

Mustang Band Booster Meeting
August 2, 2004

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Michele Bartlett, Ginger Brese, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Joanne Djuric, Mimi Fruehe, Laurel Garza, Ron Hornish, John Hoyt, Ed Kopytko, Terry Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Constance Markham, Deby Massa, Mark McCormick, Karen Mink, Randy Mink, Peggy O'Dell, Russ O'Dell, Nancy Poch, Karen Rooney, and Doti Strening.

Absent executive board members included: Julie Benes, Mimi Johnson, Kelly Mueller, Terri Vanderjack, Craig Roselieb, and Nancy Warmoth.

MINUTES

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Deby Massa moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted by secretary, Karen Mink. Peggy O'Dell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Danko reported that he received all the treasurer's records from Lynne Carr on Thursday. All transactions from June 1st through that meeting date are on QuickBooks and he is working on getting a report together. The second deposit for the London trip was made by wire transfer. The second payment for band camp has also been paid. We have a new lease for equipment with Quinlan-Fabish for buying pit equipment. It is going to cost more than anticipated. The Samels will pay for some but we are about \$6300 over on what we budgeted for this. We anticipated it would cost about \$2700 but it will cost over \$9000. Deby Massa wanted it noted in the record that Music Bowl money is to bring the marching band to a higher level so profits should be used for the marching band only and not the general band fund.

Tom wanted to check that money he has to deposit or bills he has to pay are all accounted for. He has money from Valucards, merchandising, \$90 from Louis the tailor for every coat that is sold and others.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Mimi Fruehe reported that the balance from June was \$9084.54. There was no revenue added. Expenses were \$7358.84 and included graduating seniors, membership fees, spring banquet, marching shoes, mustang fees, London trip. Mimi asked that if you need money out of your student account, be sure to request it directly from Mimi as she knows what the current balance is for each child's account. Don't go directly to Tom Danko. It must be approved by Mimi first.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ron Hornish reported that Mark McCormick and he went on a site inspection of London for 5 days. They stayed at the hotel they would be staying in with the students which is located on the NE side of London. It is a 10 minute walk to nearest subway stop but the students

won't be utilizing the subway very much. Mark went on the tour of the parade route with a historian who will also tour the students. He was able to walk the parade route. He also saw the hall where the concert and jazz band will perform. The students will do a $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip to Windsor Castle and a full day tour including Warrick Castle, Shakespeare Theater, etc. There will be an outstanding breakfast in the hotel every day. London is very expensive because of the poor exchange rate. A McDonald's Big Mac deal costs \$7. Coke can be \$2-3. Students must be mindful and be very careful with their money since they will be responsible for buying their lunches and they need to know they will have enough money to buy their food for the entire time they are there. All students will need to have passports that don't expire by July 2005. The passport stamp is good for 6 months so they must not expire before 6 months from the date the students are in London. Publicity will be done with British media sending press information to our media here. A manifest with flight information is expected around September 1. The deadline for the number of people attending is October 11. We can add people after that date but can't subtract any. Deby Massa suggested that parents be told they need passports while students are still home for the summer. It takes about a month. Post office hours for passports are only 10 to 3 p.m. Peggy O'Dell said she will narrow down the information and get it in the Fanfare.

Ron Hornish said that, as part of the package, they have the opportunity to go into the west end theater district to see a show, including Fame, Joseph, We will Rock You (Queen), Blood Brothers (not recommended), or Blue Man Group.

He also reported that our band was turned down by BOA and IMEA. We will try again next year. Any year it is the luck of the draw as they take the best in the country. Some years some people send nice tapes and are overlooked. BOA does give feedback from the judge which is very helpful.

Question arose as to whether we are going to Pontiac and the answer is no. We are also not going to the Silverdome on August 28th.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Liedtke reported that Mr. Teague from Downers Grove North sent us a thank you card for our participation in the Fourth of July parade. Sandy read it to the Board.

Sandy thanked all the people who had worked hard during the summer with festivals, parades, parent social, fundraisers, market day, etc.

