

Mustang Band Booster Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2005

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 7:37p.m. Members in attendance included: Julie Benes, Kim Bokowski, Tom Danko, Mimi Fruehe, Mimi Johnson, Ed Kopytko, Terry Kopytko, Sandy Liedtke, Constance Markham, Deby Massa, Karen Mink, Randy Mink, Kelly Mueller, Peggy O'Dell, Russ O'Dell, Nancy Poch, Karen Rooney, Craig Roselieb, Doti Strening, Terri Vanderjack, .

Absent Executive Board members included Ginger Brese, Mike Legel, and Nancy Warmoth,

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Danko presented his report. He reported that page one of his reports showed income and expenses of the Marching Mustang but the money transferred for student accounts was not up to date. There wasn't a lot of Marching Mustang activity as the season is over. On page 2, the general band budget, Tom noted that Market Day is well over anticipated profit and cheesecake is also over budget. On the bottom of the page Tom has a table called Current Band Profit. It showed Marching Band profit at \$2880 and general band at \$586 for a total of \$3466. There was carry over of \$3142 from last year which means the actual net profit for this year only is \$324. It does not show the last big donation from the Samels.

Checking account summary shows \$22,804.75 in the account. London is showing a deficit of \$591.41 which could be from student account transfer or the collection of the fuel surcharge. They are also still collecting money for shoes from London to help pay off the \$529 shoe bill. Three new accounts were opened at Community Bank which gave us \$75 per account.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mimi Fruehe reported that revenue for the month was \$972.93 including Market Day, cheesecakes, candy bars and entertainment books. Income from instruments and London trip was \$312.66 for an ending balance of \$10,102.53

BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT

Craig Roselieb reported that the London trip was a resounding success on various levels. Many people helped behind the scenes before we left and many went along. It is important to note that the band was recognized for their musical performance. When Craig attended a director's meeting, it was noted that DG bands were far above the other bands that were there. We offered a great musical program, both in concert and jazz band and our parade music was exceptional. Staff members voted DG the best behaved group there also. It reflects on our kids, our advanced planning and our chaperones. The hotel was the most

remote of all hotels used by parade. If it was given a rating the trip was an 18.5 out of 20. Tom Danko added that we received the refund check that they owed us for the overpayment on the fuel surplus charge. We gave gifts that were books on the History of Downers Grove as well as giving tips to tour guide and excursion guides and the baggage handlers. Craig said if there aren't enough funds, he would use his director's discretionary funds rather than charging anyone any more for the trip.

Craig had an issue with a couple of students who were given detentions for throwing mustard packs from the band room. Problem remains that our Music Bowl stores are not very safe if students can get into them. If we build a front, the hall way would become a storage area that can be locked. We also need to be diligent to lock things up.

Registration is in full swing. Audition process at junior high begins in February. Open House is coming up. It was decided that after the 6:15 meeting, gym will be curricular area with teachers and students discussing classes. Field house will continue to be activity recruitment area. Friends of the Fine Arts will be on opposite side to not compete with band programs. We want to have a more unified approach to fine arts activities at open house. We want to have student representation from all these groups. It would be very effective to have as many Boosters as possible at the field house or at the 6:15 meeting in the band room to tell what it is like to be a band parent. January 31st is the Open House for O'Neill and Eisenhower and February 2nd is the Open House for Lakeview and Jefferson parents.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Liedtke thanked everyone who went to London, especially the chaperones and directors. She also thanked the people that helped before the trip with uniforms, luggage tags and packing, parents who helped with parades and practices, truck/van driver, video/pictures, money collection and disbursements, etc. Thank you also to Peggy for the last newsletter. . . Market Day had two huge two months. The Holiday concert was great and we have a thank you letter from Diane Hires. Indoor percussion, brass choir and jazz are starting to gear up and Sandy offered a thank you to all those folks that help with those groups.

Butter Braid sales will start soon. Karen Medek and Mike Legel will start sales at the end of February so watch for order form.

Open house will be at the end of the month with the Indoor Percussion performing on Monday, January 31st at 6:40 p.m. and the Jazz performing at 6:40 pm. On Wednesday, February 8th. Parent and student volunteers are needed.

Thank you to everyone on board this year. She really appreciates everyone who helped out on board this year and hopes everyone will come back in the same capacity or another capacity.

District 99 meeting is tonight and Renata and Margaret Legel went to it and will report back if it gets done in time.

Nominating committee. Sandy recommended that Karen Mink, Renata Allelujka, Joanne Djuric be on the nominating committee. Mimi Johnson moved they be accepted and Julie Benes seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Mustang Band Fanfare

Peggy O'Dell reported that the next Fanfare deadline will be January 17th and it will be published by Friday, January 21st. She would like to include jazz and indoor percussion as well as open house information in it. Butter Braids would also be included as well as a London report. She will be happy to put in anything you send her so do send it to her.

Website

John Knepper and Jerry Olsen were absent. Jerry submitted an email report that said to make sure that we don't send around personal information like social security numbers, passport numbers, etc. to the whole group or via an email attachment or put it to the website. He also wanted to verify if pictures from the jazz band performances could be posted to the web site via the email archives. Frank Fletcher-Broucek took pictures but didn't want them on the general band site. He wanted the kids to have them but didn't want them on the site.

