

Mustang Band Boosters Meeting
March 8, 2004

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

Absent executive board members included: Tom Warmoth.

MINUTES

There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were approved as written by secretary, Karen Mink.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mimi Fruehe reported that the beginning balance was \$9330.12. Revenue included Market Day and a Music Bowl ad for total revenue of \$457.21. Expenses included some membership fees, instrument repairs, fall banquet and Indy BOA dinner for a total of \$925.80 in expenses and a balance of \$8861.53.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lynne Carr reported that it is very quiet right now and there is nothing to report.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig Roselieb reported that he had two things from Camp Manitoqua. The final bill from last fall's camp didn't include the Friday night cookout so they are now billing us \$623.75. Lynne said it wasn't a problem because we had money left in that account to spend.

Next year the dates for Band Camp are August 15-20th. The contract has arrived and needs to be signed. There is only a \$150 deposit due with the contract. Another \$5000 is due in May and \$5000 is due in July. The price is currently set at 115 members but so far 91 people made the due date. The roster is up to 140 kids for marching band including returning members and a lot of new freshman. It looks like it is going to be a banner year.

Quizno would like to have a day or night fundraiser. They would donate 10% of the income for that fundraising night to marching band. Craig said to check if we could do it in the summer instead.

Ron Hornish has a new type of uniform shoe that he would like to begin phasing in. It is through Fred J. Miller but we might be able to get it through Band Man. Price is about \$30 each from Miller but may be less expensive from Band Man.

London trip update. Mr. Roselieb did a survey of the bands. Over 100 kids are interested in going, not counting alumni or freshman. He already has 20 or more deposits in early. Our deposit is due on March 30th.

Jazz Band has been doing all kinds of gigs. There was a miscommunication about the fund we would get from the grant. We thought it was going to be \$1500 from South and North towards the \$3000 we had to pay NIU. It really was only \$1500 total so we had to borrow money from North. Jazz Band has \$1459 in their account right now. We ordered a second new drum set with money from Jazz Band for \$800. We also bought new concert bells and a snare drum with the \$1500 gift from indoor percussion fund.

Craig reported that he is making progress on the color guard staff position. Gina's assistant from last year is interested in working as a full time staff member. Craig still hasn't had a phone conversation with Gina.

P.E. Exemption Update. Craig reported that a letter was received from Bill Renner, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. According to the letter, the council has reviewed this policy for the second time in the last few years. The first time they chose not to broaden the extent of the policy and would not change the policy. According to Mr. Renner, "The focus of our physical education curriculum on life-long fitness and healthy lifestyles continues to be the primary reason for not exempting students from physical education for participation in marching band. Few, if any, of the schools surveyed in your proposal have physical education programs comparable to ours. We are extraordinarily proud of our program and believe that it is beneficial for all students".

Craig said he had followed the options open to him as a staff member and would not be getting any further involved with the situation. Discussion followed. Boosters discussed their desire to reopen and discuss this further with the board. The School Board is having Bagels and Breakfast on Saturday in Woodridge and discussion followed as to how and when to re-address this. Betty said we would revisit this later in this meeting under Miscellaneous.

There is a four year window open to travel to Germany and that window opens in 2005. Directors felt it was too much stress to do both Germany and the London trip and based on the history of this exchange and the benefits it provides to our entire district, a new rotation would invite a three-group set of students. In year one an honor band from North and South would go to Germany. During year two, an orchestra from both schools and a band from North would go. During year three an orchestra from both schools and a band from South would go. The South band has already been to Germany three times. The North band has only been there twice so 2005 would be North's turn as well as the orchestra. Craig said we are also in discussion with Germany about expanding to every two years instead of every four years so there would be an opportunity for each school to travel in the four-year cycle. This change would give more students an opportunity to make that trip.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Betty Wakerly has been busy recruiting for next year and many people are returning to serve second and third year in the position. There is still an opening for water people, Splash Bash, Butter Braid chair, and a co-chair for plant sales. New chair recruits include Laurel Garza for candy bars, Jerry Olsen for website and Ed Kopytko for videotape. Membership fees are still dribbling in.

Ballots were passed out and people were asked to fill them out and pass them to Barb Baxter. Everyone can vote.

