

Band Booster Meeting
January 5, 2003

President Betty Wakerly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Lou Bedoe, Julie Benes, Kim Bokowski, Lynne Carr, Monika Cunningham, Joanne Djuric, Mimi Fruehe, Carla Harrison, John Knepper, Ed Kopytko, Terry Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Deby Massa, Karen Mink, Kelly Mueller, Peggy O'Dell, Nancy Poch, Craig Roselieb, Renee Vollrath, Betty Wakerly and Tom Warmoth.

Absent executive board members included: Barbara Baxter and Mimi Johnson,

MINUTES

There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lynne Carr reported that there has not been much activity during the last month, only cheesecakes and a few things from Margaret Legel, Merchandising. The current bank statement hasn't come yet. If you signed up for dinner or BOA Subway dinner from a student account, those two haven't been taken out of student accounts yet. Lynne will pass these "bills" on to Mimi Fruehe so you might see some changes in your student accounts.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mimi Fruehe reported that there was a \$8832.24 balance at the beginning of the month in student accounts. After \$1030.02 was deposited from cheesecakes, the new balance is \$9,582.26.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig Roselieb had all the Market Day checks for a total of \$1701.18. Part of that has already gone into student accounts. The Coleman Foundation sent Craig a letter that they have donated \$1500 specifically to be used for pit percussion. This is Mike Hennessy's foundation and he was the first booster president. We only need to provide receipts and a year-end report on how this will help promote the program goals.

Craig went the next step with the PE exemption and has done a cover letter to Mr. Geocaris who will forward it to person at the administrative office who is in charge of curriculum. Mr. Geocaris is going to ask that they tell us what the next step would be. Do they want a sit down meeting? More rationale? The executive committee will make a decision based on John Knepper's survey and Craig's rationale comments. Students in junior and senior year would be exempt from P.E. for the entire semester if they participate in marching band. Student would have the option of enrolling in another elective that they might not have been able to take otherwise. Marching band is co-curricular at North and extra curricular at South. Craig feels it will have a good chance of gaining some attention and hopes they invite us in to talk more about this. This will be presented as a team effort between the directors and the Band Boosters.

Leadership Tryouts for marching band will be January 20-23. The Monday, January 26th Open House will be for O'Neill and Eisenhower students. Wednesday, January 27th Open House will be for Jefferson, Lakeview and private schools students.

Monday, February 9 will be a combination marching band recruitment night and London trip proposal night at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

London Information - Craig had a sit down meeting with Powell Yohan at the Midwest Clinic and found out how to plan for the London trip and what was involved in it. He is very excited about the potential for this trip. He believes we can work in a clinic at the Royal Academy while we are there. The package will be presented at February 9th meeting including itinerary and possibilities. On July 5th they are flying the directors to London (Craig's honeymoon) so they can see venues. They will see the parade route. The initial price quote based on 175 people (130-140 kids and adults) would be \$1900 a student including 8 days, airfare (which is about half of that), 6 nights in a 5 star hotel (3 per room). All is refundable except a \$200 deposit, which is due by March 30th. It includes all meals except lunch the entire time. It also includes a theater night and all transportation. A concert with Wind Ensemble and a "gig" in a London pub for the jazz ensemble will also be included. Parent chaperones can be "balloon handlers" in the parade.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Betty Wakerly reported on the status of membership fees. Betty sent out letters today to all families who haven't gotten paperwork (medical release forms) or \$50 fees. We have nominating committee appointees in place. The appointees are Barb Baxter, Lynne Carr and Karen Mink. If the committee is approved, it will present what nominations it has in February and nominations will also be taken from the floor at that time. The election will be held at the March meeting. The members of the committee were presented to the board for approval. The nominations of Barb Baxter, Lynne Carr and Karen Mink were all unanimously accepted. The committee now needs to set a time to get together with the band director. John Knepper expressed concern with the treasurer's position. He believes that someone coming in at the late date (in June) may not be ready to assume the position and its responsibilities. Tom Danko has already talked with Lynne Carr about the position and Lynne feels confident he will be ready. He has Excel spreadsheet and used it in accounting for the Music Bowl money. Lynne feels it will be a team situation with his wife, Tracy, who is an accountant. John feels it is a job that should have a shadow for six months before Lynne actually leaves. New positions don't actually start until the beginning of June even though election is in March.

Band camp will be held on August 15-20. School starts on Sept. 1st. Indy Regional will be in October and season will be over at end of October instead of November. Craig is thinking about including a Thanksgiving Day parade in Chicago to next year's plan in order to get into shape for the long London parade and he feels it would also serve as good public relations.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Renata Allelujka distributed a schedule with the next three issues of Fanfare's suggested topics listed. Anyone responsible for anything on this list should pay special attention to the deadlines. Be sure to get copy to Renata by deadlines listed. Also, be sure to let Renata know if anything has been missed. Craig asked if it would be ready to hand out at Open House. That would be a week ahead (Jan. 26 and 28) of the scheduled publication date. Postage would be saved if it were just passed out to freshman at Open House. The new deadline was adjusted to Monday, 19th, so it could be done in time.

Website

John Knepper and Sandy Liedtke reported. John hoped to install a new piece of software to maintain our mailing list but it doesn't do what we need it to do. It isn't possible to put attachments on messages that go out with this software. He did check to see how many students have forwarding addresses on their band email mailbox. There are 155 students that have forwarding email addresses that take all of their mail to their personal email mailboxes. Another 27 students have forwarding email addresses and keep the messages on their Mustang Band Boosters mailboxes. This means that a total of 182 students have mail being forwarded to their personal emailing address. There are 133 students who have no forwarding information on the system. This is a problem. These are the students who are in question as to whether they received Band mail.

