

## **Band Booster Meeting Minutes**

### **June 2, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by president, Betty Wakerly. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, John Anderson, Michele Bartlett, Barb Baxter, Lou Bedoe, Julie Benes, Ginger Brese, Lynne Carr, Joanne Djuric, Luanne Flynn, Mimi Fruehe, Carla Harrison, Mimi Johnson, Charlene Kelley, Chris Klacza, John Knepper, Terry Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Deby Massa, Karen Mink, Peggy O'Dell, Nancy Poch, Craig Roselieb, Kathy Russell, Renee Vollrath, and Betty Wakerly.

Absent executive board members included: Kelly Mueller.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes were approved with the following correction: The Music Bowl members needed to be added to the mailing list of people who receive the meeting minutes.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lynne Carr reported on the budget. She noted that there has been a new category added to the budget called "brass choir". They recently performed at the Woodridge Methodist Church and made \$393. She also reported that the Jazz band had a performance and the fee went into the Jazz band fund. Recent expenses included \$300 to Kathy Russell to purchase pop for the Heritage Fest and \$70 for the booth fee for that Fest. The balance as of June 2, 2003 was \$41,355.60.

There was also a change to the proposed budget. The original budget was based on 100 students but, because we have had a greater response, the new budget is based on 120 students. The only changes as a result of this is the fee payment and suggested fundraising because of additional students for a total anticipated income of \$100,575. Expenses have also changed as a result of the increased enrollment because of additional cost of band camp, trips, t-shirts, etc. The budget reflects these added expenses. The budget also was amended to allocate \$1000 toward tailoring and bag repair. The total anticipated expense is \$85,740. Income versus expense is +\$14,835.

A motion was made to accept the proposed budget as amended by Mimi Johnson. It was seconded by Renee Vollrath. The board voted on and approved the budget.

Discussion followed. Deby Massa questioned why the budget was not published in the newsletter, breaking down the monies that parents are paying for Marching Band. Suggestions included putting it on the website in early fall. Craig Roselieb felt that the information was already in the Power Point presentation from the sign up meeting and didn't wish to publish the budget as no other organization publishes theirs and he didn't want to open Pandora's Box. Discussion included a suggestion that parents come to a Booster meeting and see the actual report. Concern was expressed that the new budget shows an excess of \$100 per student, which is the mandatory fund raising amount, and parents may be concerned. Craig Roselieb said he would put something on the web site.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mimi Fruehe reported that the beginning balance in student accounts was \$10,296.48. There was no reported revenue and expenses were \$1672.34 with seniors claiming the money in their individual accounts. The balance is \$8,624.14.

Two thank you notes were received from scholarship recipients: Adam Vollrath and Molly Djuric.

Fun fact sheets were created by Margaret Legel. Daughter Becky compiled the results. Somehow they will be “linked” so people can view the interesting results.

Also reported was that Liz Wentink made 50 videos of past performances and there is only one left which is available for \$10 if someone wants it.

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

Craig Roselieb reported that the calendar has been updated for the entire year and is on the web. It includes all concerts for next year. He reported that it had been decided to eliminate the five-band concerts so that each group can hear the other groups perform. He expressed concern about “drive thru” concerts where parents listen to their own children perform and then leave. There will never be more than 3 bands so no concert will last longer than 1-1/2 hours. This also leaves room to invite and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band over to play on concert nights where there are only two bands. There will never be an intermission so people won't leave and any food will be served after the concert.

Craig reported that all staff has been secured. Doug Bratt has declined the position he was offered. Percussion made a few changes and Mark Botti was added for all private-lesson drum students. A new clarinet teacher has also been hired. All private teachers are now on the website if you want them during the summer for lessons. Private lessons are very important and will be held at Downers South.

Jazz auditions were held. The band directors will make recommendations for next fall. A semi-permanent list for jazz band will be posted but will be subject to change in the fall when the freshmen are also playing with the band.

Mr. McCormick, Mr. Hornish and Mr. Roselieb have divided the director work load. Concerns relating to adult issues/parent issues will go to Craig. Concerns about students or sections leaders, etc., will go to Mr. McCormick. Mr. Hornish will work with all staff issues. Mr. Roselieb will be attending all booster meetings and is the person to email or call about adult issues.

