



Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting **Tuesday, July 22, 2025/ 7:30 p.m.** **Lakota East High School Media Room**

Elected Officers present: Jessica Pike, Christie Wethington, Tina Wright, Jess Scribner, Mary Kuhlman, Jim Clary, Dawn Ritzu

Called to order: 7:32 by Christie Wethington

Introduction of LEUC board

- Co-Presidents – Jessica Pike and Christie Wethington
- Treasurer – Tina Wright
- Vice President of Ways and Means – Dawn Ritzu
- Co-Vice Presidents of Student Activities – Jess Scribner and Mary Kuhlman
- Secretary – Jim Clary

Director Reports:

Mr. Rob Tanis – Director of Bands, Lakota East High School

- Not present

Mr. Andrew Desmond - Assistant Band Director, Lakota East High School

- Not present

Aaron Todahl – Jazz Band Director,

- The U.S. Navy Band Commodores Jazz Ensemble will be performing a free concert at Lakota East High School on Wednesday, October 22nd at 7pm! Members of the Commodores will also work with the jazz students during the day. This is a really great opportunity for not just our students, but for the school and community as well

One thing to consider with this: the Commodores strongly urge us to use a digital ticketing service for the concert and require us to publish the ticketing link on our website 8 weeks prior to the performance (Wednesday, August 27). Is this something we are able to do? The Commodores do say in their informational pamphlet that they can provide a ticketing link in the event that we are unable to do so

As far as marketing and promotion goes, they will send some materials as we get a little closer to the concert that we can post to our website and on all social media outlets (roughly 4-5 weeks prior to the concert). Not present, no updates.

Mrs. Kat Eroskey-Mitchell - Band Director, Hopewell Junior School

- Not present, no updates

Mrs. Maggie Whaley – Band Director, Liberty Junior School

- Not present, no updates

Secretary Report: *Jim Clary*

- The last four meeting minutes can be found on the band website under the Upbeat Club tab.
- Motion to approve the April 22 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: motion by Christa Sexton/seconded by Aimee Donnellon.....**Approved**

Vice-President of Ways and Means: *Dawn Ritzu*

- Looking for Someone to shadow this positions to prepare to take over in May of 2026.
- Corporate Sponsorships
 - New sponsors/Increased sponsors
 - Liberty Collision
 - Liberty Collective
- Fundraising Opportunities/Donations
 - Tag Day - August 23rd
- Krispy Kreme Donut Sales & Volunteers ()
 - Donut sales occur during every home football game(Volunteers needed to take over)
 - Volunteers are needed at each game

Co-Vice Presidents of Student Activities: *Jess Scribner - Mary Kuhlman*

- Band Camp helpers needed
- Volunteers needed for Band Night - more info to come

Treasurer Report: *Tina Wright*

- 2025-2026 Budget Review & Monthly Treasurer Report QR Codes below
- o Budget
- Neutral budget estimated: Income/Expenses \$112k each
- Most line items are average of last four fiscal years
- New titles for Butterbraids and Krispy Kreme
- New accounts and structure, eliminating usage of miscellaneous lines
- Accounts for Color Guard Uniforms & Flags, Field Props
 - Motion to approved budget: motion by Christa Hobe/seconded by Christa
- Sexton.....Approved
- o May Financials (end of fiscal year)
- Cash at beginning of fiscal year \$128,000
- Cash at end of fiscal year \$160,000
- Fiscal surplus \$28k
- New trailer purchase
- Four scholarships awarded, plus eagle scout project supported
- Jazz Fest results: net profit \$5k
- o June Financials
- Cash at end of month \$160,700
- Three corporate sponsorships received
- Kroger rewards

- 4th of July Spiritwear purchased
- Tractor rented to pick up new trailer
- o Audit completed with no material modifications
- Financials sent to tax preparers for tax return prep
- o Updated forms on band website for payment requests and deposits
- We do not reimburse for sales tax



2025-2026 Budget



June 2025 Financials



May 2025 Financials

Committee Chair Reports

Jessica Pike and Christie Wethington – Band Camp

- Looking for a band camp chair for next year
- Thank you for volunteers and donations
- Pool party is Thursday – chaperones and food donations are covered
- Fire trucks will be coming to band camp at a later date

