

Band Booster Meeting Minutes June 30, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by president, Betty Wakerly. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Michele Bartlett, Barb Baxter, Julie Benes, Ginger Brese, Lynne Carr, Sue DeMeyer, Joanne Djuric, Mimi Fruehe, Carla Harrison, Mimi Johnson, Charlene Kelley, John Knepper, Ed Kopytko, Terry Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Constance Markham, Deby Massa, Mark McCormick, Karen Mink, Peggy O'Dell, Nancy Poch, Craig Roselieb, Geri Sorwell, Renee Vollrath, Betty Wakerly and Mark Yahoudy.

Absent executive board members included: John Anderson and Kelly Mueller.

MINUTES

The minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mimi Fruehe reported that the balance in student accounts was \$8474.14. There was \$150 in withdrawals toward Membership Fees and no revenue for the month. Mimi hopes to post student accounts on the web site using student id numbers instead of student names.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Betty Wakerly reported that thank you letters were received from students receiving scholarships including: Emily Harrison, Megan Bartlett and Alex Kopytko.

1st VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Renata Allelujka reported that the deadline for articles to be included in the newsletter is August 9.

Web Page

John Knepper that 110 people have contacted him to update their mailboxes and forwarding addresses. He noted that ATTBI was changing over to Comcast on June 30th but he did not anticipate any problems. Band merchandise will be for sale on the website and pictures of the products and order forms will be there. Orders placed at the website will be filled by the merchandise committee. John had a brief meeting before the Band Booster meeting to talk about the Volunteer list. It was decided that a page would be set up with volunteer opportunities. Julie Benes would maintain the lists and help with the website so that volunteer information and opportunities can be posted and updated. Any volunteer jobs that exist today or sometime during the school year would be on the site.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig Roselieb reported that he has been collecting payments, intent forms and contracts. A new flute and clarinet player have been added but a few people were lost at rehearsal. The current membership number stands at 123. If anyone quits after July 1st, they will not get a refund of fees paid. The contract that they signed said that they would commit to the season. Some of the younger students have been accommodated with refunds even though the contract was signed but the deadline for any more withdrawals or refunds is July 1st.

Craig reported that he had attended the Bands of America (BOA) symposium at Illinois State University the previous week. It was the first time he had ever attended. He was able to “rub elbows” with some of the top high school band directors and attended sessions led by an incredible faculty. There were 1500 students and over 300 faculty in attendance. He brought back lots of ideas for bands and winter guard and even obtained information on booster groups that he will share. The symposium annually runs from a Thursday through a Saturday and Craig suggested that some board members might like to attend next year.

Craig noted that a few parents had called him regarding the extra percussion rehearsals. He announced that no one could be in the building during the three weeks in July designated as the band’s vacation. He said that all students should take a vacation and no one is obligated to attend rehearsals during this three week period and no one should be “strong armed” to do so. The intention of the calendar was to take that time off and students should be able to do so.

Craig suggested that, perhaps, the cancelled Splash Bash could be rescheduled for one of the days before band camp, perhaps the Wednesday before. John Anderson is trying to see when the band scheduled to provide the entertainment might be available.

Mark Botti is on board as the new percussion instructor.

A \$2000 deposit was made toward the purchase of the new drums. The total cost of the drums will be \$6900. Mark Samel paid the deposit and is optimistic that the “Hike for Mike” will pay the remainder. The Hike is tentatively scheduled for September 13. He is happy to donate the new set of marching percussion to the band. Craig would like to use the old drums for rehearsals and the new ones for performances. The Spirit of Music fund will pay for the percussion instruments with the exception of those paid for by people who are donating money to see their names on the drums. The only problem that might exist is that Mark Samel’s fund may not be available when the bill for the drums comes and it may be necessary to borrow money from the Band Boosters until the funds come in.

Craig expressed his gratitude to all the parents who are attending the rehearsals this summer. He said it is like a beehive with parents representing ValuCards, Heritage Fest and the Max N Erma’s breakfast. When Craig talks to other successful band programs, they all have this type of parent involvement where parents use their talents, energies and enthusiasm for the good of the band. Craig said the group is wonderful and everyone is doing what they are doing for all the right reasons and he is thankful.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Lynne Carr reported that a check has been received in the amount of \$500 from MidAmerica Bank for an ad they have purchased for the Band Bowl. Lynne has also received a check for \$1 from the bank. When anyone opens a new account at MidAmerica Bank, \$10-\$15 is put into a separate account. There is already \$60 in that account. Lynne is hoping to arrange for that bonus money to be deposited into our regular Band Booster account but if it is not possible, the money can stay in that separate account

and build. MidAmerica Bank passed out flyers at Heritage Fest with our logo on them so if anyone signed up for a new account during Heritage Fest, the band would profit.

Last year's budget has come to an end and we are beginning the new year. As of this meeting, we have not yet received a bank statement so it was not possible to close out last year's budget. The budget distributed at the meeting was activity for the 2003-2004 budget year. \$847.40 was spent for booth space, Ice Mountain water, pop and change for the booth before Heritage Fest. Income is not yet known but it is hoped that \$1800 profit will be made as budgeted.

In the Expenses Category, one payment has been made for Band Camp and two group meals have been paid for. We also paid for an audition tape for Indy but that will be reimbursed from the school. Color guard uniforms have been purchased and were obtained with a fabulous deal of something equivalent to buy one and get one free. Music licensing is at -\$20 because we didn't realize we would have to pay the charges to have it sent. The total of the Income vs. Expenses in the Marching Band Budget is \$25,325.45.

