

## **BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES**

**May 5, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president, Betty Wakerly. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, John Anderson, Michele Bartlett, Barbara Baxter, Ginger Brese, Lynne Carr, Joanne Djuric, Wes Falli, Mimi Fruehe, Carla Harrison, Ron Hornish, Mimi Johnson, Chris Klacza, John Knepper, Theresa Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Deb Massa, Karen Mink, Peggy O'Dell, Nancy Poch, Kathy Russell, Geri Sorwell, Renee Vollrath, Betty Wakerly, Louise Wehr, Liz Wentink, Steve Wentink,

Absent executive board members included: Cheryl Jones, Craig Roselieb, Debbie Ziomek and Mike Ziomek.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes were approved with the following correction: Minutes should read Kelly, not Karen, Mueller as co-chair of Splash Bash

### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Louise Wehr reported that there had been a lot of activity in the student accounts. Plant sales added \$1345.21 to the student accounts and this amount will be increased as a result of last minute sales. Market Day resulted in \$215.20 added to student accounts. Students have requested that some money be taken out for the band banquet and band fees. \$1571.41 for deleted students and \$585.83 for graduated seniors (2002) will go into the scholarship fund. Graduating seniors (2003) have until May 15 to claim any balances from their accounts. These balances may only be withdrawn for band related expenses. The entire year's activity (16 pages) will be posted outside of the band room. Louise will turn all records over to her successor, Mimi Fruehe.

### **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ron Hornish reported a very successful performance for the DuPage Republicans at the Lisle Hilton, which netted \$500 for the jazz account. Both the jazz lab band and ensemble performed for an audience of over 350 people. This year the jazz bands were able to add over \$1000 to the jazz account.

It was also reported that the three band directors have been meeting to discuss their vision for next year, which they will share with the Boosters over the next few months.

Ron Hornish asked the Boosters to brainstorm on a proposition brought forth by the new percussion instructor, Adam Hill. It involved a 2-3 year deal to become one of the bands acting as a spokesman for Regal Drums. Our bands would be featured in their advertising. We would need, however, to use their battery drums exclusively. They would sell us drums at cost with their logos which would include 5 snare, 5 bass and 3 sets of tenor drums for \$6000. Suggestions included finding out whether this offer would still be in effect if we waited a year, whether it would be possible to sell our current drums to help cover the cost, whether the old sets could become practice sets, whether our drums would be useable for another year (Ron said yes), whether it would be possible to allocate

Music Bowl money toward these drums, whether the Coleman Foundation would be interested in paying for these drums, whether local business would buy a drum and how does Marion Catholic (which is a spokesman) feels about the arrangement. Discussion was tabled for a later meeting.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Lynne Carr reported that the balance as of April 7, 2003, had been \$24,581.98. Bank activity included added revenues of \$24,862.65 which included Marching Mustang fees, a recoup of a \$52 accounting error in the area of tuxedo shirts, membership fees, plant sales, band banquet and more as reported on the treasurer's written report. Expenses totaled \$22,718.74 which included plant sale expenses, deposit for band camp, band banquet, student accounts and more as reported in the treasurer's written report. Balance as of May 5, 2003, is \$26,725.89.

Lynne also reported that the Band Booster's savings account is currently earning only .075% interest and that she is investigating other options for a better rate. She did find a possible 2.4% interest in Tennessee but we would have to file under the school id. She will continue researching in this area.

A proposed budget for the 2003-2004 year was introduced. A preliminary budget was presented showing the expenses that District 99 would fund through stipends. The school will pay for some instructors. The report also stipulated which instructors and funds the Boosters would be expected to support.

The proposed budget for the Marching Mustangs portion suggests a total income of \$90,375 based on 100 students and profits from various fundraising activities. Expenses are expected to be about \$77,430 including band camp, trips, meals, equipment and instructors. This would mean there is a \$13,145 profit margin.