Conversation continued from the last meeting on the proposal from Regal Drums to use Downers Grove South in its advertising. Two people have sent checks for Spirit Team drums. Someone is considering purchasing all the snare drums for \$1000. Marching band equipment is not purchased by the district as it is repaired and replaced so often. It needs to be funded outside of the school budget. Equipment was originally purchased in 1994, knowing that it would have to be replaced in seven years. We own 100 instruments that students “blow” into. The school budgets \$65 per instrument. Mark Samel will be working with the percussion company and is willing to fund some with money from the Mike Samel Music Fund. Craig feels safe in reporting that the Boosters won't have to budget or lease anything and that the money will come from the Spirit Team and the Samel Music Fund. We would purchase 5 snare drums, 3 tenors and 5 bass drums with carriers for about \$6500. Cases we currently own will be fitted with special foam for our smaller instruments. The new drums are made of aluminum and can get wet without rusting. A question was raised about selling the old instruments and Craig said we would do this after the new instruments are shipped.

The first home football game will be played on Friday, August 29, at the University of Illinois in Champaign. We will be playing Edwardsville.

Carla Harrison asked who was in charge of the pit percussion. Craig reported that Adam has a friend who has been coming and volunteering. Adam is looking for someone to take his place when he is gone this summer with the corps. Indoor percussion is still on the table as to whether it will be continued or not.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Betty Wakerly had nothing to report.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Renata Allelujka developed a publication schedule and topic suggestions for future issues. She doesn't see the need for another newsletter until August which would cover August, September and October news. Any fundraising pieces of flyers would be put electronically on our website. Discussion followed as to whether special flyers should conform to the newsletter dates or be sent out as needed. Betty said she would like to see them sent as needed rather than waiting for a newsletter. Market Day is an example of an extra flyer that would be sent. Mimi Johnson said she knows she will have to send something out on the mailing list separate from the newsletter because she has fitting dates and dates for a shoe exchange which will come up before the next newsletter. Craig said he would add these things to a mailing he was sending out. Renata asked that members look over the topics and suggestions and let her know if they have anything else they would like to see added.

### **Web Page**

John Knepper reported that only 10-12 people have responded to request their mail be forwarded to their personal email accounts. If you don't provide this forwarding address, you will need to check your band email account to access any mail. John reminded us that the start up password for everyone is dgs. Craig suggested bringing the band students into the library in the fall so they can all input their personal email address as well as their parents. Future newsletters will only be available on the web site but an email will go out telling people that the new newsletter is available and can be accessed.

John is working on the overall organization of the web page. He has created a menu scheme that would take you to specific pages. He said it is just a starting point. The next step is to have people responsible for each of the things on the menus so John will know what they want on these pages.

Two students have asked if they could have input into the web site. Discussion centered on how much access we wanted to give to band students, color guard, etc. In terms of security it was suggested that there would be sub-domain for the kids' portion of the website like [www.extra.mustangbandboosters.com](http://www.extra.mustangbandboosters.com). By adding a word before Mustang Band Boosters, it will keep students from changing information on the main pages. Craig suggested that Mark McCormick sit down with the section leaders to help them create web pages that link from the school band website instead of the booster site.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT – WAYS AND MEANS**

Joanne Djuric reported that two fundraising chairs have been added. Laurie Smith has agreed to do Butter Braid sales and Mark Yahoudy has agreed to do ValuCards. Joanne discussed a plan to sell 500 ValuCards this year. She noted that the merchant books would not be free this year and would cost 25 cents extra per book. She will be meeting with Steve Timmer to discuss what we would like to see added to the card this year. She needs board support before entering into a contract with this fundraiser. Questions were raised as to whether the area is too saturated with these cards since other organizations have begun to sell them. There were over 500 cards sold last

year. Sales would begin in July which would put us ahead of the football team and their card. It was suggested that the sale be held in September. Craig Roselieb suggested that Steve Timmer present the card to the students at a rehearsal. He would be invited to come to precamp and speak at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Someone from Heritage Fest would be invited to speak to the students at 4:30 p.m. on Monday. A motion was made that we contract to sell 500 cards by John Anderson. Barb Baxter seconded the motion and it was passed.

### **Market Day**

Lou Bedoe reported on Market Day. He said he has a list of volunteers and sent email to remind them of the next sale on June 14. Orders are due June 6 but internet orders are due June 11. Helpers need to be there at 8:15 a.m. There will be a 15% profit during the summer and the entire amount will go to the band student.

### **Heritage Fest**

Kathy Russell reported that the water from Ice Mountain will be delivered to her house on the Wednesday before Heritage Fest. Meijer is looking into donating half the cases of pop and Jewel is going to give gift cards which can be used to buy pop. The public health forms are in. Kathy reported that she will need the coolers from the school and also will need the vats for the water for the students. Booth location wouldn't be known until June 12. Kathy needs parent volunteers to sell pop. Deby Massa has the kid volunteer lists.