There is also a drum fund with one family who donated \$200 for drums and another family who donated \$400. In the Other Than Marching Band Budget, band membership has only collected \$5450 to date and because \$8000 was anticipated and budgeted, there is a negative difference of \$2550 there. Overall we are still in the positive with \$1503 for Income vs. Expenses.

Lynne shared an article from the Chicago Tribune called "Band Kids, This One is For You". Barb Baxter had contacted the author of the article and is going to send him tickets to the Band Bowl. Lynne felt it was a great article.

Barb Baxter wanted to clarify that the \$1800 was our anticipated profit from Heritage Fest and wanted to know if it included the \$1400 we were getting from the Village for working at the fest. Lynne clarified that it did include that amount.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – WAYS AND MEANS

Joanne Djuric reported that the next Market Day was July 12 and that you had until July 7th to order online.

Heritage Fest

Deby Massa reported on Heritage Fest. She said that 72 youth participated and that the village is very happy with us and wants us to keep our shirts so we can wear them again next year. There were only a few minor problems with kids who looked at it as a date night and this would be addressed. The shirts won't be raffled off since we need them again next year. Deby will use 20 minutes on Tuesday to give the youth ice cream at 9:30 p.m. as a reward. Renata asked if it was possible to shorten the work shift for Heritage Fest from a four hour commitment because students are bored and more kids may volunteer if the shifts were shorter. Though she was not present, Kathy Russell relayed that she had a wonderful time but the money has not yet been counted. She felt it was a slow year for the Heritage Fest in general.

ValuCards

Mark Yahoudy reported on ValuCards. He said that he ordered 400 and received 40 more free. So far 380 cards have been signed out. Only 51 students actually took cards. There is a big push to get the money in. Tuesday, July 1 is the last day for cards. People needing to pay for cards may call Mark or turn in money at Market Day. Only \$860 has been collected so far. The bill for \$2100 is due on July 4th. The cards will be sold again in the fall with a kick off the first week of September.

Max N Erma's Breakfast

Michele Bartlett reported that she has sold 104 breakfast tickets for Max N Erma's. Most are for the 9-10 a.m. time slot. She will be at Market Day selling Max N Erma breakfast tickets. Michele said she may have a flyer and if Splash Bash occurs early enough, she can sell tickets there too. There are 600 tickets to sell. She doesn't think there will be a problem and many will sell when the students return for rehearsals in August. She may include something in Mimi Johnson's July mailing.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

There was no report from the Equipment Coordinator as there is none. The Barnas have offered to take responsibility for the equipment for about half the dates and we may have to rely on parents for the others.

HISTORY/TRADITION

Kelly Mueller was not present but Lynne Carr reported that she has picked up the Historian files and materials from the former Historian, Liz Wentink.

MARKETING

There was no report as John Anderson was not in attendance.

Band Merchandise

Charlene Kelly reported that John Anderson took some of the hats and Music Bowl shirts for the adult volunteers marching in the July 4th parades. She needed to know if the new staff members had their shirts. They will be distributed in the fall or she could hand them out at band camp so new staff will have them by the first game on August 29.

Margaret Legel reported that the Mustang Merchandise Mart will be online at our website. She wanted to know if she could sell anything in the box in the loft. There can be Clearance items on the site as well as new merchandise. She also discussed a catalog where we could sell items and make ½ the catalog price as profit. She asked that, since band merchandise had no budget, they could sell items they already have and use the profit to buy things to sell at football games like suckers and whistle pops. They have to work with the football people to see where to place the booth. The committee could discuss this and make decisions on this area. Since there is no budget they would have to break even or make money on what they sell. Craig said that the perfect place to start

selling what we already have on hand was on Friday night during the band camp picnic or at Open House in the fall.

Craig reported that he has updated the band website with Becky Legel's fun facts and has also put a link to John's Booster page. Roger's website is no longer in use.

MUSIC BOWL

Barb Baxter reported that \$500 has been received from MidAmerica Bank and CDW. She also reported that a letter has been received from Comcast stating that they would be happy to assist but want to see a sponsorship form. Barb is hoping for \$5000 from them.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Nancy Poch reported that the band dinners went well. Betty Wakerly and Lyn Barna helped tremendously. There were lots of hot dogs, pizza and bakery. They came in under budget on the dinners.

UNIFORM COORDINATORS

Mimi Johnson and Renee Vollrath reported that the uniforms and raincoats were out being cleaned. Twelve people took raincoats to wash them saving us at least \$7 a raincoat. Dates are set up for the fittings. A flyer went home with the students and a reminder will be mailed home closer to start up. The shoe exchange is also set up and a flyer will go home this week and again in mid-summer. This is the first year for a shoe exchange and it is not known how it will go. There will be a mailing on Monday, July 21. Craig will have band camp information too so the fitting mailing and band camp information can go together and the school will mail it. Max N Erma breakfast information and Splash Bash information will also be included.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Julie Benes reported that she owes us an updated volunteer spreadsheet and she would get it out this week. She also will get a template out for our input in the next couple of weeks. She is getting "dribbles" of people volunteering to help at band camp. She has about 20% of the volunteers needed and these people have already given her a date when they will help. Craig said he needs 5 male and 6 female chaperones for each night of camp. The Fourth of July chaperones are all in place.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be on Monday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m. It will probably be held in the orchestra room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Mink