

Minutes of the La Cueva Band Booster General Meeting  
November 6, 2013

Present: President Susan Ellenwood, John Converse, treasurer Carmen Kavelman, VP Gary Gabaldon, VP Deena Chapapas, secretary Vicki Porter, and approximately 35 members.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. **Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2013, meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.
2. **Director's Report:**
  - a. It was a challenging marching band season that ended well with a good showing in a very competitive TOB field, where LCHS was the top scoring APS school, 5<sup>th</sup> New Mexico school and 14<sup>th</sup> overall. Mr. Converse expressed optimism in changes that will occur going forward including hiring an experienced, well-regarded drill writer.
  - b. Wind ensemble auditions will be held after the All-State auditions. All-State auditions will again be hosted by La Cueva.
  - c. Winter concert will be a pajama concert as in the past but will be one mass band. Parents will be asked to donate desserts and beverages for the reception following the concert.
  - d. Some highlights of a survey of the students with 98 returned. Percents do not add to 100 because it asked for free responses, allowing more than one response per question.
    - i. Things liked about band: Performing the show (40%), friends(36%), competitions (31%), dedication required (22%)
    - ii. Changes preferred: Better effort/attitude by students(20%), Better/more visual content in marching show(20%), better use of sectional time(20%)
    - iii. Things not liked: Not enough time spent (6%), Too much time required (6%)
3. **Fundraisers:**
  - a. Discount card sales have ended but we may do another round because very few were sold. Students get \$5 of the \$10 sales price in their accounts. Poor sales may have been due to the proximity with Entertainment Book sales, the coupons being at merchants scattered all over town, and perhaps the fact that similar sales are regularly advertised in the media.
  - b. Innisbrook sales have ended, also with very low participation.
  - c. Cookie dough sales will start later in November.
4. **December Craft Show:** Lucy Roverse announced the shifts and asked for parent volunteers. The request will also go out in a mass email and be posted on the band website. The craft fair will be December 6<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Spring Trip to San Diego:** Approximately 60 students have returned forms committing to go on the trip. Mr. Converse indicated that that is a sufficient number to do the trip.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** No treasurer's report was available. Student accounts have been updated as of November 4<sup>th</sup>. The total costs of TOB have not yet been determined so deductions have not yet been made to student accounts.
7. **Students:** The band Halloween was a success. All student names have been included on the back of the T-shirts that will be sold to benefit the band officers' account that is used for student-led activities.
8. **New Business:** Rebeca Zimmerman announced that band yearbooks for the 2013-14 school year will be available for \$20.

Next meeting will be December 4, at 7 pm in the band room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.