

Mustang Band Boosters Meeting  
April 5, 2004

President Betty Wakerly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Bart Bates, Julie Benes, Kim Bokowski, Ginger Brese, Lynne Carr, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Mimi Fruehe, Carla Harrison, Adam Hill, John Knepper, Ed Kopytko, Terry Kopytko, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Geri Sorwell, Mimi Johnson, Karen Mink, Peggy O'Dell, Nancy Poch, Craig Roselieb, Anne Sojka, Doti Strening, Betty Wakerly, and Nancy Warmoth. Betty welcomed Bart Bates and Adam Hill to the meeting. She also announced that the cookies are compliments of Butter Braids so we can sample their new product and possibly sell it next year.

Absent executive board members included: Barb Baxter, Joanne Djuric, Kelly Mueller, Renee Vollrath and Tom Warmoth.

**MINUTES**

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and they were approved as written by secretary, Karen Mink.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lynne Carr reported that the London fees were coming in and she paid the Camp Manitoqua fee. The per-person price of camp went up by \$27 per person. Money has also been credited toward next year's Marching Mustang Band fees for next year. Lynne issued payment for \$500 for the custom drill practice. She also shows an income of \$12,550 for Mustang Fees for next year. Other than that it has been rather quiet. The budget report does not reflect student account information for this month because Lynne didn't have a chance to get it in the report. It also doesn't show income or expenses for Butter Braids.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Mimi Fruehe reported that the beginning balance in student accounts was \$8861.53. A Butter Braids profit of \$510 was added. There were some expenses in the amount of \$280.78 leaving an ending balance of 9090.75.

**BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Bart Bates and Adam Hill reported on Indoor Percussion. Adam questioned whether the cost difference between a coach bus and a school bus would come out of indoor percussion funds or general band funds and wanted clarification. The bus cost \$1800 and the school will pay \$1730. Lynne said that she would use money in the percussion fund to pay the \$70 difference. She will also use the fund to pay the bus driver's room fee of \$77. Lynne assured them that there was sufficient money to pay their bills in their account.

Adam and Bart also raised a question about the fall season. They wanted to know if the marching band was planning on using winter line props for the fall

show. They feel that the flats are not made for outside weather and they may break. If they do break, indoor percussion doesn't have the budget to fix it. They are hoping that if the Marching Band uses the props and they break that they will also fix them. They also commented that some of the pit instrumentation is in bad shape. It looks bad and is out of tune or cracked. They were glad that the pit was in back during competition so it wouldn't be noticed. There will be a time when some of the stuff will need to be replaced. Betty suggested they work with Craig about what their needs would be. Adam announced that throughout the season the winter line did great. They started with score of 69 and ended with 78. They also ended up beating the line that had been beating their class during other competitions.

Craig announced that he has more London money and marching band fees to be deposited. He asked for \$150 to pay for a student's private lesson scholarship. Craig also presented numerous bills to the treasurer. The school district has a budget for paying for "awards" but it was spent before band turned in their budget. With Jenny Davis, the directors decided to come up with a contest fee budget and the district would pay as long as we can anticipate our expenses. We will pay for all the awards ourselves. The number of participants for the London trip is around 115-120 people. It is short of the 175 predicted but instrumentation-wise, it is a very viable group and the number in each section is fine. There are still stragglers out there who have not made a commitment yet. We can always add more people for London but can't go "backwards" and delete participants. As far as scholarships for London, there has been 4-5 letters for this and Craig wants to know what the board thinks. Craig suggested perhaps a \$400 scholarship for London for 4-5 students. Lynne asked what students would do to get the scholarship. Craig said they have to write a letter to Ron Hornish explaining financial situation and should have to fund raise an equal amount. Lynne feels strongly that if you can't afford it, you just don't go. Craig will come up with some actual figures for discussion for next months' meeting.

Jazz band has two gigs in May. One is at Hinsdale golf club and the other is a fundraiser for the Republicans.

Craig told Nancy Warmoth he was going to turn over the London collection to her but would hold on to marching band stuff until June or so in order to tally and account for memberships.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Betty Wakerly reported that she has the audit committee appointees to vote on. They include Sandy Liedtke, Tom Danko and Peggy O'Dell and need approval of the executive board. Each appointee was voted on individually and each passed unanimously. Lynne wants to do the audit in June. The budget committee will meet in April to get the new budget together. It will be presented in May and voted on in June. Lynne already has the budget from the Music Bowl committee.

## **VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT**

Renata Allelujka reported that her last Fanfare is out and Peggy has the next one in May. She reviewed the tentative schedule. May 3<sup>rd</sup> is next Band Booster meeting and May 18<sup>th</sup> will be the newsletter deadline so it will be published right before the Memorial Day break.

