

Mustang Band Boosters
November 1, 2004

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members presented included: Renata Allelujka, Bart Bates, Julie Benes, Carol Biagi, Kim Bokowski, Ginger Brese, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Mimi Fruehe, Laurel Garza, Adam Hill, Mimi Johnson, Ed Kopytko, Sandy Liedtke, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Constance Markham, 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: Deby Massa and Kelly Mueller.

Sandy expressed her thanks to everyone who went to BOA or helped get ready for BOA. Sandy went over the results of the BOA. We placed in 27th place out of 34 which was a place higher than last year.

MINUTES

There were a few changes to the minutes as they were presented by Secretary Karen Mink. The documentation meeting for London will be held on November 8th instead of November 5th. The minutes also showed Erin Novak as not paying for her shoes and this line should be removed as it was the wrong Novak. The minutes reflected that Ron Hornish would not be going to London but the situation has changed and he will be attending. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mimi Fruehe reported that the beginning balance in the student accounts was \$10,737.54 on October 3, 2004. Since that time revenue of \$8397.50 was added including \$100 for BOA scholarships, Music Bowl ads, candy sales, membership fees and valucards. Expenses, or money drawn out of the student accounts was \$5676.02 for instrument repairs, marching shoes, BOA dinner, ISU dinner, Membership fees, fundraising expectations, London Trip fall banquet, etc. The ending balance as of November 1, 2004 is \$13,459.02.

BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT

Craig Roselieb offered a big thank you to everyone involved in marching band. Football and field shows are now officially over. Tuesday's rehearsal for London is cancelled because of the election and the music is not yet ready. Next Monday will be the parent meeting for those going to London and it will be an important night.

The marching Mustang season this year was completely successful. A recap of the season is on the website. Craig watched the bands from the stands at BOA and wrote 30 ideas for our band to be more effective. He is very excited about the future. They will have a staff meeting after the banquet on Wednesday to talk about next year.

Jazz schedule is now posted on the website and it will begin with a December gig for the republicans. There will also be a Jazz Café in January. NIU and DePaul will be here in February. There is also a gig in February for the combo at the Signature Room.

Craig spent 3 hours updating a website known as the “blackboard”. The website is now completely up to date. Blackboard is the staff way to communicate directly to the students about things that are coming up. The students can also listen to professional recordings of the music they are working on. There will be a link to attach it to the district and also band website. Students must use the user names that they use at school.

Adam Hill and Bart Bates were present at the meeting to discuss Indoor Percussion. There are three show dates. They include one at Dayton, Ohio on Feb. 12, Indianapolis on March 12 and April 14th will be the championship (14th through the 16th). The group will be staying overnight at the show site. There will be a director’s meeting on November 17th to discuss props, etc. Doti Strening is working on the rehearsal schedule. The participation fee will be \$250. It will include breakfasts at the show site. The group wants to travel with a microwave this season. People are welcome to help with construction and uniforms and they will get all the parent things together. Auditions will be on December 4th, which is a Saturday. There are only so many “spots” available on the line. Audition music will be put out on November 17th. They have been calling billboard companies to get old billboards donated to use as tarps for the floor. They need people (groupies) to help with the tarps. They are also looking to add 5 actors/actresses.

Craig said that the venue for their gala concert in London has been switched because of remodeling. Instead they will perform two nights instead of one and will get a longer time to perform. They are also saying that British Airline is adding \$34 tax charge after October 29th. Craig is going to dispute this since tickets should have been ordered prior to October 29th and we shouldn’t have to pay this.

Craig is in need of people who haven’t had their passports secured yet to do so immediately because the name must match the number on the ticket and passport. We have a confirmed number now. Most are nearly paid with the exception of three.

The Samels will be coming to the banquet on Wednesday night and three monetary awards will be presented for the marching season. They will also present certificates to all that participated in Bike and Hike.

Paperwork and Notary will be available at the November 8th meeting. There will also be a copy machine to make copies of passports.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Sandy Liedtke thanked everyone who was a part of BOA or the marching season. We had a lot of parent support and she is really grateful for it.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Mustang Band Fanfare

Peggy O'Dell announced that the new Fanfare will be in January and she will have a deadline at the next meeting. Craig asked for a December one before the trip. Peggy announced that the deadline will be December 8th and it will be published on the 13th.

