

Mustang Band Booster Meeting
Monday, October 4, 2004

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Julie Benes, Ginger Brese, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Joanne Djuric, Mimi Fruehe, Terry Griffin, Patricia Hoyt, Mimi Johnson, Ed Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Deby Massa, Karen Mink, Randy Mink, 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 Kelly Mueller.

MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by secretary, Karen Mink. The minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Two pages were distributed. One was the Marching Mustang budget. Adjustments were made for 132 student members instead of 122. The report shows \$73,350 in anticipated income and \$66,650 anticipated in expenses. Craig wanted it noted that he spoke to Erin Novak and she dropped out of Marching Band and had already paid her \$400. She was going to drop out of the London trip but Craig asked if she could have her \$400 band fee applied to her London account. It was also noted that she owes money for shoes. Discussion followed that we don't usually give refunds at this point but Craig felt it was motivational to keep her interested in participating in band. He told her he would ask if this can be done. There are other marching band fees that have not been refunded. The discussion followed that this was in essence refunding her money. Craig does not see this as a refund but rather as a transfer of money. She dropped out in July so she didn't go to band camp. Craig made the motion that the \$400 she paid for band camp be applied to her London trip. For the record, Erin Novak was not a member of the Marching Mustangs and dropped out in June of 2004 and did not attend any functions that required money spent on her behalf. Mike Legel asked that the motion be amended to read that if she does not go to London, the \$400 band fee will not be refund. A vote was taken. It was passed unanimously.

Tom Danko made a motion to approve the revised budget as presented and it was seconded. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Tom presented the Checking Account summary which showed "funds" that had their own balances including brass choir, London trip collections, student accounts, etc. Tom presented two bills, Office Max and German expenses, that he was unsure of their origin. The Office Max had already been paid and the German expenses were just a summary of what we had already paid last spring.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mimi reported that beginning balance was \$9503.93. Revenue included September Market Day for \$200.32, Max and Erma Breakfast fundraiser for \$944.29 and Music Bowl ads for

\$589 creating revenue of \$1733.61. Expenses included membership fees and marching band fees for \$500 leaving a balance in the student accounts of \$10,737.54.

BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT

Craig Roselieb reported that after speaking with Deb Massa and Mark Samel about the percussion purchase this year, it is his recommendation that they pay everything outright and not lease anything. Mark Samel will promise a donation of \$10,000. He will also supplant the \$3000 plus that we were over this year. We get an extra 2% discount for paying up front so there would be no leases and we would own the equipment. Rationale is that we did really well with the Music Bowl this year and can't make the same promise for next year depending on the weather. He is very grateful for all the work and money that the Music Bowl has generated. The percussion purchase is over \$40,000 but many groups will benefit from it.

Craig has a list of 11 students who attended BOA leadership camp and should get \$100 each as we promised we would offer these scholarships. They will each be credited the \$100 to their individual student account. In the future we are talking about offering \$200 scholarships for next year's BOA.

In regards to London scholarships, after talking to Mark Samel, there will be recipients from each of the five concert bands. The Samels will pay for two Wind Ensemble scholarships. This is a total of six students who will each receive \$500 scholarships for a total of \$3000. The scholarships were awarded based on the merit of the papers that the students wrote. The scholarships will be announced in the band room and on the website by the end of the week.

Hopefully everyone who is going to London got the official checklist. There are 119 total slated to go to London at this point. We will definitely make our 110 cut off. Mr. Hornish informed Craig that his mother has pneumonia and he will not be able to go to London. Staff members making the trip will be Mr. Roselieb, Mr. McCormick and Mrs. Roselieb.

This Thursday there is a special meeting at Village Hall with the London officials in full regale and wig. Everyone is invited to see the pomp and circumstance.

On the back burner until February, two college jazz bands will be here in February. NIU with Donald Harrison will be here and we will split expense with North. Also, DePaul Jazz Band with Phil Woods will be here. We will invite five other schools for a mini jazz fest. The schools will have to sell tickets to come and help us pay for this.

November 5th will be the documentation meeting for the London trip and notaries are needed. The website has been updated with competition information, video link, etc.

We were the Grand Champions in Wheaton last weekend. In the same day the band scored a 58 and a 78. This shows how subjective the judging is. The main thing is that we keep getting better. There were some problems in Wheeling because the sun was at the horizon and kept the students from seeing the drum major. This made them unsure but later that

evening it was a remarkable performance in Wheaton. We will always go back to Wheaton North to defend our championship. They have an artificial turf and it helps you push off when you march.

Every year we talk about the season but this year we might write up a synopsis of the season for the banquet. This would be helpful to freshmen parents who don't understand the circuit. Ron Hornish got a call from Wheeling telling what their date for their marching band competition is so we won't schedule our Music Bowl for the same time. We are setting standards because we are using BOA judges so judging is consistent whereas other shows may have different judges.