Band Camp is coming up and a mailing and packing list has been distributed. All monies are due. There is a lot of outstanding money for marching band fees. Medical forms are also really critical to give authority for medical care. The list for room sign up is put up the week before band camp. Band camp mailing will also be on the website with links to medical forms. A correction to the agenda should read September 13th for the next meeting. Open house is September 9th which is before our next meeting so volunteers will be needed to pass out flyers in the band room during that event.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mustang Band Fanfare

Peggy O'Dell reported that August 5th is the deadline for Fanfare and that it will be published August 11th. She will email you back if you send her something to verify that it was received. She will get passport information in there. She will also check the calendar because Shop N Share wasn't on there and she wants all events on there. A mailing went out for band camp and you should have gotten it by now. The information is also on the website.

Website

Website chairs were not present so Sandy Liedtke reported for them. Before break, Sandy had kids fill out slip of paper with email address (150 or more) with their address and parent's address. She inputted these young people but they had to reply to it in order to activate it. She explained to students they needed to reply but they did not all do that. There are only 109 addresses at Band boosters.com mailing list. There are a 135-138 kids in band so 109 isn't representative of the kids AND their parents. We aren't getting a lot of the kids and this is a critical way we communicate with everyone. Joanne Djuric said there is a number of color guard who don't have email and she was wondering if we are reaching them. Sandy said there was a letter asking people who don't have email to call Sandy immediately so they can have mail access.

Nancy Poch mentioned that with the email we sometimes receive the same email three times and when it has an attachment, it can fill our mailboxes if we are on vacation. Deby Massa said she didn't realize she could make files smaller.

Doti Strening asked if we publish a comprehensive telephone list for members of the band. Sandy said she has one so email or call her if you need one.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS

Mike Legel reported for missing committee chairpeople.

Market Day

For Lou Bedoe, Mike reported that the profits for June and July Market Days were \$928 and \$888 respectively. We received a 5% bonus for both months because of the amount of sales. August Market Day will be same day as the Max N Erma's breakfast. The pick up time will be 8:45 - 9:30. Call time for volunteers to unload the truck is 7:15.

Valucards

For Mark Yahoudy, Mike reported that sales are going well but cash needs to come in quicker.

Merchandising

Margaret Legel reported. Shop N Share is a fundraiser for the London trip specifically. As an incentive for the kids, profit will be split 50/50 between chaperone and kids. You can give forms to anyone but you can't hand them out in front of Jewel. Shoppers turn in the form after they buy groceries. There will be another one in September. 5% cash or 7% in food certificates is accumulated for each form submitted. By November we will know the

actual profit. It will go into fund for all participating kids going to London to help off set costs.

Max N Erma Breakfast

Michele Bartlett reported that Max N Erma tickets are going slowly with only 127 tickets sold. Last year there were 350 tickets sold. She is sending emails and is present at each rehearsal. The day following the breakfast is the first day of band camp so you would think attendance at the breakfast would be good. Sandy asked that Michelle talk to the kids to remind them.

We still haven't heard back from Jenny Davis to approve our fundraisers for the year. Ron Hornish will check tomorrow. Chris Klacza applied for approval for a color guard car wash and got back permission in a couple of days.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Warmoth was not present. Sandy Liedtke reported that Nancy is doing a lot of this work from her vacation. There are about 5 people who have made no payments for London and another 5 who have only made the initial deposit. There are 42 people who have made more than one payment but are not current and 62 who are totally current in paying. There is a total of 114 people who have expressed an interest in going to London. \$122,601 has been received to date and there is still a balance of \$102,834 left to be collected.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

Russ O'Dell reported that the parade was covered and there were no problems and that had been his only assignment to date.

HISTORY/TRADITIONS SECRETARY

Kelly Mueller was not present and there was no report.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Randy Mink wants to publicize the two September events during the month of August. These events are the Bike and Hike and the Music Bowl. He will work on getting newspaper and cable television. He has spoken to Sandy Liedtke and Pat Samel about these events. He is looking for events to publicize that would have outside interest. He will look to see if the newspaper will devote space to advertise Shop and Share. Margaret noticed that the newspaper said that North was approved for two music trips. It is worth a try. The London approval hasn't been in paper. Deby has some Music Bowl pictures that she can share as does Frank Fletcher-Broucek. We could do publicity to announce that the ISU band will be performing at the Music Bowl. A picture would be ideal. Woodridge, DG, Darien and Westmont and Hinsdale are all potential sources for advertising.

