

Mustang Band Boosters Meeting  
May 3, 2004

President Betty Wakerly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Barbara Baxter, Ginger Brese, Kim Bokowski, Lynne Carr, Tom Danko, Mimi Johnson, John Knepper, Terry Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Michael Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Deby Massa, Karen Mink, Randy Mink, Peggy O'Dell, Russ O'Dell, Nancy Poch, Karen Rooney, Craig Roselieb, Geri Sorwell, Doti Strening, Betty Wakerly, and Nancy Warmoth,

Absent executive board members included: Julie Benes, Joanne Djuric, Mimi Fruehe, 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.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Mimi Fruehe was not present so Betty Wakerly gave the report. Opening balance was \$9090.75. There was revenue from Market Day and the plant sale of \$2224.73. After some reimbursements of \$1176.85 there is a balance of \$10,138.63. Betty reminded parents of seniors to request student account money by May 15 if they want it as that is the last official date for withdrawing that money.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lynne Carr reported she had to pay for London through a bank transfer which had a \$40 fee. We have made the final payment on the sousaphones and now own them. We already paid for Mimi-Camp and the Heritage Fest deposit. We are done with this year but the budget ends at the end of May. There will be an audit meeting in June. Lynne's position ends on May 31. The new treasurer will have to fill in the signature card and have the check address changed to his.

The proposed budget was presented. Members get to look at it for a month and it will be voted on and accepted at the next meeting. It is very similar to last year's budget. Only thing that was added this year was that marching band is based on 120 students. In history there are always drop outs so even if more students are expected, they will be covered. Also, as an addition to the expense category is staff apparel. It is not an every year expense and wasn't in last year's budget but was in the budget the year before. We won't have a huge music licensing expense this year since Craig is going to write the music. We have also added a pit instructor and props to the anticipated expenses. We also added an anticipated income of \$100 from DVD/CD sales. We used to have a judge's fee under expenses but it was changed to a solo/college scholarship fund. School used to pay for patches and letters but they don't do that anymore so we had to add that to the budget. Equipment purchases have been increased to \$6700.00.

\$4000 of that is the last sousaphone payment with the balance for timpani. The budget also includes all stipend expenses and the Music Bowl budget.

A color guard instructor has been hired. His name is Lemar Branson. The group loves him.

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

Craig reported that they had a meeting and are on the final draft of next year's calendar. They are looking to move the Jazz concert back to April 21<sup>st</sup> and have the Band Banquet on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> next year. It will be firmed up by Nancy Poch. The calendar will be posted on the website when it is official and has been approved by administration.

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. is the concert with the German students. It will be at Downers South. Everyone is invited to a joint picnic of the host families and German students at Whitlock Park. There will be a Germans v. Americans soccer match.

We have administrative progress on the PE exemption. A meeting will be held on Thursday morning with principals and members of the policy committee. They will discuss how to incorporate a policy for both schools. Band directors will meet before this meeting with administration to be on the same front.

Marching Mustangs had a terrific start on Saturday even though Lakeview was in Florida and not there.

We have been shopping for a new set of concert timpani. This would benefit everyone including the concert bands. They are made of copper and are weatherproof. They are trying to get a lease deal to purchase 5 new timpani over a 5 year period for about \$2500 a year. At cost the price would be about \$10,000. The purchase would benefit both the concert bands and marching band. The directors are working with the Samels about the lease or purchase of new pit equipment. It would cost between \$18,000 and \$24,000. They are trying to negotiate a deal at Yamaha and hope that in the next couple of days or weeks we can get one of these companies to be a bowl sponsor and give us a deal.

Jazz band played dinner music at country club and then did a 45 minute show. The audience was captivated.

One parent sent an email that the gigs border on exploitation and students should be getting paid for it. Craig feels that the more gigs they get, the more experience they get and money benefits their program. If students were paid, kids would get \$5 or \$10 but program wouldn't benefit and new instruments couldn't be purchased. District policy is that if a group makes money it is the practice for that money to go into the fund for that group.

For solo and ensemble festival the judges were paid from clinicians fund so the \$1000 wasn't used and that money is being used to pay \$150 scholarships for solo and ensembles. Craig would like to see remaining money (\$250) be given out as a college scholarship. We would need to add an additional \$250 from the budget for the \$500 scholarship. This year it would be an instrumental student. Fine Arts has asked the Boosters to donate \$500 each year toward Friends of Fine Arts scholarship. We could give it out or give it to Friends of Fine Arts. Betty moved that an additional \$250 be added to this fund for the scholarships. Mimi Johnson seconded it and it was voted on and approved.

Pat Samel reported that they had a meeting for Bike and Hike for Mike and want to bring in all the bands instead of just marching band. She said they could give five London scholarships of \$500 each. Interested students would have to submit an essay in order to earn a scholarship. One \$500 scholarship would be given per band for a total of 5 students but it would have to be used for the London trip. The recipient would need to participate in the Bike and Hike and be going to London. The Spirit of Music gives out \$250 scholarships to a current student who can use the money for lessons or camp. This would be in addition to the scholarship money the board just voted on.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Betty reported that she has been cleaning to get it ready for Sandy to take over the role of president. She found an old notebook that Kelly Mueller passed to her. It was from 1988 and it has a little key that opens the display case outside of the band room. She knew we couldn't find the key. Craig said they have since changed the locks so the key was useless.

