

**West Ranch High School Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 13, 2010**

Call to Order

Dave Chittum, President of the West Ranch High School Band Boosters, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. in the band room of West Ranch High School, located at 26255 W. Valencia Boulevard, Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381.

Attendance

A sign-in sheet was provided at the door. Executive Board members in attendance: Dave Chittum, Kim Downing, Dawn Launier, and Anne Sandon. Jason Marshall, Director of Instrumental Music was also present. Signed-in attendees present: Peter Baird, Kate Boyle, Sharon and Chris Brown, Mi Doi, Terry Downing, Dave and June Downs, Pat Egan, Renee Foley, Thom Foster, Deresa Gade, Dave and Pam Haendle, Jaime & Oralia Jimenez, Laura Kazdoy, Patricia & Doug McEwen, and Barbara Strode.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 8, 2010 General Membership Meeting were reviewed. Mi Doi made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Terry Downing seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Ross was absent due to year end tax reports, and Jason Marshall stated that there were no financial updates available at this time. He stated that the first food night earned \$186.00, which seemed low due to that fact that he saw many people from West Ranch there. He said they would look at it and have Brenda follow-up with BJ's to determine if we will go there anymore for our food night. Jason said he did not remember figures from the Classic. Dave Chittum said that the rough numbers from concessions, ticket sales, etc. needed to be worked out right now. He said that the money amount did go up from last year and that the people who came last year were locals. Our band participation went up from 12 last year to 17 this year, but bands that came from outside the valley didn't have many people come. He said there was an incremental increase for gate with room to grow up from last year and we will get that information out as soon as possible. The estimate was about \$18,000, which does not include ads, vendor fees or entrance fees. We still need all receipts turned in. Mr. Marshall said that any fuel reimbursements should be kept separate from the Classic, but things look good. Thanked everyone for a great job as it was a lot of work.

Thom Foster asked how we did on the programs. Dave Haendle and Dave Chittum said that there were about 100 left. Mr. Marshall said we sold them for less and that it was good to have some left overs to give to those who advertised. June Downs asked if the kids would do that? Dave Chittum said that it would be a good idea. Donna LeBarron will follow-up with the big advertisers to make sure they get them.

Committee Reports – Kim Downing

Scholarship Committee – Kim Downing, Chair had no report at this time.

Equipment – Terry Downing, Chair. Terry Downing reported that things were ready to go with volunteers and trailer drivers to tow. He stated that repairs had been made and equipment was ready. Dave Chittum asked if we had a spare tire for the small white trailer as the big one had one and would Terry check on that. Jason Marshall said Terry did an awesome job with the drum room.

Uniforms-Deres Gade, Chair. –Deres reported that the uniforms smell really bad and a crew was ready to take the uniforms home to wash after Saturday’s performance. She also stated that we need white hair ties but have been unable to find just white ones alone. She said the kids use them to hold their gloves and sleeves under the gauntlets. She said she would try to find them in a light color and bleach them if necessary. She said she went online this week and there weren’t any available unless in an assorted package with other colors and we need 2 per person. She said we have some, but are in need of more and if anyone who has girls could check to see if they have some and aren’t using them to let her know. Renee Foley asked if the kids could not wear their show shirts during rehearsal so they won’t seat in them? Mr. Marshall said he would ask them to not wear them during practice.

Food – Sharon Brown, Chair – Dave Downs reported that the plan for the upcoming weekend was to have Sloppy Joes for dinner. He said they would need warmers and it takes a 2K generator or Dave Chittum’s motorhome so he wanted to know if it would be available in the band staging area? Dave Chittum said he would check with the school, as they do not have a lot of space. June Downs asked if they could use one of his generators? Jason said that there is a half hour between arrival and eating time and he was not sure where they would be. He said the food has to be dropped off and moved. Dave Downs asked if they could go down early, as it would help them with the food. Jason said, given the situation next week we will be eating here at West Ranch before we leave. Lisa Egan said they have hamburger buns left over from Classic and the Haendle’s said they would be able to keep them in their freezer.

June Downs asked where the forms were that said people volunteered for helping with food. Deresa said she will email the list to the Downs.

Committee Reports – Anne Sandon

Fund Raising. – Anne Sandon stated that Robeks check for our fund raising day was \$75.00. She said Med Spa charity cards would be sold again in November but with a little different process. The cards will be pre-sold for \$50.00 with \$25.00 going to Med Spa and \$25.00 going to the student. She asked how many we thought we would want to start with. She said they still have to fill out the sheet with information. She said it would be the same package as before.

Forever nails will do certificates, with no discount, but can get service for \$20.00 and \$6-8 will go to the school. Pat Egan said that Rituals is interested in doing something with gift certificates in the future. He was not sure if the whole salon would do it or if it was just the girl he goes to. Anne Sandon said she would contact them to see.

Football games – Kim Downing said she was not sure how much we made at the football game with our bake sale table, but it was about \$120.00 or more. She also said it may not do as well at the next game. She stated we would not have it this weekend, but will the following week and that she had already informed ASB. Deresa Gade asked who made the brownies, as they were great. Kim said if anyone is interested in baking, brownies were great sellers, cupcakes and donuts too. They are sold for \$0.50 and not to put more than 4 per individual baggy. She thanked all those who helped as the profit is all for the band.

Public Relations – Anne Sandon reported that she had an article for the Signal with pictures from Maria Chittum. She will send it tomorrow with the scores to be published.