Other band income is projected at \$13,300 from membership fees and other fundraisers with other expenses estimated at \$12,920. This demonstrates a difference of +\$380 between income and expenses.

Mimi Johnson noted that there is a need for new boxes and hangers. About 200 hangers would be needed at a cost of about \$2 a piece and need to be budgeted for. Boxes would also be about \$2 each. The tailoring/bag repair line item was increased to \$1000 to cover boxes and hangers and any unexpected repairs.

Also noted was a donation of lights from Barb Baxter's husband's company for the inside of the trailer. \$300 was added to the budget to install lights. "Bodies" to install the lights are still needed.

The 2002 deficit carry over is still \$3200. The budget will be reviewed and voted on in June. People with questions or comments should contact Betty Wakerly or Lynn Carr.

Ron Hornish noted that there should be about 330 students in the band program next year. Ideally, if each paid \$50 membership dues, there is a potential of raising \$16,500. Discussion centered on how to better embrace people so they feel more integral to the band program. A mentor program was discussed as a possibility. It was also suggested that Concert Band 1 has their own concert to help the parents better know the band directors and the program. Ron Hornish asked for people to give “heartfelt” thought on these issues and give suggestions to Ron.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Betty Wakerly wanted to publicly acknowledge Frank Fletcher-Broucek for his work in fund raising with the jazz band gigs. She also noted that medical/registration forms have already been turned in for 175 families and 99 payments have been received. Betty also acknowledged board members and committee members with perfect attendance at board meeting. They included Louise Wehr, Renata Allelujka, Renee Vollrath, Karen Mink and Steve Wentink. She thanked all members for a great year.

Betty Wakerly had set a personal goal for herself during this past year to improve communication. She believes the communication center, email and the web site helped to accomplish this goal. She believes there is a need to continue to improve in this area. She also believes there is a need to improve internal communication between members and that decisions can't be made exclusive of the group. She hopes people will bring information to meetings for discussion to avoid misunderstandings.

A letter was sent to Frank Fletcher-Broucek and Kelly Mueller on behalf of the Band Boosters relieving them of their responsibility for the Splash Bash.

Calendar for next year has been adopted and Betty will get it in Calendar at a Glance and distribute. It does not include dates for the jazz bands of indoor percussion.

### **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT - COMMUNICATIONS**

Renata Allelujka reported that the last newsletter which will be mailed, is in the process of being completed. She distributed a list of topics for inclusion in this issue. The deadline for this newsletter is May 10. The scholarship deadline has passed but it is being extended in order to include it in the newsletter and let more people be aware of this opportunity. The June, July, and August newsletter will be posted on the web.

John Knepper, the new Mustang Band Boosters Website Chair, reported that the site is not yet up. He expects work to begin in earnest within the next month.

### **VICE PRESENT REPORT – WAYS AND MEANS**

Joanne Djuric, the new 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, reported that she is waiting for “requisition for fund raising” forms from the school office. A recap of fund raising opportunities was reviewed for agreement.

### **Market Day**

Carla Harrison reported that the exact figures for April were not yet in.

### **Plant Sale**

Louise Wehr and Geri Sorwell reported that the profit was approximately \$3081.25 with about \$1500 going into student accounts. They are planning to make it even bigger next year.

### **Heritage Fest**

Kathy Russell reported that a \$75 deposit had been made and we owe \$70 more. She has been investigating the cost of pop and water for the booth. Ice Mountain will sell 50 cases of water at \$6.72 a case and will include 5 free cases for a total cost of \$342.40. If water is sold at \$1 a bottle, a profit of \$897.60 will be realized. There is no break in the price of Pepsi so Kathy suggested buying it when it is on sale for \$3.99 a case and selling it for 50 cents or a \$450 profit for 50 cases of pop. Total anticipated profit could be \$1153.10 if 50 cases of water and 50 cases of Pepsi are sold. All the ice has been donated and we won't have to pay rental for the table. We won't know the location of the booth until June 12. Kathy also noted that she has a TV/VCR and would like to play tapes and make a display board of pictures so they can get "talking" with customers.