Videography

Mike Legel said he took a video of the Fourth of July parade. He is making up a website that will have video previews on it. He still has 1-1/2 concerts from last spring to do. He has had hard drive problems.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL

Deby Massa reported that there are only 7 more weeks to the bowl. We have 12 bands registered. We are going to limit participation to 12 bands because of parking, etc. We have had to tell several bands to pay or they are not in the show. We are waiting for paperwork from one more band. Con Agra is donating the food this year. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, Veggie burgers, snack packs, etc. All will be free except for the water and pop. The money is coming in slowly. Sponsorships are going well. Ads need to pick up a bit. There is a drawing every Thursday of people who got ads to motivate the students and to generate more ads. Sponsors include Grants, Ludwig, Quinlan-Fabish, etc. Presale ticket sales will begin soon. We keep holding off on sales so no sponsors will be excluded. Price is \$8. The cost is \$6.75 if you prepay. A staff member is bringing a bus load of students (30 kids) at student prices.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

Nancy Poch reported that she will be looking for volunteers to serve dinner at the first home football game.

Spring Banquet

Terry Kopytko reported that there was nothing additional to report.

UNIFORM COORDINATORS

Mimi Johnson and Terry Vanderjack were not present to report. Sandy Liedtke reported that uniforms are dry cleaned and ready for August 12 (2:30 - 5:30) and August 14 (9 - 12:00) fittings. Mimi wants to send out a separate band flyer on these fittings.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Ginger Brese reported that the focus has been on securing chaperones for band camps and she still needs two dads for Monday, August 15th.

PARENT COORDINATORS

Color Guard

Joanne Djuric reported that, at the request of the directors, the sparkly blue uniforms will be replaced with warm-ups that are embroidered the new logo (designed by John Anderson). They will be ready by mid-August and they have all been fitted. To fund it, a car wash will be held on Sunday at WalMart on 75th Street. The cost is \$5. Please come and support us. Color Guard hopes to raise at least half the amount needed. They have already sold 26 tickets at \$5 each since each color guard member presold 5 tickets. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Color Guard has also ordered pre-game marching shoes and t-shirts to go under warm-ups (color of secondary blue on band uniforms and warm ups are navy blue with white stripes). They also ordered sabers, rifles and padded gloves. They still need to order competition shoes, costumes and flags. There is a color guard email list and all but three of the members are represented by their self or parent on email list. It has worked well for getting money for car wash, marching shoes, t-shirts, competition shoes, etc. Only one person hasn't paid.

Most car wash money is in as well. Kids have option of buying their own uniform for \$75 if they want.

Percussion

Doti Strening had nothing to report. Adam Hill is not yet back in town.

Jazz

Kim Bokowski was not present and there was no report

Heritage Festival

Renata Allelujka said they had fantastic participation. There were 40 parent volunteers and 77 student volunteers. Videos were a great attraction. They had some incidents with south football teams which they made the village aware of. Some vendors didn't post prices because they were changing prices at dinner time. Our kids monitored this and the village was happy with the work of the kids and we will probably be invited back again. It is hard to give the profit figure since booth is not there to make money. There was \$1880.77 profit in the bank. If the Music Bowl buys 10 cases of leftover water, there will be more profit for Heritage Fest. Music bowl or water people will probably purchase it.

Water

John Hoyt was welcomed as the new Water Chair

Plant Sale

Karen Rooney was also welcomed aboard.

MISCELLANEOUS

Constance Markham reported that we are waiting to hear what high school we will be rehearsing at for BOA so we can choose our hotel. It looks like it will be in the range of \$89 per night per room with a full hot breakfast. Constance has the name of another person who might be a source for us for Indianapolis hotel. BOA is October 29-31.

For fall banquet we didn't have to pay the deposit. The date is reserved and we know the menu. It will be held on November 3rd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Legel asked about London scholarships and whether anything was resolved with that. Ron said there have been 4-5 requests and he believes that they will be getting some money but he is unsure of how much. We don't know anything further.

Sandy asked about rescheduling the board social. She will send out an email to see if it can be rescheduled.

We need 177 volunteers for the Music Bowl. Terry Kopytko will be at breakfast to look for volunteers. She thanked those who already signed up. She also needs help at football games to hand out palm cards to publicize the Music Bowl. She has slots in a variety of things like hospitality, grilling, hosting bands, etc. We are off to a good start but need more help.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be held in Room D180 on September 13th at 7:30 p.m. Members are invited to Liberty Pub following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.