future reference: 8 cases of water (35 bottles in each case) from Costco sold out, more candy and snacks were needed - next year purchase at least 3 of each large box (Swedish Fish, M&M's, Hershey Choc. Bars, Snickers, 3 Musketeers, Trail Mix, Skittles, etc.)

By-Laws: Bruce Temkin is almost finished with the by-laws. A Certificate of Incorporation is with Mr. Deeb right now, for his signature. Mr. Temkin hopes to have everything up and running by April. **Thank-you Bruce for all of your efforts and expertise!!**

Nutmeg Symphony: Concert on Saturday, May 21st, at the LSM Auditorium. They will be giving 40% of the ticket sales from this concert to the LSM Band, if we sell them! Tickets are \$20 each. We are in need of someone(s) to organize this ticket sale!! We are currently looking for any elementary, MS or HS band parent(s) to organize this effort. Please contact Mr. Deeb or any board member if you are interested in helping this great effort! Kathy Wesolowski and Jane Molon will be looking over the Region 10 band rosters to contact parents who may be able to volunteer.

May 24th, 3rd graders will be coming up to LSM to hear this symphony!

Pepsi Grant: Joann Reitz is working on this. More info later.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!!

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Treasurer's Report: (from Leslie Cote)

Checking balance = \$10,979.78
Har-Bur money = \$3,208.81
For the HS kids' trip = \$5,937.00, from fundraisers
Available = \$1,833.97
(BBB totals will be added in for the June meeting)

Big Band Bash: Jane Molon reported on the ads taken in so far
2011 = \$2045 2010 = \$2435 2009 = \$3665

For next year, we all need to raise the number of ads placed in the BBB calendar.
Calendar is all digitized this year.

Still need a few more volunteers for each night!

Everything else is all set and ready to go ~ **thank-you, Jane for all of your hard work and organization!!**

*Reminder, the LSM Art Show is also going!

Bi-Laws: Bruce Temkin is continuing his work on all of this.

Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra concert is cancelled.
They will be at Mills on May 24th for the children's concert.

Pepsi-Grant: More info, as this process becomes ready.

Band Trailer: \$200 + has been made so far, and another donation is on the way.
Thank-you to the Kellogg family for continuing to work on this!

Photos: All band photos are done and in. Next year, band photos will be taken the morning of the Mum Parade.

FLSMB Budget: This will be gone over and worked on during the summer.

Fundraiser: Applebees Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 20th, 2011. **Thank-you to Laurie Egan** for scheduling this!

Band Camp: begins August 15th. The picnic will again be organized by Kathy Wesolowski. Any parents wanting to help with this, please contact Mrs. Wesolowski. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Fine Arts Website: Updating the LSM Fine Arts website will begin in May.

2011-12 Marching Band on June 6, 2011: Parents AND band members will be expected to attend this band rehearsal. Incoming freshman and their parents will get information for band rehearsals, marching band info., etc. Information about the Friends of Lewis S. Mills Band meetings will be shared, and sign ups for events, fundraisers, and committees will be available.

See you there! ☺

2012 Band Trip: Information is currently being worked on by Mr. Deeb, and will be shared as soon as dates and places are confirmed.

Memorial Day Parades: Musicians know when rehearsals are for the Memorial Day parades

The next, and last, FLSMB meeting for the 2010-11 school year will be held on Tuesday, June 7th, 2011, at 7:00 in the faculty dining room. **Everyone is welcome to attend!**

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Cheryl Martinelli

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Friends of the **L**ewis **S.** Mills **B**and
Tuesday, June 7, 2011
LSM Faculty Dining Room/7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Jane Molon, Linda Leonard, Janis Woodward, Sue Kellogg,
Scott Kellogg, Carole Bufanda, Kathy Wesolowski, Cheryl Martinelli

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

BBB: Jane stated that she appreciates everyone who helped! All three nights really went well!

Raffle ticket sales were higher this year, as were flower sales.

Ads were way down this year. We all need to improve this for next year.

Profits: ads - \$1,955
 ticket sales - \$11,645
 raffle sales and donations - \$1,926
 flowers - \$378
 Total: \$15,904.

Idea brought up: possibly have a multi-night ticket option? This was discussed and the conclusion, for now, was that the price of the tickets really is not high. This idea will be considered again before the next BBB.

Such a tremendous job with the BBB, Jane Molon!!!

Jane Molon, along with Sue and Scott Kellogg, will work on the BBB in 2012.

Mums: Linda Leonard will again be in charge of the mum sales. Prices for the mums will be known soon. Linda continues to be in contact with the farm where the mums come from. Several incoming freshman parents signed up to help Linda with the mum fundraiser. She will be in contact with these people as the time nears in August.

Mr. Deeb: Marching Band had a great year ~ congratulations to all musicians!! The concerts were also very well done - he was proud of all of his musicians!!

Band Trailer: We have \$8,000 toward a new trailer. The old trailer has been sold. We still need money for the outside painting and inside shelving for the new trailer.

Band Camp: Scott Kellogg will be helping out with the percussion this year. (Thank-you, Scott!) All information is set, and on the Fine Arts web site.

2012 Band Trip Plans: Info is to be coming soon, pending BOE approval. (Sounds like an exciting trip!)

Mission Statement/ Tax Exempt Status: This continues to be worked on by Mr. Temkin and all is moving along smoothly.

Jazz Event for 2012: Much discussion about possibilities, and more info will available soon as decisions are made. Discussion about dates (possibly in March), school groups involved, a place for the event, renting tables and chairs, food item(s), and possible adjudication took place.

Applebees Fundraiser: Nov. 20th, 2 hours, we supply the servers, about 25 needed. Tickets for \$5 each must be sold, and discussion about a raffle was undecided. (50/50?) Discussion also took place concerning having a quartet play - John, Dave, Greg and Mark?! ☺ More info in the fall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Martinelli

**Have a safe a wonderful summer!
(Musicians ~ keep practicing!!)**

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