ISU performance will be at 6:02 and we are the second to the last band. Estimated leaving time from DGS is 1 or 2:00 p.m. We will probably do a morning rehearsal, take a couple of hours off and then leave.

For clarification, Mr. Hornish, Mr. McCormick and Craig are working with Diane Hires to work on their communication skills and how they work together. There have been examples where they are like parents and not giving consistent answers between them. He would like to suggest that the president issue an email that the directors welcome any questions to any of them but the response will come back from Craig if it is a parent question. If it is a student question, Mr. McCormick will respond. If it is a staff question, Mr. Hornish will answer.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Liedtke reported that she had a few thank you notes for the flowers and support from her and her family in recognition of her father's passing.

She is pleased to announce that Karen Medek is our new Butter Braid Chair and our board is now officially filled.

She asked that we begin to think of "succession" planning for next year. As we are doing our job, look for someone who might take over our position.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Mustang Band Fanfare

Peggy O'Dell reported that October 18th would be the deadline for the next Fanfare with publication around the 21st. As always she welcomes articles and thoughts or whatever and she will get in as much as she can.

Website

Jerry Olsen reported that some things are not as up-to-date as they should be so they will work on doing that. John Knepper wasn't at the meeting so they need to touch base with each other. Jerry will have someone to update return times on next competitions for the breaking news section of the website. There are a number of viruses being sent through our mailing list. Beware.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT

Mike Legel said most of the chairs are here to report. He is waiting to hear back about the ValuCard sales and how that went.

Merchandise

Margaret Legel is working on taking orders for the Marching Mustang Christmas ornaments. The staff wear came in and the total was \$595 which was still under the \$750 budgeted for them. She still has lots of window clings for paid members and needs parents to stop by and pick them up. Treble clef lights have been popular at the 9/24 football game and the Music Bowl and over \$80 was made in profit from them. \$54 of this was put into the Music Bowl cash box. At the 9/24 football game, \$290 was made mostly in the sale of pop and water. \$150 was made in candy bar sales and this was turned over to L. Garza

Shop & Share

\$297.00 income has been made. Margaret won't know for another three weeks how September's Shop & Share went.

She still needs orders submitted for Avantis for sandwiches by Thursday and asked Craig to announce this during the resource period.

Max & Ermas

No report was given.

Candy Sale

Laurel Garza reported that she was disappointed that rehearsal was cancelled because she was planning on selling candy. Craig suggested she come to band or at 6:00 for variety show practice to sell candy. There are still 40 boxes of candy left to sell. They have a new mix with Turtles in the new mix. Laurel is trading out candy so the students are selling the most popular and trading in the less popular.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

London participants and payments

Nancy Warmoth said 70 of the participants for the London trip are paid to the end. 15 are paid through the July payment. Twenty-one have made some sort of payment. She has left voice mails and emails. There are 10 people who have not paid anything and hopefully will get some money soon. Renata asked about the number of delinquencies. Nancy said there is a question because students don't know what they paid or what they haven't paid and whether they had scholarships or not. Everything MUST be paid by the October 22nd deadline date. Nancy Poch said that the beauty of a payment plan is that it should be making it easier for students to pay then in a lump fund. Payments were budgeted out to be \$1900. People are waiting to hear what the final cost will be. Without Ron going, the cost should be a little less and the total will probably be about \$1975.

There will be a total of 4 wire transfers at \$40 each that need to be made and it can either be divided out among everyone who is going or take it out of our budget. There must also be

a uniform cleaning included in that amount. It is about \$6 each to clean the uniforms so there are 90 kids whose uniform cleanings must be covered.

Mike Legel said we need to determine what happens to people who have not paid by deadline. What will be our recourse? Nancy said it will be helpful to know who the scholarship people are as that will let people know what they need to pay. By November 5th we have to pay for 110 people but won't have to pay for anyone who hasn't paid. Nancy talked to everyone except 2 families and they all said they would make payments. There are 3 people that she feels are seriously questionable as to whether they are going or not. There are 15-16 people who have only made the deposit and one payment. There will be a full report at the next meeting.

MBB Dues \$50.00

MBB Fundraising \$100.00

This is due on October 23rd. Nancy will work with Mimi to see what is coming out of student accounts. You must fill out a form for that to happen.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O'Dell reported that he put a shelf in the trailer. Craig left the trailer unlocked and the locks were stolen. Loading has gone well and a record was set in loading the trailer in 15 minutes. Russ needs help because the wheels are falling off the new equipment. He has 8 people for homecoming but needs more. The call for help will be on website. We are not taking the trailer to North/South game. We will use what we can from North instead. Russ also needs helpers for the ISU competition to move pit equipment.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Kelly Mueller was not present to report.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Randy Mink sent out a press release about the London meeting with the London officials. He is hopeful that they will use it Wednesday. He suggested to DG Reporter that they may want to come to take notes and pictures. He asked the Downers Grove Reporter to contact Craig. Randy also wants to publicize the Thanksgiving Day Parade. The PR guy from the parade is looking for bands to appear as early as 5 a.m. for the morning news shows. Craig said we won't get there that early. Parade time is 8:30 a.m. Music hasn't been decided but will probably be a combination of patriotic and holiday music. Sandy received a message from CBS who wanted to know if the band wanted to learn their theme song and would come out to have band play that theme song.