A source from the Dept. of Public Health recommended buying large garbage cans and lining them with garbage bags so they can be used year after year for pop and ice. Also suggested was having a supply of towels to wipe bottles down when they sweat. It was also suggested that we take our banner to attach to the top of the tent. Sign up for workers are needed and Deb Massa will help with student recruitment.

### **Splash Bash**

John Anderson reported that the event will be held at Cypress Cove and that \$5 of the ticket price will go to Cypress Cove. We would also need to pay \$40 to keep the concession stand open past 8 p.m. but there is no minimum attendance required. Tickets will be sold at a presale price of \$8 (\$3 profit) or at the door for \$10 (\$5 profit). It will be open to every band member, his or her friends and parents. The pool will still be open to the public, which means we don't have to pay for the pool or the lifeguards. The pool will be open until 9:30 for us. There will also be no cost for the band, Fertility. If anyone has suggestions, they are asked to share them with John Anderson.

### **Max & Erma Breakfast**

Michelle Bartlett reported that the breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 16, from 7 to 10 a.m. Cost will be \$5 per person. \$3 of every ticket will go into the student account and \$1 of every ticket will go toward Marching Mustangs. The remaining \$1 goes to Max & Erma's to help cover some of their costs.. Tickets will be sold before and after summer rehearsals. All tickets must be prepaid and will be sold based on the "hour" of expected dining. Tickets will go on sale on June 19. There will be a priority given to Marching Band students to help alleviate the \$100 fundraising obligation they face. If tickets are not all sold by August, other band members may be able to sell tickets but profit will go toward the marching band

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### **EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

We are still searching for a new equipment coordinator. They must have a good driving record and be able to go to competitions.

### **HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Liz Wentink reported that videos will be ready for distribution at the May 8 concert.

### **MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

John Anderson reported that he is meeting with Holy Cow to get ideas for merchandise for the upcoming year. He will get prototypes made of single items and will take orders instead of pre-ordering the merchandise and being out money if it does not sell.

### **MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Barbara Baxter reported that the group is meeting monthly. A pitch has been made to the Village of Downers Grove asking for \$3000 (but hoping for \$1000). The Village commented how impressed they were with the Bowl and how they used it as a model in other meetings. Barb is personally calling schools that participated last year. Ron Hornish is calling schools that didn't participate to invite them. The committee is using the "template" from last year as a model. They are also looking for Woodridge businesses to sponsor some ads.

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Wes Falli reported on the spring banquet. Last year's contract was for 300 people and 250 people attended and Boosters had to pay for 50 no-shows. There were 268 in attendance this year. Service was a bit slow but overall everything went well with the only expense being for balloons. A \$438 profit was realized.

Spring concerts will be held on May 8 and May 29. Refreshments will be served at the May 8 concert.

### **UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Mimi Johnson reported that Chris Klacza and Joanne Djuric would handle the color guard uniforms again.

### **VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS REPORT**

Wes Falli passed the Volunteer Coordinator notebook on to the new Volunteer Coordinator, Julie Benes. Julie is working on compiling all the volunteer information and will distribute results to the officers who should, in turn, distribute to the appropriate chairs.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

It was noted that Doug Bratt would be handling steel drums and private lessons and Adam Hill would be handling battery percussion, indoor percussion OR percussion concert ensemble.

John Knepper questioned where we were in exempting marching band members from PE during the fall quarter. Ron Hornish said that it had to go to the new principal who would come on in July. It would also need the approval of Diane Hires and the new athletic director. John Knepper was asked to be a parent representative to work with Ron Hornish in pursuing this.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Steve Wentink reported that he and his wife, Liz, have been involved in the marching band for 4 years and have enjoyed it. He wanted it noted that, during the tenure of Betty Wakerly as president and Lynne Carr as treasurer, the areas of communication and finance have been very successful. He extended his personal congratulations to both ladies.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 2, in Room D180.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Mink.