Website

Jerry Olsen reported that people should use the specific group lists to send email so that everyone doesn't get the mail intended for a specific group such as marching band or indoor percussion. Jerry will touch base about how he needs to link better to the Blackboard.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT

Valucards

Mark Yahoudy was not present to report. We are still waiting for totals and the rest of the money turned in. Mike Legel reported.

Merchandise

Margaret Legel reported that we took in \$175 in pop and water sales and \$175 in blanket sales. Snowflake ornament price goes up on Thursday to \$7.

Fun Facts Survey

Margaret Legel reported there is a fun fact survey being generated. It has been used in the past as a recruiting tool for the freshman open house.

Shop & Share

Margaret Legel reported. September Shop N Share earned \$162 which will be split for the London trip with \$81 going into the chaperones and kids pooled account.. November will be the last Shop N Share and it is 10 days before thanksgiving.

Candy Sale

Laurel Garza said she has one more student she is working on for the return of candy money. The student has quit band but needs to pay. 89 students participated in the sale. Laurel has a parent who promised to buy the rest of her candy. The general fund will net a couple of hundred dollars. There was a rebate special so we will also get that.

Cheesecakes

Monika Cunningham said the big kick off is next Monday. There will be sampling at the concerts. WS/WE will end about 8:45. The other concert will end at 9:00. She is set for help on the 4th but needs some help on the 23rd. Cheesecakes are being delivered on Thursday to the school. Monika can accept the cheesecakes but doesn't know where they enter the building or if there is an official policy that has to be followed. They will be stored in the teacher's freezer and cakes will be arriving for both concerts.

ButterBraids

Karen Medic was not present and there was no report.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Nancy Warmoth is still trying to collect membership money and London money. She will call again to be sure they get in the money this week. She will also check student accounts to cover the marching fees. The band won't refund to people who overpaid for London until scholarship money is received from Samel. London money is lacking about \$12,500. There is also about \$3000 lacking in marching band fees. This will be tabled until treasurer arrives.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O'Dell wanted to thank all the parents who helped over the year. He appreciates Renata especially since he couldn't do his job without her help. Craig thanked Russ for driving.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Kelly was not there to report.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Randy Mink reported that the Thanksgiving Day parade is coming up so he will send something out about that. Randy asked if we knew the order our band will be appearing. The band will have to be there somewhere around 5 to 7 p.m. There will be a practice on Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be three buses and about 150 kids counting London kids and all marching band members. This is the first time we have been in this parade. We will do a combination of Sousa (American marches) and a little spoof on Austin Powers/James Bond and some Beatles for Thanksgiving and London. Color guard will also march. There will only be room for 5 chaperones per bus. If we arrive early enough, we could be on television but Craig hasn't yet decided if we are going to do that or not. February events with tickets to sell should definitely be advertised. Randy will hit jazz in January.

Videography

Mike Legel reported that he is still editing Music Bowl. There have been 4800 downloads of the movies on the website and 30,000 downloads of pictures. Mark McCormick has asked for pictures for the slide show at the banquet. There are also BOA pictures on the website from Margaret Legel.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Deby Massa was not present and had nothing to report.

CHAPERONE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Renata Allelujka reported that there were a lot of people who put in a lot of effort. There were some extra challenges this weekend that will have to be ironed out. We need to work out a few procedures and policies for next year. We were caught off guard since the BOA officials changed what they usually do and we didn't know about it. Craig got 25 field passes for the people who were going to be on the field with pit equipment. Anyone who misused this would be penalized. There were 29 people on field so they didn't all

have tags. We were penalized for this. We lost .6 of our score. It didn't change our rank. We would also have been penalized if we left any leaves on the ground since there were some on our podium.

It was impressive to hear all that cheering and the signs displayed for the band. Thanks to everyone who did their bit at the games and competitions. Renata said that communication is still a little weak. A formal thank you to Barb Schmidt because she provided a nutritious snack (ham, salami and cheese). Renata cubed it all.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Nancy Poch said last dinner went fine. Concert is on Thursday and everyone is lined up for baked goods.

