

Mustang Band Booster Meeting
June 7, 2004

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Michelle Bartlett, Julie Benes, Ginger Brese, Lynne Carr, Tom Danko, Joanne Djuric, Mimi Fruehe, Terry, Griffin, Mimi Johnson, John Knepper, Terry Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Deby Massa, Karen Mink, Kelly Mueller, Peggy O'Dell, Russ O'Dell, Jerry Olsen, Nancy Poch, Karen Rooney, Craig Roselieb, Doti Strening, Terri Vanderjack and Nancy Warmoth,

Absent executive board members included: Randy Mink

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. We made the last sousaphone payment and they belong to us with the school providing the insurance for them. The bottom line of the Treasurer's Report is that the Marching Band's total income for the 2003-04 year was \$92,930.69. Expenses were \$92,376.34. In the category, "other than marching band", there was \$18429.42 in income and \$6932.21 in expenses. The total income was \$111,360.11 and total expenses were \$99,308.55. The difference is \$12,051.56. If we pull Music Bowl out of that (\$7453.88) then the total cash on hand is \$4597.68.

Lynne brought tax exempt letters so that people can use them when buying things for band. You will not be reimbursed for the tax portion of your purchase if you do not use the tax exempt letter and pay the tax. The only exception is when you make purchases from Sam's Club because they won't accept the tax exempt letter

The board needed to vote to accept the proposed budget. It is the same budget as was presented at the last meeting. Sandy Liedtke asked for any discussion on the budget. Craig said there will be different expenses for Marching Band since the budget was originally set up. We need to pay for a copyright licensing fee which is over \$500. We didn't anticipate this expense. This will be a budget item for music arranging that wasn't anticipated in the marching band budget. Craig reported that the budget is based on 120 members and there are currently 148 members. The budget was amended to show 122 members in order to account for this extra expense. Because people have a right to review the budget, Mike Legel suggested that the budget be approved as presented and then a motion be made to amend the budget. Craig moved to accept the budget as amended to reflect 122 students AND cover the unanticipated licensing fee. A vote was taken and the budget was approved.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mimi Fruehe reported that the starting balance in student accounts was \$10,138.63. There were some reimbursements made for senior fees for total expenses of \$1145.60. There is currently a balance of \$9,084.54

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig Roselieb reported that we are anticipating at least 145 kids in the marching band this year. There were a couple of refunds from a color guard, trombone and a flute player. Marching Band members who wish to quit have only until June 12th to request those refunds. There will be no refunds after that date.

The Jazz Ensemble performed at Fishel Park as part of the park district concert series and was paid \$150.

Five scholarships were awarded at the last concert to students going to BOA and to camp. The Clarence Shumaker Scholarship went to Joel Bennett, Kaitlyn Charlestown and James Markham. Mike Samel Spirit of Music awards of \$250 for BOA went to Jordan Anderson and Jeff Johnson. Alison Morales received a scholarship of \$150 for camp. There has been discussion about awarding scholarships to all those going to BOA leadership camp. There are 12 people going but this will be discussed after the trip. These scholarships can possibly be supplemented with Music Bowl funds.

The Contest Festival Fee saga between the Band Boosters and the school is continuing. Craig emailed Jenny Davis the amounts of the contest fees of all our contests for the various bands. She has agreed to look at that and the dates that money is sent so she can keep that amount of money in her budget. There are checks that had to be mailed in the spring for next year's contests and if you don't get it in, your application may be turned away. Jenny suggested that we split the expenses of awards and contest fees with the activities office. We agreed they would pay contest fees and we would pay for all of our awards. Because we have to pay for these now with booster money and she can't "repay" a booster account, she has agreed to pay for our later expenses of some of the awards.

German guests came and went and had a great time and enjoyed the hospitality of the hosts. The expenses of their visit amounted to about \$1300. We had a total of \$1000 from Kiwanis to support that and Mr. Teague had money. The expenses went about \$160 over budget. Each school agreed to pay the additional \$80 from miscellaneous to cover the overage.

Craig has no news to present tonight about leasing or purchasing new pit equipment. The Ludwig Company is stumped by our request that we would purchase a large amount of equipment at a discount if they will sponsor us. They generally don't do this. The purchase of the concert timpani is also included in this. We may also replace a concert tuba. We have five. Three were purchased in the eighties. Because they are over 20 years old, the brass is becoming brittle and needs to be replaced. We won't have an answer to this until the August meeting.

There is a site inspection for the London trip from July 5 to 10th. It was thought that the directors would be going. We were informed that the tour company would only allow two people and we would have to pay for others. Ron and Mark will be going to London. (Craig and his new wife will go to Mexico instead).