Videography

Mike Legel reported they are taking pictures of "stuff". There were about 1000 total pictures taken at the Music Bowl. Margaret is going to weed through them and decide what should be there. There have been 2500 music downloads from the website. Pictures have been looked at about 20,000 times on the website.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Deby Massa reported that they had a mission when they started this. The mission was to: 1. to enhance the music program of DGS on and off the field. 2. Get participation of parents and students and bring people together. 3. To obtain an in depth critique from judges 4. To create a fundraiser. Everything was a success. We were going to try to make \$8000. We are waiting for a few bills but have made over \$20,000. Deby would like to thank her chairs who did all the work. She has sent out surveys to band directors and judges. Every single response that came back said we were taking care of everything. They noted that the food was great and everyone was helpful and the event ran efficiently. It was a huge event and planning would have been for nothing if we didn't have such wonderful, supportive parents. We had the best date and best weather and had all our food donated. We made over \$7000 in concessions alone. We paid ISU \$300 even though they asked for nothing. Deby believes there were over 4000 people there. Bowl committee will discuss a donation can for programs like other Bowls are doing.

CHAPERONE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Renata Allelujka reported that we always need chaperones and pull teeth to get them. We always wind up with enough people but always have to wait until the very end.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Nancy Poch reported about dinner for the October 11th rehearsal. They will serve dinner and ice cream and water.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mimi Johnson and Terry Vanderjack reported that midseason cleaning will be picked up this Friday night after the game and will be returned Thursday afternoon. They need to set a day for kids who need to be fitted for London and who aren't in Marching Band to be fitted.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS' REPORT

Julie Benes and Ginger Brese reported that there was not much going on but they are trying to fill up slots for competitions and target new parents to get them involved.

PARENT COORDINATORS

Color Guard

Joanne Djuric reported that the Color Guard is excited about their first place win. They cleaned the back of the loft but need a garbage can to store flags in that won't tip over so kids can lift them up and carry them. If anyone has access to containers that are about 3 feet high and made of heavy steel, please let Joanne know. They need two. They don't know if they have any money left to spend until Lamar turns in all the receipts for Color Guard gear purchased.

Percussion

Doti Strening reported that they have been following the pit around to prepare for the winter. They have been trailing the trailer to learn how everything fits in. They are waiting for Adam and Bart to give some guidance.

Water

Pat Hoyt asked if they should bring water to the North-South game. Renata said no because we gave North water so they should give us water. Craig will inquire about water when he calls about equipment.

BOA

Constance Markham reported that a notice went out in the Fanfare. She has had several responses for parents that she is booking rooms for. She is waiting for a rooming list of students. She will be putting together the dinner purchase option with four choices including a vegetarian. They will include the cost of drinks in the final amount. Renata announced we have an excess of pop if we can serve that. Constance will coordinate with Renata for the pop. She hasn't solicited for dinner yet because she didn't want it on top of the Avanti food order for ISU yet. The students can eat at the RCA Dome at BOA if they don't order that dinner.

Fall Banquet

Constance Markham reported that she will start collecting money for that also. Fall Banquet will be at Marriott on November 3rd (Wednesday). We had an offer of adding on some sheet cakes to the dessert Marriott is providing. A freshman mom will provide two cakes with a Mustang on them and is going to check with Constance about bringing outside food into the banquet.

MISCELLANEOUS

Renata Allelujka announced that tomorrow night, at Village Green golf course, there will be a forum to hear both sides of the District 99 referendum. It will be at 7:30 p.m.

Monika Cunningham reported on cheesecake sales. Sale will begin on November 8th and there will be samples at the November 4th/ Concert by the Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony. Orders must be turned in by November 23rd (right before Thanksgiving) but Monika will accept orders through the 30th. Delivery date is December 6th. She asked Mike for last year's file for the cheesecakes. Cheesecake profit is \$2.50 per cake to the students. Monika also wants to get the order form out on the website.

For BOA we will be rehearsing at a different high school than before. Would we like to attempt to rehearse at the same high school year after year so we can make it easier to book a hotel nearby each year. Constance Markham suggested a small honorarium to their Boosters to ensure we rehearse there. Constance made a motion that we give Lawrence North High School an honorarium of \$200 for the use of their practice field prior to the BOA competition. Vote was taken and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 1, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Room D180.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.