Sonya Clary and Tracy Keenan - Marching Band Uniforms and Show Shirts

- Uniform fittings and alterations have begun – percussion section is done

- Uniform fitting day is July 26th
- Show shirt forms were due July 23rd, it is being sent on Thursday July 24th.
- Needing lots of volunteers to help sew uniforms over the next couple weeks.
- Looking for help in Orlando to wrap and plume as most the uniform team is unable to make the trip. See Sonya
- Please have students wear compression shorts or have bring them for fitting next week.
- Tuesday July 29th at 6pm there will be a meeting about uniform checkin, wrapping and pluming and sewing/alterations information.
- Would love to have people willing to learn and shadow as Tracy Keenan is in her final year.
- Show shirt orders will be picked up on August 6th as of right now.

Tracy Keenan and Alexandra Ince – Marching Band Uniform Alterations

- Looking for volunteers to help and shadow for the future
- Please have students wear compression shorts or have them with them for fittings next week

Jim Keenan and Jim Clary – Pit Crew

- Began tonight and will work during the rest of band camp
- They need a lot of help with props and logistics for the show this year – either moving or assembling props before the shows
- Help pushing the props onto the field during competitions
- Looking for possible reserve people with CDL who could be interested in pulling our trailers to shows in the coming years.

Jess Scribner - Spirit Wear

- New vendor Hall of Fame stores after a few negative experiences with customer service
- Band jackets are in, all but 6 have been distributed
- Has car decals, stickers, magnets, etc are on sale for \$5. Will be available prior to football games
- New Guard Decal
- Spiritwear store opening in September with Orlando shirt
- 110 July 4th shirts were sold
- Opening a store in August for spirit wear shirts

Nicole Weinrich – Dine and Donate

- Not present, presented by Dawn Ritzu
- We are looking for volunteers to take over the Dine and Donate program for this year. Currently most of the events are setup, just need someone to work with the businesses to finalize details, setup Spring events, and make sure the events are communicated via social media.
- Upcoming Dine and Donate events
 - Aug 26th at Chipotle on Cin Day Road
 - Sept 22nd Skyline chili and Cin Day Road
 - Oct./Nov./Dec. Pending

Andrew Webber – Social Media

- Send pictures to Andrew at (513) 260-5863 or email at drew443@gmail.com

Maggie Panyko– Website

- Taking over website graphics.

Christa Sextion and Kim Aimee Donnellon– Chaperones/Travel

- Chaperone meeting for those interested on July 23rd at 6-8PM in the Media hub
- Room signups for kids will be July 30th for girls and July 31st for boys
- Overnight trips require chaperones to have a background check

- Need 10-12 Chaperones for local trips
- Overnights looking for 8-10 for Orlando
- Looking for more that would like to chaperone these trips.

Christa Hobe - Photo committee

- Please come to uniform fitting on Saturday 7/26 for photos for photo buttons and senior posters (bring order forms with you)
- Parents get 2 buttons of each kid - extra buttons are for sale
- Section composites are also for sale
- Senior posters are \$35, order forms are in the section email
- Looking for senior parents to help hang senior posters before and after football games
- Tuesday July 29th will be an alternate picture day for those that can't make picture day on Saturday July 26th.
- Looking for help with taking photos during the year to catch all the great kid moments.

Amy Coons - Tag Day

- Fundraising campaign is about two weeks
- Saturday, August 23 is collection day 9am-2:15pm,
- Need over 50 parent volunteers - Drivers
 - Minimum quota per section for parent signups
- Tag day ends with a performance in front of the HS

President Report: Jessica Pike and Christie Wethington

- Looking for a tailgate chair committee, event occurs before home football games
- Hal Hobe scholarship is available for those who need assistance paying for fees for this marching band season

Meeting adjourned:

Motion to adjourn by Christa Hobe/seconded by Aimee Donnellon**Approved**

Please see the Google Calendar on the Lakota East Bands website www.lakotaeastbands.org for the latest information and follow us @lakotaeastbands

The next Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting will be Tuesday August 19, 2025 at 7:30pm. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Lakota East Band Program and the Lakota East Upbeat Club.