Betty reported that Nancy Warmoth has been swamped with registration and paperwork. Nancy said they are collecting London trip money and registrations and lots are coming in.

Betty welcomed Karen Rooney who is a parent of 8<sup>th</sup> grader and a member of the boosters.

Betty reminded out-going officers to pass on material and work with new officers.

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

Renata Allelujka reported that May 18<sup>th</sup> is deadline for Fanfare. Articles are to go to the new VP of Communication, Peggy O'Dell. Her email is [peggyodell@comcast.net](mailto:peggyodell@comcast.net) if you want something in the next Fanfare. It will come out right before Memorial Day.

### **Website**

John reported that there have been a lot of people signing up for the various mailing lists. Lots of the names are "new" so they must be incoming freshmen.

Marching Mustangs has about 30 names in that list. Nothing else is new on the website.

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

Joanne Djuric wasn't there to report.

### **Plant Sale**

Geri Sorwell reported. There is \$10,173.75 in sales. They will have a few extra plants. They need student help to unload the truck and sort orders. They think they will need 15-20 kids. There will be no seniors to help because of prom. Sorting will be 7:30 in the morning. Pick up is 10:30 to 12:30. \$1900.39 of the profit will go into individual student accounts. 1881.78 will go to Band Boosters.

### **Market Day**

No report.

### **EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Craig told Russ O'Dell that he will be driving the trailer to pick up the luggage in May for the German students but needs someone to drive the trailer in the Fourth of July parade. Craig can also drive the trailer for Memorial Day. Downers Grove parade will be on the Fourth of July and the band won't do the Darien parade so they don't have to do parades on both a Sunday and Monday.

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

Kelly Mueller wasn't there to report but there isn't a lot going on in this area.

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

#### **Band Merchandise**

The Legels went to precamp with order forms for merchandise. They have Make Noise merchandise again. Window clings will go to everyone who has paid membership. Regular merchandise is on the back of the order form.

#### **Videography**

Mike Legel reported that they taped 2/3 of the jazz concert and they have updated order forms for compilations of each band and they will be available sometime in June. Forms are on the website.

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

Deby Massa had a meeting with Barb Schmidt who is donating all the meat products for the Music Bowl. There will be lots of grills. They have 8 bands not counting us and ISU. Everything is going well.

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

Nancy Poch reported that the lunch went well on Saturday and she has plenty of volunteers for this Thursday's concert and sent email to get volunteers for the next one.

### **Spring Banquet**

Terry Kopytko reported that the feedback on the banquet is that everything went well and the food was great. She thanked many people for their help. A preliminary report is not finalized. We broke even and made a profit of about \$50. We need to collect some money from students who showed up but hadn't prepaid. Marriott was very cooperative and credited our bill with a \$125 sponsorship credit toward Music Bowl. Terry will email Mimi Fruehe to credit student accounts. She is open to suggestions for next year and it will again be at the Marriott on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Mimi Johnson said that the fittings are all set but Jefferson is going to Six Flags the day of the fitting but they have been taken care of. Another flyer will go out this week to remind people. June is set for cleaning the uniforms. This is the first time they haven't had to beg for help with fittings. People are calling to volunteer to help. Adam Hill will be overhauling the loft area. Indoor percussion will need to clear the loft by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

New shoes will be ordered for incoming freshmen. The shoes are also available to any returning students who want to buy the new shoes. The understanding is that these new shoes are more comfortable for marching and offer a lot of support. Bart told the drumline that their heels would not hurt in these shoes. They have a large, gym shoe-like sole. They are not doing the shoe exchange this year. If student wants a new pair, they need to let the coordinators know. Freshmen have to have the new shoes. The sizing of these shoes is based on gym shoe size.

## **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Julie Benes was not there but Betty wanted to address the Memorial Day parade. Kids fainted last year. Craig said we can order chairs. We want to be sure there are parents with water. Betty took the names of volunteers. The Drumline has been asked to do a cadence for a silent tribute in Woodridge before the parade.

## **PARENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

### **Color Guard**

Betty reported for Joanne Djuric that the girls liked their new instructor.

### **Percussion**

Carla Harrison was not present to report.

## **Jazz**

Kim Bokowski reported that the kids from the jazz gig were very enthusiastic.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

John Knepper had a meeting with Superintendent Eblen and Dr. Wren for about an hour about the PE exemption. He left the meeting not knowing if he gained or lost points. John left them with the idea that if there was an objection to the program the way it is now that would cause us not to get the exemption to tell us what the objection is so it can be addressed. Rennert, Eblen, Mazzarella and Lemke from the school board met on Wednesday to hash out the pros and cons of this thing. If they come to an agreement they would come to the May meeting with wording and the board could think about it for a month to be voted on in June. Dr. Eblen stressed that timing is important but since registration is essentially done, they might not be able to take an additional course. If policy is approved, it is not an automatic study hall. The process involves kids filling out forms requesting they be exempt from PE. This year there were only 65 kids who got exemptions due to sports. Bagels with the Board – Mazzarella said he wants to create a balance.

Heritage Fest – Renata reported that you should all sign up because it is going to be fun.

Deby said that the Parent Social will be held for mostly freshmen parents but all parents are invited. If you are involved in anything that has to do with marching band, they would like to have you there to talk to parents. It will be June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in room D180.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Betty Wakerly adjourned meeting and thanked all at 8:59 p.m.