We have applied to participate in two concert band festivals. We will find out in July if our Wind Ensemble can travel to Peoria or Indianapolis next year for these contests.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Liedtke reported. The Directors asked for a marching band calendar because they were unsure whether everyone was getting their email. The calendar will be posted on the wall in the band room for the kids on neon poster board. It will also be posted on the website.

Sandy is planning a Board Social at her home so that the new board members and the old board members can become more familiar with each other.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Mustang Band Fanfare

Peggy O'Dell reported that August 5th is the deadline for the next Fanfare and it will be published on August 11th, prior to Band Camp. She will try to get some photographs in next time. Craig said in the past there has been a "mail" newsletter with the schedule and packing list and asked if there was postage available to do that. Craig said he would like it to come out right when we come back together after our "break". Craig wants a mailing of just band camp information and it would also be included in the Fan fare. Peggy suggested mailing this on August 6th so it would

arrive the week before band camp. Fall fittings will be the same day as the Max N Erma's Breakfast and there will also be a fitting on August 12th from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. and August 14th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. They need to include a flyer in the mailing.

Website

Jerry Olsen reported that that he met with Sandy to see what she was doing before she got promoted. He put the last two emails up on the email archive page. John Knepper said they had another idea. A few weeks ago a band member indicated that his daughter won a contest and wouldn't it be nice to have recognition on the website. It wasn't a school contest. John didn't want to duplicate what Craig is putting on his website as far as contest wins and wanted to know if there was room on Craig's site to add this kind of recognition. Craig said he would be happy to put individual student achievements as a heading.

There are only 44 addresses on our marching band email list. Craig said he is going to have a computer set up and hopes to catch a lot of these at the social.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT

Mike Legel reported that they submitted the approval forms to Jenny Davis for fundraising and asked if Craig could ask her about it.

ValuCards

Mark Youdy told Mike he will start on this project this week at band meetings.

Market Day

Lou Bedoe is looking for someone to unload the trucks for Market Day at 8:15. During the summer all Market Day profits go to us.

Max & Erma's

Michelle Bartlett said we are set for Saturday, August 14th from 7 to 10 a.m. We don't have the tickets yet but hope to have them by next week. Perhaps they can be sold during the parent social next week. Craig is assuming there will be someone there at each of the rehearsals to sell tickets. Michelle said the parents are usually the ones making the decisions so it is better to sell to the parents and not to the kids. If we wait for the August mailing, will we be giving them enough time? Kids can make a lot of money selling these tickets. Kids get \$3, Max \$ Erma's get \$1 and the band gets \$1 to general account.

Merchandise

Margaret Legel showed the board the new marching band windbreaker that sells for \$27. There are seven items going to be given away at the parent's social at the net cost of \$56. The web site has been updated with new pictures and there will be Make Noise samples at band camp. Craig doesn't like the windbreaker. He wants to make sure we are selling something that is attractive and people will want to wear it.

Deby said there will be shirt that has our emblem on it and it will be sold for the Music Bowl. It will be a short shirt t-shirt with the sponsor's logo/promo on it. John Knepper questioned whether there would be a coordinated look amongst the volunteers for this event. Deby felt that uniform uniformity would not be possible since the weather was unpredictable so t-shirts might be covered and jackets may not be necessary. She felt it was a good idea but not a practical one at this time.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Warmoth reported that 50% of the registration and health forms are in and she has collected about \$5100 in fees. In August we will be looking for more money from those who have not yet paid. We are also missing about 40 medical forms. She asked Craig for an updated list of band members so she can start calling for missing forms before band camp.

Regarding the London trip, all payments through the second payment should have been made by now. There are still five people who are interested but haven't made any payments yet. Thirteen people have not made the first payment and have promised to pay. Some have paid for the entire trip already. Nancy will be calling to look for this money.

One student has dropped out. He had made the deposit and one payment. The family knows they will lose the deposit but want to know about the payment. Craig will talk to them.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O'Dell had nothing to report. He has the drivers covered for the next few assignments and will be doing the driving for the Fourth of July.

HISTORY/TRADITION

Kelly Mueller reported that she will try to be more aggressive in getting with Craig to work on this.

MARKETING/PUBLIC REALATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Randy Mink was not present so there was no report.

Videography

Mike Legel said that the indoor percussion disks were delivered. Concert orders were sparse. They will come up with a plan for next fall. Mike is going to see about recording the parade as well as putting together a slide show of pictures from London.