There will be a budget meeting coming up. Betty and Lynne would like to have an audit since they are both leaving and want a clean slate of the books. If you are interested in serving on this committee, let Betty know.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Mustang Band Fanfare

Renata Allelujka reported that the next issue deadline is next Monday, March 15. She is trying to get the Fanfare out by the Wednesday before Spring Break. She will do a mailing for freshmen with labels and will have an assembling meeting. Craig will have labels and other things ready to go by next Monday.

Website

John Knepper reported that the mail system is too much work and doesn't meet the requirements. Having a mailbox for every student is a waste of time because students are not using them. A

forwarding entry had to be done for each mailbox. John would like to implement a more automated system where individuals would sign themselves up for whatever mailing lists they want. John would maintain executive board, general board and Music Bowl mailing list but others with significant numbers of people like jazz, etc., would each have a subscribe and unsubscribe on the website. He believes it will make it easier and will make it more palatable for someone else when they might take this job over in the distant future. He has worked up a test page so he knows it works. The trick will be to encourage people to put themselves on the list. People who are computer illiterate can communicate with John and he will add their names to the list. He thinks it will be in place by the time we have our next meeting. Anyone who is in the system already will continue to be in the system and they can manage their own information. Craig suggested having a subscription day during band camp and have kids subscribe. This can also be done at the "social" for band parents.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

Butter Braids

Joanne Djuric reported in Laurie Smith's absence that Laurie is processing the orders and will go over the results at the next meeting.

Market Day

Joanne Djuric reported in Lou Bedoe's absence that there was \$565.12 profit. \$14.70 of that is for School Share. This was from the February sale. Renata Allelujka reported that the Sara Lee outlet is now selling Market Day. If you register at the counter, 5% of your total sale will go to your organization.

Plant Sale

Geri Sorwell reported that there were a few orders but not much going on yet. They will get an email out before spring break and orders are due April 10th. Because of spring break on March 31st, orders will need to be in since we can't check the mailboxes during break. Craig asked for copies for the faculty mailboxes. He suggested that Geri email Eileen and she would distribute the flyers to the mailboxes.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Tom Warmoth was not there to report but Craig reported that Lou Bedoe's donation has already been installed so the trailer now has a new brake controller and the district mechanic installed it.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Kelly Mueller reported that she had a receipt for Lynne for bins to organize. She said she would also get together with Craig to go through things. She is also going to send an email to the general and executive board to ask for news articles or memorabilia that may have been generated.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Band Merchandise

Margaret Legel reported that in February they had \$1597 in profits. They make between \$20-\$40 at each appearance. They made \$22 at Jazz Night, \$42 at the concert and \$45 at the other concert as well as selling a video for an income of \$124. They purchased static window clings that will be free with every booster membership fee as an incentive to increase memberships.

Videography

Mike Legel said he taped the band concerts but has received no orders yet. Craig asked if Mike could put together a compilation of the spring concerts and put it together for the band banquet.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Barb Baxter said they were talking about getting sponsorship now instead of waiting and Constance Markham is on it. There is a meeting on Tuesday. ISU is coming to perform and that is secured. They are looking for a parent to do ads.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Nancy Poch reported that refreshments for the February concerts went well.

Spring Banquet

Terry Kopytko reported that the banquet would be Friday, April 30th at Marriott in Oakbrook. They are working on the menu. They decided there would be no reserved seating. People can come early if they want to save seats instead of putting in requests for reserved seating. She is going to try to keep the costs down as best as she can depending on the menu that is selected. She hopes to have variety so they haven't decided if it will be sit down dinner or a buffet and will take any comments and ideas on that. There will be an early April deadline for prepaid reservations. They will have a blurb in the Fanfare with a description of the banquet as well as a reservation form. Terry asked if there should be a separate flyer in the mailing and Craig said it wouldn't go to freshmen but they will separate it for others.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mimi Johnson and Renee Vollrath reported that they ordered new boxes for the hats where the boxes are destroyed. Craig asked whether students would be held accountable for them. Mimi assured the board that they weren't mistreated. They are cardboard and they get wet and the handles fall off. Other than that there is nothing. Raincoats will be sent out during the summer for a cleaning. Uniforms were not cleaned after the season but will wait until after the Memorial Day parade and will get them all done in June. Craig asked if there should be a uniform fitting flyer in the mailing. Mimi said they have one ready and are thinking of sending something directly to the students' houses when their first payment is made.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Julie Benes reported that the only thing open is the ISU trip in April for the Wind Ensemble and chaperones will be needed.