### **Splash Bash**

John Anderson reported that he would bring flyers for the Splash Bash to precamp. He believes that most of the sales will be at the door on the date of the Bash. Craig Roselieb asked John if he could design a Booster Logo and John agreed to do this.

### **Max 'n Ermas**

Michele Bartlett reported that she has picked up 600 tickets for this event. She plans on going to precamp to talk about the Breakfast on Tuesday. There are 200 tickets available for each hour of the breakfast.

### **MidAmerica Bank**

John Anderson reported that this sponsor from last year's Music Bowl wants to talk to the students about bringing them a savings or checking account. For every account opened, the bank would donate money to Band Boosters. Donations would be \$25 for a checking account and \$10 for a savings account. It was decided that no presentation would be needed and something would be put on the web site so students with summer jobs could open account. The only restriction is that the student must bring in a specific form or we won't get credit.

### **Cub Foods**

Peggy O'Dell reported that she turned in receipts and, according to her calculations, the Boosters should get a check for \$92.65 for the \$9265.36 in receipts she turned in.

### **EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR**

There is still no officer for this position but the Barnas have agreed to drive trailer around for some games and competitions.

### **HISTORY/TRADITION**

Kelly Mueller was not present to report.

## **MARKETING**

John Anderson brought in about 100 hangers so they won't have to be purchased out of Booster funds. He reported that the Music Bowl process has begun and a new poster has been generated and will be posted around town.

The newsletter takes a while to download on dial-up and Lou Bedoe asked about the possibility of getting a text version instead.

Charlene Kelley has looked into options for merchandising. Window clings and bumper stickers could be purchased. The board agreed that no one wanted bumper stickers. The merchandise will be divided up so you will see summer stuff and fall stuff. There will also be something on the web page. Suggestions included tank tops with logos on the back for girls and sleeveless t-shirts for boys. All will be ordered on demand so we don't have to stock them. Visors are also available. There are also polo shirts for \$24 each and denim shirts. Anything we want to buy in bulk will drive price down but must be presented to boosters before pursuing. Gloves are also an option for cold weather. There is a chenille-like blanket that is available but the cost is \$33 which would mean we would have to mark up the price to sell it. No one was really interested in the blanket option. In addition, all merchandise we have had in the past will continue to be available. Charlene asked if someone could get the Mustang Merchandise Mart set up for the web site and John Anderson said he would do that.

## **MUSIC BOWL**

Barb Baxter reported that the committee has been meeting monthly and is working on getting sponsorship. She is optimistic about a possible sponsorship from Comcast. Renata Allelujka is working on a few connections with McDonalds. Last year the sponsorship was from local businesses. It is hoped to have some major corporations as sponsors this year. Everything went so well last year that it is serving as a template in the planning of this year's Bowl. Four bands have already signed up. Barb called all the bands that participated last year but they don't yet know their schedules.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Nancy Poch reported that she was meeting tonight to arrange dinners for precamp. She said it would include hot dogs one day and pizza the next.

## **UNIFORM COORDINATORS**

Mimi Johnson and Renee Vollrath reported that fittings are set for Saturday, August 2, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. There will also be a shoe exchange for anyone who has outgrown their band shoes. They can bring their shoes in earlier in the week. They are toying with the idea of selling used shoes for \$15 with all money going to the seller. August 5th from 1 to 5:30 p.m. and August 6<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 p.m. are other fitting dates. Uniforms will be cleaned next week.

## **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

Julie Benes reported that she has compiled all the volunteer data but no one would have received the information unless they accessed their band booster accounts. It is on a spreadsheet. Julie plans on sending updates every month of so and is looking for volunteers for the Fourth of July parades and band camp.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

John Knepper talked to Ron Hornish about making marching band students exempt from fall P.E. but hasn't heard anything back so he is assuming there is nothing he can do to help in this pursuit. Craig Roselieb said that it will go to the new Activity Director in the fall and that will be a big

push for next year. He suggested that John call Diane Hires from the perspective of a band parent to discuss the possibility. Craig Roselieb said they will need a parent to go to a curriculum meeting to present it and show how important it is. The weight of several parents would help. It would then be effective for the entire district and not just South students.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be June 30 at 7:30 p.m. There will be no meeting during the month of July.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Mink