Food Night – Brenda Ross, chair - Anne said that Panda Express would be our food night for the upcoming Monday, October 18 and the next one would be a California Pizza Kitchen on Monday, November 22.

E-Script and Recycling, Lisa Egan, Chair.- Kim Downing reported that she called Ralph's because it was not printing on the receipt, but they said it was being credited to the band. There was no other report in this area.

Colorguard Competition

Dawn Launier reported that she will be attending the webinar meeting this Sunday for show hosts and coordinators and she asked that everyone please save the April 2 date as that will be our show date and we will need lots of volunteer help. She asked that people start thinking about what areas they would like to get involved with.

Other Business

Dave Chittum stated that we need a board nominating committee to select new board members. Jason Marshall said that the committee consists of someone he chooses and someone selected by the boosters. They approach the board to ask who is termed out, who is interested in staying and who is leaving. Termed out members are Anne Sandon and possibly Phil Ross. He said this is done via email. Dave Haendle will be on it and we need one more person. Dave Chittum asked if there were any volunteers? Dave Downs volunteered. Jason stated that being on the board is a one year term, but with no term limits, usually there until the member's child graduates or they are no longer interested or available to serve. Terry Downing made a motion to approve Dave Downs to the committee. Kim seconded and the motion was passed.

Dave Chittum stated that the preliminary Wildcat Classic information was given, but a post Classic follow-up meeting for all the organizers and committee chairs would be on October 29 at Dave Haendle's house at 7:00. He said that at the next booster meeting we would have the final tally and information to report so you won't miss anything. Dave Haendle thanked all who helped at the Classic. He said everyone worked very hard and it was truly a success. Mr. Marshall said everything went perfectly which is our goal so he can deal with directors and the bands and not other things. He stated that he received many comments from directors, staff and other bands complementing every aspect of the show. There was even an email from Santa Monica praising our parking lot "Gods", the band guides were a great first impression and that the rest rooms had toilet paper at the end of the night. He said that is a testimonial to the great job you all did. He said we have T-shirts left over for \$10.00 and patches for \$3.00. He said that everything will be put into a box to make it easier to have all information and resources in one place.

Jason Marshall said that this weekend is the 47th Royal Field Tournament that will have 14 bands. We had 17 at ours which says something about our event which is pretty cool. He said that every comment he got except for one Saugus mom who parked in the wrong parking lot was a good one. He said that directors tend to freak out on show days, but there were no issues that were our doing that day. He said the judges though hospitality was awesome and that a friend who teaches a Palmdale was impressed by our show. He thanked Dave and Pam for all the hard work. He said we need good leadership for things to go well and they did and said Terry even worked it on his birthday.

Pat Egan asked if the parking on the street was better this year. Chris Brown said yes there were no complaints. Dave Haendle the lots on the Ice Station and Medical side were full but there were no complaints and we will recap at the meeting but there were 100 more people paying at the gate this year, which was right on target for our predictions. He said the majority was from local schools and the only complaint was that there were no discounts for kids. Next year we can look at that. Jason said he will send everything he gets to be in the file for next year. Dave Chittum said the first band had a double blowout on their truck and had to make a change in the schedule, but that was the only thing. And some confusion on the schedule caused one band to be late getting to the gate.

Director's Update

Mr. Marshall reported that the Halloween party will be October 28 after practice and we need someone to head that up. Dave Chittum asked what time would practice end? Jason said at 8:30 and the party would go until 10 with food set up in the hallway with candy and decorations. Anne Sandon said that there would be baked goods, pizza and candy. Kim Downing asked if we could ask for a \$5.00 donation. Jason said the boosters pay for the pizza and ask for donations of baked goods, candy, and drinks. Anne Sandon said she would coordinate it.

Mr. Marshall said that he had no update on the Dayton Trip, but for Hawaii the paperwork is all in and \$400 was due by Friday as they will purchase the tickets soon. He said they are one student short for pricing that was quoted, but he feels the company will honor it since we have done a lot of business with them and that we have enough chaperones for the trip.

He reminded parents to book a room for the Fresno WBA Championships, as there are rooms at the hotel they will be staying at. It will be November 20, starting Saturday night. We will leave from West Ranch on Saturday at noon. The hotel is 8 minutes from the stadium. We will be back lat Sunday evening as we will stay and watch, but we won't know if we make finals until Saturday night.

Jazz band –this will be Mr Babco's last year. The district is dedicated to finding someone to replace him and we have feelers out for any interest. Mr. Vincent is our biggest fan and even more of a jazz band fan, so he will make sure we get someone great. It will be a smooth transition.

There is a change with the football games. There is no parking on the black top except for trailers and food people. I need to know who all the helpers are as they have to be added to the list to get into the back gate. We will be playing Valencia at Valencia but we are the home team. They are trying to control entrance better.

I will not be at the next booster meeting, but it will still be here, as I will judging a tournament. Jason said that the state passed a law that everyone who works with kids has to be cleared by the FBI. So even if you were cleared by the state before, you have to be re-cleared again. District Sexual Harassment form, TB and Tetanus shots are required so drivers for Winter Percussion, Winter guard, and chaperones for Hawaii trip will have to be notified by next month. It costs \$65.00 per person, it is a nightmare, but all districts have to do it.

Dave Chittum said you could buy stuff after the meeting if interested.

Adjournment

The next general membership meeting will be Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the band room.

There being no further business, Pat Egan moved to adjourn the meeting. Thom Foster seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Certified by:

Signature on file on original document

Dawn Launier, Secretary