

BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES

February 3rd, 2003

ATTENDEES:

Renata Allelujka, John Anderson, Barb Baxter, Lynne Carr, Wes Falli, Carla Harrison, Roger Johns, Charlene Kelley, Karen Mink, Craig Roselieb, Laurie Smith, Betty Wakerly, Louise Wehr, Liz Wentink, Steve Wentink, Renee Vollrath, Mike Ziomek, Johnne Djuric, Julie Benes, Peggy O'Dell, Deb Massa, Cathy Christenson

ABSENT:

Lynn Barna, Tahra Harris, Ron Hornish, Mimi Johnson, Cheryl Jones, Geri Sorwell, Debbie Ziomek,

MINUTES: Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The budget report was presented as of 02-03-2003 for the year 6/1/2002 - 5/31/2003.

The present checking account balance, including student accounts (\$15,698.89) and Orlando money, is \$66,643.47. There is about \$6500 in the Savings Account. An additional amount of approximately \$15,000 for the Orlando trip was also received that night at the Boosters' Meeting, and is not figured into the total. For the month, our total revenue was \$23,696.28 that includes \$14,371.40 for Orlando; total expenses were \$7,825.57.

Our second payment (out of three) for \$58,161 for the Orlando trip is now due.

The original cost for the Orlando trip was based upon 167 persons going. However, the numbers are now 97 students + 9 chaperones + 4 staff. Therefore, there are now additional expenses that are not being covered by the regular fees, and an additional assessment will have to be made. The initial estimate is about \$20-50 per person. This will include entry fees, uniform cleaning, gloves, and the shipping of the instruments and uniforms. One possible option may be to rent a truck and have some parents drive it to Florida. There will still be the extra expenses of the truck rental and travel expenses of the driving parents.

We are waiting for another \$240 from ValuCards and our December Market Day check.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Student Account Balance as of February 3rd, 2003 = \$15,698.89

BAND DIRECTORS:

The Freshman Open House was a big hit, with 82 incoming freshmen indicating interest in the Marching Band Program.

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The Handbook is now on the web. The calendar is also available on the web in an easy to download and read format.

Two bills were submitted. The first is \$16 for shipping of the Big American flag. The second is for the Marching Band patches, which were 120 x \$4.50, for \$540.00.

Thursday, February 6th, NIU Jazz Ensemble will be at DGN. Craig needed a check for \$1500 to help pay for our share. All Jazz students are to sell \$35 worth of tickets for this event to help defray the costs. The Jazz Fund will be used to pay for the dinner of the NIU students.

On February 20th, there will be the kick-off for the 2003 Marching Mustang season, and the theme will be announced. There will be two trips this year, Detroit and Indianapolis, with all the planning for accommodations being done internally. The reasoning is that we would be able to get a better deal planning for these events ourselves. Staff is still TBD, as Sue Kuehnhold and Dwayne are not coming back in 2003. There will probably be a full professionally written drill, which costs in the range of \$3,000-5,000. Besides the costs of \$400 per student, there will be also required fund-raising, in the neighborhood of \$100 for the Band program. Possible but doubtful that scholarship money may be available on a per need basis.

At the February 13th concert, Concert Bands I & II, Symphonic Band, and Wind Symphony Band will play for around 65-70 minutes. There will then be an intermission. Then the Wind Ensemble will play for about 45-50 minutes, including three movements from one piece. The earlier students will not have to stay, but extra credit will be available if they do stay.

IMEA was very successful.

March 11th - there will be a clinician in to help with IMEA solos.

VICE PRESIDENT - COMMUNICATIONS:

The February FanFare is slightly behind schedule, as they are still waiting for outside input. It is extremely important that everyone meets the scheduled items, as timing is very critical, especially for Market Day. The March deadline is March 13th with the mailing of March 26th. This is the big issue with many inserts, as it goes to all 300 band students plus the 174 incoming freshmen.

VICE PRESIDENT - WAYS AND MEANS:

Market Day:

Market Day for February pickup will be on Saturday, the 22nd, at 1:00.

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Fund Raising - Other:

Butter Braids - will be sold February 11-28th for \$9.00 (our cost is \$5.00). Free samples will be available at the February concert, and orders will be taken at the concert. Pickup date is March 15th. Information will be in the newsletter.

Cub Foods - still putting pressure on them, but still no money.

Plant Sales - Will be in the March newsletter, with sales occurring the first Saturday in May.

EQUIPMENT:

Need aluminum bars - 1/2 inch, to build a cart for the Drum Major stand to move it more easily. Possible donation.

HISTORY AND TRADITION:

Good information from 70's and 80's, but weak on the 90's. A plea was made for any pictures, articles, etc. from the past, especially the 90's. We are trying to get some pictures from Frank.

Marching Band video - a video of the 2002 Marching Band season will be on sale for \$10 through the efforts of Liz Wentink and Roger Johns. Tape will be running during intermission at the next February concert and an article will be placed in the next issue of FanFare.

MARKETING / PUBLIC RELATIONS

Call for any 2002-2003 Pictures to put into the newsletter.

Merchandising - In the process of setting of meetings with new and existing vendors to try and get a better deal for the next school year.

BAND BOWL:

A general Recap of the 2002 Music Bowl tally is now available. The total income was \$44,490.80; total expenses were \$39,826.20 (+\$606.00 for Pepsi and Water). Total profit was \$4058.60. There was also about \$9680 in expenses from last year that we will not have in 2003. Also, much can still be attributed to the bad weather, start-up expenses, and the learning curve. It is hoped that through cost cutting measures, we will be able to do a better job in 2003.

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The Jazz Café was mildly successful, making \$89 for the Boosters and \$110 for the Jazz Band Fund. However, for the amount of work involved, it is debatable whether or not to do this for next year.

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Band Banquet:

The menu will be the same - beef, chicken, and vegetable lasagna. The cost will remain at \$20 / person. The Samels will not be playing this year, due to space limitations and budget restraints. Betty has sent a letter to them explaining why and with the offer of free tickets. The Band Directors will be given some free tickets to use as they see fit.

UNIFORMS:

The measurements for the uniforms for the Florida trip will be late in February. There will have to be an extra cleaning after the trip for all uniforms, and there may have to be an extra fee for the cleaning. Also, non-regular Marching Band students will either have buy or borrow Marching Band shoes. It is possible the shoes purchased may be able to be sold in the fall to the Marching Band students at a reduced cost to help recover some of the money spent.

VOLUNTEERS:

Everyone is to review the form for any possible additions or changes. Look at the different jobs and functions, and see what is needed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President sent out about 180 letters to different families concerning fees still owed, including those who pledged the \$50 band dues. 59 families responded by turning in required forms and/or paying the \$50 membership dues.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee presented a slate of candidates for the 2003-2004 school year. There were still open positions, so if anyone knows of other interested candidates, please let the Committee know. We will vote on the slate next month.

Roger Johns brought up the problem of a surprise bill for add-ons for percussion, which other parents voiced agreement with. He expressed concern and annoyance about the bill and add-ons, especially coming halfway through the year, with no warning of it. Craig stated that this was needed to maintain and replace school mallets and associated items that have been damaged or lost throughout the years.

Meeting started at 7:33 p.m. and ended at 9:11 p.m.

Next Meeting is Monday, March 10th, 2003

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AT 7:30 PM in Room D180