John is also looking into a method of transferring the maintenance of forwarding addresses back to the end users, rather than having to maintain these addresses himself. This is the way that companies and villages work to maintain their mailing lists.

Finally, John is going to perform a test mailing to see who is actually reading the mail that goes out via the Everyone list. He will set up a separate email mailbox and generate a message to Everyone from that mailbox. He will have the readers reply to the message with their names in the subject line. Then he will check how many replies came back and who they were from.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Joanne Djuric reported that the next fundraiser is Butter Braids and that is coming up pretty soon.

Cheesecakes

Monika Cunningham reported that 249 cheesecakes were sold. This is down about 20 cheesecakes from the year before. There was a glitch at pick up with two extra cheesecakes remaining. The \$1245 profit was split between the band account and the band students' accounts. Monika reported that we might want to think about doing cheesecake sales a little earlier next year so the delivery would be before Thanksgiving or right after Thanksgiving so people can use them at holiday parties. She felt this might increase sales.

She also thinks we should "talk it up more". Some students weren't aware they were selling cheesecakes.

Butter Braids

Laurie Smith was not here to report but she is on top of everything.

Market Day

Lou Bedoe reported that in December \$578.82 was deposited in the account.

Cub Foods

Peggy O'Dell asked that people keep the receipts coming in.

School Share

Margaret Legel asked if anything showed up for School Share in profit but Lou said nothing was on there.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Tom Warmoth reported that all is wonderful. Lou Bedoe discussed with Craig Roselieb the possibility of an electric brake controller for the school van. He felt that, with several parents towing the trailer, the easier it is to adjust the controller if needed, the safer it would be. If Craig was interested in this piece of equipment, Lou offered to donate it and have it installed on the van.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Kelly Mueller thanked everyone for approving the lesson scholarship for her son. She has a CD from Frank Fletcher-Broucek with 1999-2000 photos that he took. Everything is pretty well organized into three sections: photos, PR articles and newspaper stuff. There is also memorabilia (patches, etc.), large portraits that probably hung somewhere and plaques from participation. Kelly needs to sit down with Craig to go over this stuff. She said that there is close to 3000 photographs. The labor to digitize all these photos would mean years of work. Photo albums are pretty organized and dated. Kelly sees photographs as a "touchy-feely" thing. She doesn't see a benefit of digitizing everything from the past. She believes the main goal is to be sure she is not missing things that are going on this year. Kelly needs to purchase durable bins (rubber maid) since everything is in cardboard boxes. There may be a

couple up in the loft from band merchandise. Lynne said they could be purchased out of "band promo" account.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Band Merchandise

Margaret and Mike Legel said it has been a slow month.

Videography

Mike Legel said they were all delivered and about 10% were unplayable. Mike bought some blanks and is replacing them with VHS tapes and other DVDs. Mike had about \$900 income and about \$400 worth of costs. The orders are still coming in.

MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Barb Baxter is sick but sends along wishes for a Happy New Year. Deby Massa reported that the first mailing for the Music Bowl was sent out to schools.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Nancy Poch reported that nothing is happening but she will be recruiting people for refreshments in February.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

Color Guard Uniforms

Joanne Djuric reported that there are still a couple of pieces out and she will check on that.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Julie Benes has no report. She said she thought they needed some adult chaperones for something but wasn't sure what. Craig Roselieb said that 4 parents were needed to chaperone the Midwest Music Fest at Lemont High School on February 28th. The Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble know about it.

PARENT COORDINATORS

Jazz

Kim Bokowski reported that Jazz Café is on Thursday. Caribou donated coffee and they will also sell water and pop. There will be snacks donated by parents. There will be a merchandise table too. Kim is organizing a dinner for the New Trier gig on February 7th. Craig would like to offer free tickets for junior high kids to the NIU concert on February 5. The question arose as to how many tickets participants would have to sell. We must provide dinner but we will share the cost with North. Twenty people and 3 directors must be fed.

Percussion

Carla Harrison reported there are 31 musicians and 3 actors this year. She thanked the website chairs for getting things up and running for Winter Percussion information. Carla reported that there was a group of moms focusing on costumes and dads constructing the set and parents for chaperones who would end up being a set up crew because of the extent of the set. She said it was more complex than what they did last year. They will be participating in three competitions. The final competition will be the first weekend of spring break and that will be end of the season. Cymbal players would like to wear color guard black leotards. Money is coming in. Sue Hall wants to go along on all the competitions. Kids will have makeup and everything.

Other

Betty doesn't know where we stand with Winter Guard and if we do at some point we will need a parent coordinator for this as well. She hopes to have a parent coordinator for color guard in the fall.

MISCELLANEOUS

Margaret Legel said Fun Fact surveys went to Craig right before break. From the information on the survey, parents should see that participating in Marching Mustangs doesn't hurt grades by the number of students that earn academic letters.

At Freshman Open House last year we had parent volunteers. Betty asked for volunteers for this year's Open House and many people volunteered.

Craig asked if John Knepper could demonstrate how to do email on a computer hooked up to a screen. Craig would walk guest through school website and John could do the Booster web site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Room D180.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.