

New Mexico Lions Honor Band
 Director's Report
 August 2007

As those who traveled with the band to the International Convention can attest – this was a most successful trip! Although the band did not earn a placement in the parade, the students' attitude, behavior, and breakfast performance were "All Superior!" The best compliment came when several of the Canadian Lions indicated that our playing of their National Anthem touched them!

I wanted to thank each and every one of you for your dedication to this program and all of the time, talent, and money you have personally put into it. I think that these young people were exceptional representatives of the New Mexico Lions.

As you are aware, we had 40 students signed up for the state convention. One did not show up, therefore 39 performed for the state gathering. One of the 39 had only committed to performing at the state convention, so we were scheduled to travel with 38 students. Two days before we were to leave, one student's grandfather became ill and he had to go to Mexico. The night before we were to get on the train, one student got ill and had to go home. Therefore we traveled with 36 students and five chaperones. (David and Dina could not make the International trip either because Dina had to have three stints put in two weeks before the trip. Luckily they caught it before she had a heart attack)

Because of these last minute changes, we saved a little bit on food and room costs. The bottom line was very close to the projected budget. As you can see in the table below, I stayed under on food and went over on entertainment. The same is true between hotel and ground transportation. Miscellaneous expenses included poles for the banner, the extra instrument handling fee charged by Amtrak, packing material, and tips for the Amtrak workers. Our Red Cap in Chicago was worth every penny we gave him!!

Expense Description	projected Cost	Actual Costs
Hotel	12,240	10,065.92
train @ 226	10,641	10,170.00
ground transportation	5,000	6910.89
Shirts	1,100	988.00
Misc.	400	645.08
Food	9,200	8133.70
Entertainment	2,000	2982.00
Total	\$40,581	\$39,895.59

Student fees totaled \$11,500, therefore the final cost to the Lions was \$28,396. All but \$1166.91 has been reimbursed to me. The last Vagabond charge has not hit my credit card, but there is enough money in the Las Cruces account to cover this.

Expense breakdown by Category:

Item	Itemized	Sub totals
Hotel		10065.92
Alb state	1864.80	
Homewood	3203.96	
Alb int	865.80	
Quality Int	4131.36	
Misc	645.08	645.08
Shirts	988.00	988.00
Entertainment		2982.00
Movie	418.00	
Sailing	500.00	
Blue Man show	2064.00	
BUS		6910.89
Herrera - state	2312.00	
Chicago	4255.00	
Herrera - Int	343.89	
Food		8133.70
5/30 supper	315.11	
5/31 lunch	262.33	
5/31 supper	301.68	
6/1 lunch	255.42	
6/2 lunch	324.03	
7/1 lunch	301.11	
train going 3	1435.00	478.33 per meal
7/2 supper	440.65	
7/3 lunch	369.25	
7/3 supper	574.00	
7/4 lunch	410.00	
7/4 supper	508.47	
7/5 lunch	410.00	
7/5 supper	471.50	
7/6 lunch	320.15	
train home 3	1435.00	
Train	10,170.00	10,170.00
Total		\$39,895.59

Note that Cash was given to the students & Chaperones for train meals - \$35 each way – Cash was also used for lunch on 7/4 & 7/5. \$160 cash for tips was included in the miscellaneous section.

Expense breakdown by receipt.

Vagabond	2179.91	room + 1 meal
Vagabond	1166.91	room + 1 meal
Homewood	3203.96	rooms
Quality Inn	5009.08	rooms + 2 meals
Herrera	2312.00	Bus
Herrera	343.89	Bus
GSI shirts	988.00	Shirts
Tall Ship Windy	500.00	Sailing trip
Old Country	320.15	Lunch 7/6
Old Country	440.65	Supper 7/2
Ginos	471.50	Supper 7/5
Taste Chicago	574.00	Supper 7/3
Blue Man	2064.00	Entertainment
Parking	20.00	
Aldi foods	21.36	Water
Albertsons	5.72	ice
Home Depot	40.68	banner poles
Office Max	31.57	packing
Amtrak	90.00	handling fee home
Amtrak	170.00	handling fee going
Music Box	107.19	stands, lyres, flip folders
Furrs	301.68	Supper 5/30
Cities of Gold	324.03	Lunch 6/2
Panchos	255.42	Lunch 6/1
Walmart	39.58	lunch 5/30
Walgreens	3.84	card
Costco	34.00	water
Smiths	4.35	ice
subway	164.64	lunch 5/30
Roberts Oil	3.83	ice
Walgreens	7.47	tape
Smiths	1.69	ice
Pajaque super	1.49	ice
Cent. Theater	171.00	Movie 5/30
Cent. Theater	95.00	Movie 5/30
Cent. Theater	152.00	Movie 5/30
Total	21620.59	
Cash	3850.00	Train meals, Two lunches, Tips
Total	25470.59	

Train expense (\$10,170) and Chicago bus (\$4255) were paid directly by the Foundation Account. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

