

La Canada High School Music Parents Association
Music Parents Association Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 6, 2010
7:00 PM, Band Room

I. Call to Order: President Fernando Aenlle-Rocha called the meeting to order at 7:15PM.

II. Financial Report: CeCe Guiar distributed a Treasurer's Report (see attached) for November and summarized the salient points in terms of income, expenses and budget shortfalls. Highlights included bonus revenues from the Macy's Community Shopping day and Poinsettia sales. Fee collections are also doing well. At this time, only 11 orchestra/band fees have not been collected out of 253 participants from 7th-12th grades.

III. Fundraising Report:

- A. Dinner show:* Donna Dohi reports that 'Save the Date' postcards were sent in the mail and printed invitations are to follow. She again encouraged members of the MPA to personally solicit silent auction donations and Community Partnerships from the merchants and services that they patronize regularly.
- B. Macy's Community Shopping Day-November 13, 2010:* Dona Mitoma continued to collect checks during the meeting and reported that although the numbers are not yet final, at least \$3600 has been raised so far.
- C. Poinsettia Sales:* Liz Zwingli reported that the fundraiser has netted over \$2000 for the MPA in addition to adding to the personal band accounts of students who sold the plants. These accounts are designed to give students incentive to participate in such fundraisers and the monies will be used for their personal band expenses, such as tours and annual fees.
- D. Ralphs' Grocery Store Grand Opening:* The Band was paid \$2500 for performing at the Grand Opening of the newly renovated La Canada store.
- E. Christmas Tree Lighting at the Americana at Brand:* The Marching Band was featured at the Tree Lighting ceremony. A donation from the Americana is pending.

IV. Upcoming Activities:

- A. Band Competitions/Championships:* Mr. Stone reported improving performances at the final field shows of the year. The band traveled to Oceanside to participate in the Southern California Band and Orchestra Association 5A Championships on December 4 and came in 10th place. Information on the SCSBOA scores from the entire LCHS marching season can be found at www.scsboa.org. Click on 'Calendar' to see individual SCSBOA field show recaps. Click on 'Marching Band' to see information on Championships. Western Band Association field show recaps are found at www.westernbands.org
- B. Senior Salute:* In the future, the Senior Salute structure may be changed since this year's program was not coordinated with the Football team's pre-game festivities, resulting in a cancellation of the Band's pre-game show.
- C. 7/8 Holiday Ice Skating and Party on Dec. 10:* Parents are needed to drive students to and from the ice rink.
- D. Winter Concert December 14:* Concerts will now be at 7PM rather than 7:30PM.
- E. Disneyland:* 7/8 Orchestra and 9-12 Orchestra were accepted to perform at Disneyland on February 22, 2011. 9-12 Band was not accepted, but may participate in the Disney soundtrack program as per last year.

V. Band Room Security: The Band Room continues to experience significant incidences of theft. Most of the items are unattended, unlocked student instruments (not school instruments, which are engraved and tagged to prevent re-sale), as well as items from purses and backpacks that are left unattended during performances on the field. The Band's projector and soundboard were stolen. There have not been any signs of forced entry or unauthorized key card entry, but it was shown that the doors are often propped open with music stands. The District is looking into the legality of using video surveillance.

VI. Orchestra, Drumline and Winter Guard: Winter Drumline practice begins on December 11, 2010 in preparation for Drumline Championships in Dayton, OH on April 13-17, 2011. Color Guard is 100% paid up on fees and is painting their 400lb "floor mat" in preparation for the Winter Guard season.

VII. Community Service/Alumni Project: Fernando Aenlle-Rocha shared an article from the local paper that describes the efforts of former LCHS Drum Major and current Yale Drum Major Kate Kraft who is working to bring music to children in South Africa. The MPA is hoping to assist her in the procurement of instruments to take to South Africa. Coordination of this effort will be headed up by Kate's mother, Betsy Kraft.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7:00PM in the Band Room.

Minutes submitted by Jane Mead, Recording Secretary