UNIFORM COORDINATORS' REPORT

Terri Vanderjack and Mimi Johnson announced that they had an unexpected cleaning expense because of the mud. They sent 109 pairs of pants out for cleaning for a \$308.25 expense that was unanticipated. Mimi said she hopes we never leave Sparkleen Cleaners. They picked them up early and delivered them on time. For London fittings, they will be on hand all day on Wednesday to fit students for the parade and London who are not currently in marching band. Shoes will also be ordered. If students on list are marching color guard and not marching an instrument, they don't need to be fitted. After Thanksgiving they will have another cleaning of all uniforms that have been worn and are going to London. There will be a quick turn around on that one. Then they will all go back in for a cleaning in January.

Uniforms for London will be packed in five big boxes.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Julie Benes reported that the two parades are fully booked with chaperones. Let Julie know if there are any needs for volunteers. Constance Markham asked that in the future, people are told that BOA is an early departure day so when people volunteer they know they will need to take off work.

PARENT COORDINATORS

Color Guard

Joanne Djuric is ill and Terry Griffin has laryngitis. They have no reports. Renata wanted to add that the color guard looked absolutely fantastic at BOA. She felt this is a big difference since last year. Great growth in confidence on the part of the guard.

Percussion

Doti Strening reported that she asked Bart and Adam to come tonight. The gentlemen have been ruminating on what they have in mind for the percussion season. You have to give them some latitude. Doti met with Carla Harrison last spring to work on the list of things to do. There was a preliminary schedule as of last June. Some people don't put up information in a timely fashion so we could get competition dates. The directors would

like to get four competitions in. They would like to do Vandercook in February. She will be using website for information. Craig will send original indoor percussion logo to Doti so she can use it for flyers and emails.

Water

Pat and John Hoyt were not there to report. There is left over water and they want to know if it is needed for London rehearsals or parades. Craig said it would be great to have it for Chicago.

BOA

Constance Markham thanked Renata for picking up the check in. We had 77 rooms. We only had to pay for 71 rooms because we used Marriott reward nights. Everyone enjoyed the breakfast. If we know we want to go there again next year as soon as BOA puts it out, we could do a better job of getting rooms without balconies so we don't have students hanging off balconies. We also needed to address that there were some adjoining rooms that the kids opened up.

Fall Banquet

Constance Markham reported that the Samels are coming and she has added a few last minute freshman as of tonight. There are 268 people attending on Wednesday, assuming that all staff and directors are coming. Constance made the motion that she can sign the contract to guarantee the people who have actually paid. Unanimous vote to carry motion. Pat Walters will send over two large sheet cakes decorated with Marching Mustang logo and competitions kids have been too. That will be in addition to the regular sundae bar.

Jazz

Kim Bokowski asked what the jazz combo was. Craig said it would be 5-6 people from jazz that will make up the small group. This list can be had from Eileen. Frank Fletcher-Broucek is still trying to get gigs but it is unknown if he is going to the contests or not. They will probably have to set an amount of how many tickets each student must sell for paying events. Jazz Café will be set up the same as in past.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Danko reported. He needs some help with some of the allocations. The first page shows the Marching Mustang budgets. We have taken in \$65,603 so far this year and have approved a budget of \$73,350. That is a deficit of \$7720. Mimi Johnson questioned the gloves which were budgeted at \$450 and shows \$1233 expended. Tom said there are some details that have to be cleared up.

For other band income there was \$5153 left over from last years Music Bowl and \$14,046 from this Bowl which pays off the percussion equipment so we don't have to have a lease. Equipment purchase totaled \$32,344.00. It included the last sousaphone payment as well as the band booster's portion of the pit equipment and the money provided by the Samel fund.

There is a concern about the fundraising expectation being really low with \$13200 anticipated and only \$3438 collected to date.

MISCELLANEOUS

The students from marching band know there is no rehearsal for the parade tomorrow but non-marching do not know and will be told during band period tomorrow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Room D180.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.