### **Website**

John Knepper reported that the new self-service mailing list sign up is working and several people have signed up. Marching Mustang mailing list is empty right now but when Craig gets the kids in there, the kids need to sign themselves up. Marching Mustang has a 25% turnover so it would be best if kids actually do it themselves. John did the turn over for the Executive Board, General Board and Everyone list.

## **VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS REPORT**

Joanne Djuric was not present to report.

### **Butter Braids**

Betty reported that we made about \$100 more than last year which shows improvement and would like to see this fundraiser continue. It is a relatively easy fundraiser to do.

### **Plant Sale**

Geri Sorwell said last year we did about \$7300 in sales and have done about \$10,035 in sales this year. About \$2000 in profits will go to the individual students and \$2000 will go to the Boosters. About \$2000 in sales was from future freshmen band members. They will be unloading a lot of plants on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Geri is hoping for a 7 a.m. delivery so people can come around 10 to pick up their plants.

### **Market Day]**

Betty commented that Sara Lee is offering Market Day and the profit but you can only specify a school when you check out so there is no guarantee it would go to band and it definitely wouldn't go to individual band student accounts. Order from our band Market Days if you want profit to go to your band student's account. Lou Bedoe wanted it mentioned that student account credit could not be considered as "donated" money for charitable contributions. You CAN claim money that goes to Band Boosters but not into individual accounts.

## **EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Tom Warmoth was not present to report.

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

Kelly Mueller was not there to report but is working on a time to get together with Craig.

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

### **Band Merchandise**

Mike Legel reported that they are looking at new merchandise including Pajama pants. They are also looking through merchandising catalogs to get band polo shirts, etc.

### **Videography**

Mike Legel said that Craig suggested he put together videos of each band and their concert so he will do that with about an hour for each band and the order form will be out for the Band Banquet. He is also meeting with Joanne Djuric to prepare for his new role as Vice President of Ways and Means.

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

Barb Baxter and Deby Massa were not there to report. Deby reported that all is going well in a report she gave to Betty. They received two applications from Prospect and Normal West. They have a full line of judges including a judge from the Cavaliers and from the Phantoms units.

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

Nancy Poch needs volunteers for the mini-camp lunch. She will send out some emails for this so it will be ready for May 1<sup>st</sup>. She also will need refreshments for the May concerts.

### **Spring Banquet**

Terry Kopytko reminded everyone that the banquet would be on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a buffet dinner again with the cost under \$20. She will send out one more email as an announcement and reservations are starting to trickle in. The reservation due date is this Friday. The program booklet is being finalized. Call or email Terry with questions.

## **UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Mimi Johnson reported that she needs a tax form to send to Band Man. The boxes have finally arrived and are waiting to be assembled. Other than that, it is about it. Uniform fittings will come up in May and a flyer will come out in the mail.

## **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Julie Benes needs volunteers for the ISU contest for Wind Ensemble. She will also need help for the parades and is glad to have a co-chair next year.

## **PARENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

### **Color Guard**

Betty reported that they would try to work with people from last year or older people to help with uniforms. They would like the uniform fittings for incoming freshman to be on the same day as the marching band uniform fitting. Color Guard members from last year will not have an official uniform fitting. Arrangements will be made for them to pick up their previous uniforms.

### **Percussion**

Carla Harrison reported that she had receipts from Sue Hall for the truck rental. The kids felt really supported and did awesome in Centerville, Ohio. There were 20 competitors and up until the final 4, our students were in the running as a finalist.

### **Jazz**

Kim Bokowski asked about the performance schedule. Craig reported that there is a performance at night on May 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the same night as mini camp. There is also a gig on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Republicans.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Betty reported that we have a Marching Mustang mailing that has to be put together. She would like to coordinator the uniform flyer, Heritage Fest flyer, Marching Mustang social and Music Bowl and maybe the Valucards too. Mimi Johnson said they will be sending a separate flyer and want to get it out fairly soon for uniform fittings. She has done it herself other the past years and has covered the expense. There is another fitting yet in August so they have to be fit and re-fit. Betty said they are ready to send out their mailing by Monday and would like to include the uniform flyer. Mimi would really like to send it out separately so it will not go unnoticed.

John Knepper reported on the PE exemption. The school board meets again two weeks from tonight. He is hoping to be on the agenda to present to them the proposal for the PE exemption for juniors and seniors. He passed around a petition for Boosters to sign if they supported the exemption. He also passed around a copy of the proposal presentation he is going to present to the board. He said it would be helpful if lots of parents could be there and if there was someone there who could answer "detailed" questions if they came up. His plan is to contact as many board members as he can between now and the meeting so they are aware this is coming and to answer and resolve their questions before the meeting. Betty said it was important that we get as many parents as possible to support that and wanted to know if we had a PE exemption support group that could help with phone calls, etc.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Carla Harrison asked if maintenance could fix the “mud” outside of the band door and put concrete there. Craig suggested that she contact John Bitterman (custodial and maintenance).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Room D180.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.