Heritage Fest

Renata Allelujka has big space on Friday night and Saturday night to fill for volunteers for Heritage Fest. The sign up sheet is on the steps by the loft and she need students to sign up. There are also some parent spots available. Parents will need to change tapes, hawk water and goodies and hand out fortune cookies. We won't know our spot until Thursday when we get our packet of information. Village will be here on Thursday to train students. A few students signed up for three or four spots. If the fortune cookies say you are a winner, you get two extra tickets to the music bowl. At Heritage Fest, if it says Music Bowl, your name will be on a list so we can get the tickets to you.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Parents Social

Deby Massa reported that there will be a Parent's Social on June 17th. Terry Kopytko, Sandy Liedtke and Deby Massa will be calling all the freshman parents to invite them to the social. They will also handout flyers to the kids about the social. The Legels will be there with merchandise. Deby asked if John Knepper could be there to help the parents with the website. She invites anyone who has anything to do with marching band to come. Julie Benes will be there with sign up sheets for volunteering. There will also be cookies, lemonade and water.

Deby announced that ISU will be at the Music Bowl and there is a full slate of judges. Everything is going very smoothly. The Music Bowl will be held on September 25.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Nancy Poch announced that we were all set for the dinners this week for Mini Camp.

Spring Banquet Wrap Up

Terry Kopytko. said the revenue was over \$4000 and included sponsorship credit and reimbursement of sales tax. We ended up with a profit of \$313.85 from the banquet.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Terry Vanderjack said they had a lot of helpers on Thursday night. This included new moms who let down hems. Uniforms went out today to be cleaned. The Memorial Day parade went well and all uniforms will be back by the end of this month.

VOLUNTEER'S COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Julie Benes has set a password for the tax exempt form on the website. If you need it, call her for the password. There is a page there for a sign up for volunteers. She encourages all board members to use this board to get their volunteers to sign up. Band Camp will be an extra challenge because now they need 80 parents instead of the 55 needed last year. They also need people to carry pit equipment for the football games.

PARENT COORDINATORS

Color Guard

Joanne Djuric reported they have 25 girls for color guard and may be picking up another one or two. They put out a request for people who can sew for flags and competition outfits and have gotten six responses. They have ordered sabers and rifles which will be new to the program this year. They still have to order gloves.

Percussion

Doti Strening said that the WGI schedule has been up for a couple of weeks and Bart Bates and Adam Hill will decide early what they would like to be involved in this year. She also complimented Mike Legel on the quality and how great the percussion DVD was this year. Craig will submit a proposal based on a group of trips so there will be coach buses for the Indoor Percussion.

Jazz & Brass

Kim Bokowski was not present and there was no report

MISCELLANEOUS

P.E. Exemption

Craig has a copy of the school board's response to the meeting in May. The board reviewed the Physical Education exemption policy. Board members acknowledged that marching band members put in an extraordinary amount of time, exert physical effort and experience a busy school schedule but said their hands are tied because of the School Code. The school code requires that marching band be offered for academic credit in order to allow a PE exemption. Current students in District 99 do not receive credit for the activity. The band directors of both schools have the option of submitting a curriculum proposal to make the marching band a credit course. Currently, North's marching band is held during a student's resource period; South's marching band is held outside of the regular school day. "We'll have to look at both schools and create a consistent policy," said board president Julia Beckman.

Craig reported that a curriculum proposal this would mean students having to sign up for two bands, concert band and marching band. This would mean reallocating staff and resources. Other districts are not hung up by this word "for credit" which is creating the problem for our band. If it is for credit, marching band would have to go to January to coincide with semesters and we would have to have a pep band to make it a year long class. Craig does not want to compromise our band program to make the course for credit. Changing the school code would involve "Springfield".

This is our fourth year as a competitive marching band and it involves balancing your life and there is a growing sense of pride in the program which will be solidified with the senior class this year. He hopes it will be the most successful development of our marching season to date.

Craig really appreciates the fact that the boosters have been unified in its approach to this (PE exemption). He complimented the integrity of this group and he told the administrators such. He

really appreciates that fact that we all worked together on this. Sandy expressed her gratitude to John for all his hard work on this endeavor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Legel said there is a fund raiser for Shop and Share at Jewel. He said there is an idea that maybe this can be done to offset some of the cost for some of the official chaperones for the London trip. Discussion followed with the general consensus being that this was a nice incentive for chaperones.

The Samels will give some scholarships for London. Band Boosters is not giving London scholarships. There are four students who applied for scholarships, saying they can't go without scholarship money. There are two students who haven't paid any money at all toward London because they would need scholarship money in order to go.

Craig will have a conversation with the Samels and other families and this will be tabled until the August meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be August 2, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Room D180. Members are invited to Liberty Pub following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.