PARENT COORDINATORS

Jazz

Kim Bokowski reported they were on a roll in February and things are slowing down with a concert in April and May.

Percussion

Carla Harrison reported that IP was in a class with 9 competitors and they made finals and placed fourth and beat Lincolnway, a longtime rival. Carla was thinking about other accomplishments in all areas of band. Spectrum elaborates on every sport and she wants to know how to get band accomplishments in it. Craig said that if a synopsis was put together and send to Jenny Davis, maybe we could get this in. We need to toot our own horn. If you want something on the marquee, let Craig know and he will pass it on.

This may be taken care with new publicity chair who will ensure it is in the announcements, on the sign and in the newspaper. Discussion revolved around how, if we don't toot our own horn, who will. Athletic director works hard to publicize the sports. We need to do the same.

We got some garment bags for percussion. She is keeping a binder to pass on to next person. They are different in color than the regular Marching Band bags and are labeled. Carla expressed her gratitude for the approval for the coach buses but we didn't ask in time so we couldn't get them but in the future it will work.

Carla feels there is an interest in having more local competitions. A student from another local high school works with our students and he and other students would like to have more local competitions. This is something to think about. Indoor percussion wants to reserve gym space for April 29th for jazz and percussion performance. The performance will start in the gym and then go

to the auditorium. We could possibly have a third jazz band in another location but will have to move audience three times.

Carla is hoping to get gym space in the spring since IP had to hold their last rehearsal in the parking lot at 35 degrees. Dottie and Pete Strenning have agreed to be percussion parents for next year.

Brass

Brass Choir will be with the honor band reported Kim Bokowski.

Color Guard

Joanne Djuric reported that the Color Guard had a get together with 8th graders on Saturday, March 6. There was a nice turnout but Lakeview couldn't be there since they had a concert so leaders are going to Lakeview to talk about color guard. Unfortunately, there was only one flyer available at this meeting so interested students were unable to fill them out and return them.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bylaws Revisions

Renata Allelujka, Betty Wakerly and Karen Mink worked on the revisions to the bylaws. There hasn't been any feedback and we won't go through them line by line but if there are any questions, we can discuss or explain it. The main change was adding the VP of membership and we did other "tweaking" to perfect them further. Craig pointed out that there was a couple of areas where we deleted that should be added back in. The verbiage related to specific District 99 policy. It will be put back in. This is an executive board vote.

Betty Wakerly made a motion to accept the new revisions of the bylaws and it was passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee/Elections

Barb Baxter reported that there were 27 voting and the entire slate was unanimous. There was one write in for Music Bowl for Barb Baxter. The newly elected slate of officers includes:

President: Sandy Lietdke
Vice President – Communications: Peggy O'Dell
Vice President – Ways and Means: Mike Legel
Vice President – Membership: Nancy Warmoth
Treasurer: Tom Danko
Financial Secretary: Mimi Fruehe
Recording/Corresponding Secretary: Karen Mink
Marketing/Public Relations Coordinator: Randy Mink
Social Activities Coordinator: Nancy Poch
Equipment Coordinator: Russ O'Dell
Uniform Coordinators: Mimi Johnson and Terri Vanderjack
Volunteer Coordinators: Julie Benes and Ginger Brese
History/Tradition Secretary: Kelly Mueller
Music Bowl Coordinator: Deby Massa

Other

Betty asked if any parents wanted to take on the P.E. exemption further. It won't happen unless we take action and a group needs to prepare and get presentation ready so it is a commitment. No one stepped up. Betty suggested people talk to other Marching Mustang parents, especially to new parents who it would most affect and we can revisit this at the next meeting. John Knepper asked what the timetable would be to have something happen for next year. The executive council meets monthly to discuss anything so it may not be too late for next year. However, registration is over for next year. Email into District 99 isn't working because of firewall blocking

spam. Send email to croselieb@lightfirst.com and Craig will make sure it gets to other district people if it is being blocked.

Results of WE and WS competition. Both bands received firsts. WS was third in the auditorium overall and was only .67 behind WE. We received very complimentary tapes from the judges. Jazz Ensemble was also first in class at EIU.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renata Allelujka reported that they did experience a bit of confusion at the competition IP was at (winterguard international) and it led us to appreciate the organization of the Music Bowl because we had people directing us that didn't have a clue and we are so much better organized.

The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Room D180.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.