



Lakota East Upbeat Club Meeting
Tuesday, October 28, 2025/ 7:30 p.m.
Lakota East High School Media Room

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

Called to order: 7:30 by Christie Wethington

Director Reports:

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

- Thanks to Christa Sexton and chaperones for Orlando and Indy trips
- Gift of Music tickets will go on sale November 1st for 3 shows at 8am (Disney Theme)
 - Times are Friday Dec 12 at 7pm, Saturday Dec 13 at 4pm and 7pm
- Football pep band for first playoff game on Oct 31. Can dress in costumes
- Pep band schedules will come out and every student must participate in 3 games.

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

- No Updates other than thanking all who were involved in helping make this marching band season happen.

Aaron Todahl – Jazz Band Director

- We had a great fall concert on October 6th
- Next performance is on 12/4 at 6:30 at East Main Campus
 - Concert includes bands from Hopewell and Liberty
- Jazz bands will also participate in Gift of Music
- District 13 Honor band auditions on Saturday Dec 6th
- The Swing Dance is Friday 2/6

Mrs. Maggie Whaley – Band Director, Liberty Junior School

- Not present, no update

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

- Not present, no updates

Secretary Report: *Jim Clary*

- The last three meeting minutes can be found on the band website under the Upbeat Club tab.
- Motion to approve the September 23 Upbeat Club Meeting Minutes: motion by Aimee Donnellon /seconded by Christa Sexton.....**Approved**

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

- Currently looking for someone to shadow me in this role to take over for next band year (26/27)
- Cake roll fundraiser - turned in by Nov 10 with delivery on Nov 24 at the band room between 1-4 pm
- Corporate Sponsors – no updates

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

- Gift of Music dinner
 - Still coming up with ideas for meal for students
 - Looking for volunteers

Treasurer Report: *Tina Wright*

- September Treasurer Report – scan QR code below for September report



- Our balance at the end of September \$166,000 at a decrease of \$6593 from previous month
- Dine & Donate - Chipotle \$287.78
- - Formal Fashions - concert band uniforms (pass-thru) \$1,095.12
- - Hall of Fame Apparel - pit crew uniforms (pass-thru) \$672.00
- - Gateway Music Festivals and Tours - drivers/chaperones/lead trip expense \$8,454.00
- - Field & Floor Fx - throne graphics \$2,920.00

Committee Chair Reports

Sonya Clary and Tracy Keenan - Marching Band Uniforms

- Thank you to all who helped wash uniforms before and after the Orlando competition
- Hat returns went great and thank you to student and parent volunteers
- Ripping party will begin next year

Alexandra Ince - Concert Band Uniforms

- Present but nothing new to report

Jim Keenan and Jim Clary – Pit Crew

- Present but nothing new to report

Jess Scribner - Spirit Wear

- Orlando shirts were a big seller
- Waiting to hear from Hall of Fame vendor to see about doing a store in the beginning of November

Nicole Weinrich – Dine and Donate

- Looking for someone to take over this role ASAP
- Upcoming Dine and Donate events
 - o None on the board for right now

Christa Sexton and Aimee Donnellon – Chaperones/Travel

- Looking for someone to take over Fundraisers

Christa Hobe - Photo committee

- Posters are available and looking for more photos
- Also will be starting winderguard photos for upcoming season

Jennifer Roth – Spirit Committee

- No new info to share
- Contact info: text 513-379-1736, email jmroth01@gmail.com

President Report: Jessica Pike and Christie Wethington

- Craft Show fundraiser Saturday November 8th
- Looking for help baking goods to sell and looking for volunteers to help that weekend.

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 November 18, 2025 at 7:30pm.
Thank you so much for your continued support of the Lakota East Band Program and the
Lakota East Upbeat Club.***