

Friends of the Lewis S. Mills Band

Tuesday, October 11, 2011
LSM Faculty Dining Room / 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: John Deeb, Jane Molon, Linda Leonard, Bruce Temkin, Janis Woodward, Tina MaGill, Laurie Eagan, Cheryl Martinelli

2011 - 2012 Friends of LSM Band Officers:

Janis Woodward, President
Jane Molon, Vice President, BBB
Kathy Wesolowski, Treasurer
Cheryl Martinelli, Recording Secretary

Secretary Report: All minutes are on line now, along with the agenda for future meetings. Mr. Deeb is looking into notes being put into a Googledocs document. More info. later.

Treasurers Report: Money is in the account, and bills are paid. (Exact numbers were not available at this meeting.)

Mum Sales: Linda reported that 913 mums were sold. \$7,075 was collected and paid for the plants. \$3,652 is the students' profit, \$456 is the band's profit.

More mums were sold this year - discussion about why this is the case took place: forms were mailed home, it is a band trip year....etc.

Plant cost may need to be raised next fall from \$7.75 to \$8.00.

Thank you, Linda Leonard and Bruce Temkin for all of your work with this sale!!

Bi-Law info: Attorney Bruce Temkin reported that the Friends of LSM Band now has a bi-laws document, and is working on the incorporation. Following this, an application for tax exempt status will be sent in. The organization will then have a temporary tax exempt label, and the follow up papers will be filed. At that point, letters can then go out to anyone who has donated money, so they will have a record of their donation. After a few years, this will all be permanent as the paperwork is filed. If donations during one year exceed \$25,000, tax papers will need to be filed.

Thank-you, Attorney Bruce Temkin for all of your hard work!!

Poinsettia Sales: Tina reported that forms are on the website, and can be printed. Letters will also be sent out during October. **Orders are due Wed., Nov. 9th. Pick up will be the first weekend of Dec., Dec. 2nd**, and if this is a snow day, then Dec. 5th will be pick up in the choral and band rooms. Mr. Deeb will reserve these rooms if this occurs.

Applebees Fundraiser: Laurie Eagan reported that Sunday, Nov. 20th, from 8 - 10 am, this fundraiser will be held at Applebees in Torrington. 300 tickets, max. can be sold.

Each ticket is \$5, with \$4 coming back to the band. There will be a 50/50 raffle. Mr. Deeb will work on trying to have the tickets sales on line through Paypal. Band members will be the servers, and Mr. Deeb will have musicians sign up during class for these spots.

Laurie will print the 300 tickets.

Mr. Deeb will print out a flyer from the fundraising site, which Laurie will send to him.

Jane Molon will give Laurie the raffle tickets; an arm's length (20 tickets) for \$5.00.

BBB: Right now, Jane has nothing to report. It's early, but things will begin happening soon!

Susan and Scott Kellogg will take over the BBB organization for next year.

Mr. Deeb's Report: The LSM Marching Band season was disappointing. The process leading up to the competitions is the most important, not the awards received. Musicians are so very talented, however focus on precision, and attendance to rehearsals was not wonderful. **Band Camp in August was tremendous!** Once school began, the students' focus changed, with athletics beginning, other programs beginning, and several weather issues. Mr. Deeb is working on better scheduling for next year, along with attempting to have students gain credit for marching band. The student must be present at all functions and rehearsals in order to earn this credit. More info. on this as Mr. Deeb progresses with his efforts.

Trailer: The trailer is in and will be worked on soon; labeling on the outside, cabinets, woodwork, etc. More info. as this comes along.

Arts Support Group: This group will be headed by Colleen Ververis, and will include music, drama and the arts. More info. soon.

Accountability of the students: Smart Music will be up and running soon. Students can then practice their parts, scoring will take place, and students will show improvement.

Recruiting: Mr. Deeb will begin recruiting - many 8th graders don't go out for band in HS. The Spring Parents' Meeting went well, so this will occur again. 8th grade students will also be brought into the band room in Dec., to share band trip video, basic band info., etc.

2012 Spring Band Trip Info: Mr. Deeb is wrapping up the final reservations, and info, will be shared with the students soon!

Jazz Band: Will begin soon.

Volunteers Needed, Please:

1. A press release person is needed to put things in the newspapers. If interested, please contact Mr. Deeb, or any member of the SLSMB group.
2. A grant researcher/writer is needed for this organization. If interested, please contact Mr. Deeb, or any member of the FLSMB group.

**Next meeting is November 8th, 7 pm., in the LSM faculty dining room.
Everyone is welcome!**

2011 - 2012 FLSMB Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

(No December meeting.)

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

(No May meeting.)

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Martinelli