Mike Legel reported that Nancy Poch did a video and it was put on the site. Kim Bokowski has the video of the concert and will get it to him to put on the site. Deb Massa wanted Mike to be formally noted for his wonderful work on the London trip and putting everything up right away so that people who weren't there could see what was happening. Mark McCormick got the picture in the newspaper.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT

Mike Legel said there were still some videos to be delivered and Craig went to get them.

Butter Braids

Butter Braids will be sent out soon and will be due February 28th and will be delivered March 12th.

Shop N Share

Margaret Legel reported that \$632.00 was made to help for the chaperones. Each of the 11 chaperones was given \$28.75 to bring down the cost of the London trip. Students will get \$3.60. If you have any ideas for what to use Shop N Share profits for, let her know.

Plant Sales

She contacted the green house and would like to have the forms available at Open House with delivery before Mother's Day.

Merchandise

Some items were moved as sale.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Warmoth was not present but a report was submitted. There are still 32 students who have outstanding debts for the marching band fundraising fees and an additional \$432 in marching band fees have not been collected for two students. She checked the latest student account balances and none of these individuals have a balance to draw from. She will make another round of calls to see if she can resolve some of these items. She mailed approximately 160 letters to families of band students asking that they consider paying the 2004-2005 membership fees and is hopeful that we will be receiving some positive responses. She will do the job again next year.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O'Dell reported he would like to get an I Pass for the van next year and will work with Tom Danko for a credit card to tie it too. Tom said he would buy it. Trailer would cost \$2.50 with an I Pass and \$5.00 if not so this would save us but we would keep it with our band stuff so that the school does not use it.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Kelly Mueller asked about the article about the band that was in the school newspaper. She said she is getting copies of stories from the library. There will be more London pictures in the next Spectrum.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Randy Mink wants to mention the jazz band February activities. He will also publicize the NIU and DePaul stuff. The NIU fee is \$3000 and we have to pay half and North will pay the other half. We also need to pay half of the dinner for them. We have DePaul coming up which will be funded mostly by visiting band and the Samels. There will be no cost to the Boosters. NIU will have five ticket requests for Jazz ensemble and lab band. The other will be four ticket requests from ensemble. We have two bands visiting in February instead of going out to contests where we would only play for 20 minutes and get judges' tapes. We will also invite other schools in to the DePaul concert to serve as a trial as a mini-Jazz fest here to make Downers Grove a jazz education venue. Craig has PR information for both of these events. February 11th is another gig for the jazz band for Senator Dillard. We also have a jazz gig for the D.G. Newcomer's Club Taste of Downers Grove in February. Craig will send a packet home with Jeremy Mink.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Deby Massa is waiting for okay from the School Board for the October 1st date for the Music Bowl and should secure that next Monday.

CHAPERONE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Renata Allelujka was not present and there was no report.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Nancy Poch reported that there was nothing going on but refreshments for February concert is coming up. Lemonade is needed. There was nothing there to stir with either.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mimi Johnson and Terry Vanderjack reported that they will check in as many uniforms as they can tomorrow night. Once they are in, they will go in for a cleaning and will be ready for next year. Sandy thanked the ladies for all their extra work this year. Mimi said that the overage in the glove category may be because this year they are doing sized gloves instead of one size fits all. They started with a certain number of each size and keep stocked in that number. In the beginning of next year, they won't have to order as many as in the past.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS' REPORT

Julie Benes reported that she has done nothing in the last month and it feels wonderful. Craig said they need a couple of parents for the February 26th Midwest Music Festival. Also will need it for Wind Ensemble in April.

PARENT COORDINATORS

Color Guard

No one there to report. Joanne Djuric sent out an email to collect the uniforms and warm ups to be returned.

Percussion

Doti Strening reported that the season is underway with both rehearsals and show needs. It is a work in progress. No competitions until the second weekend in February. Money is being spent and sets are being worked on. Money is being turned in at a good pace. They are using a floor tarp this year. Kids worked on it with Bart and Adam yesterday. Costumes will be Sherlock Holmes and the "clue" idea. They will play on the stage for the freshman open house on the 31st. Kids have been asked to bring a lunch when they come in on Saturday and there will be no formal lunch. Only a group goes at a time while he works with the others. The fabric has been purchased for the "Sherlock" costumes which will be worn by the drumline. The pit will be the "kitchen" staff in our Cue game and will wear cook's or waiter costuming. Sets are not ready to be painted as they aren't done being constructed. Bart has someone working on the rooms for the Clue game.

Adam, Bart, Ron and Craig met. Their season will end in March but they will continue to work with students in all five bands (percussion) to help them. There is a revised schedule for indoor percussion that will be posted on the web and to the indoor percussion mailing list.

Spring Banquet

Terry Kopytko reported that she is working with Marriott to make it nice and affordable. It will be held on Thursday, April 28th.

Jazz

Kim Bokowski reported that tomorrow night is Jazz Café. There will be drinks which will be sold and snacks will be put on the table. Any leftover drinks will be used for NIU. Kim asked Craig if he liked using the two settings, one for NIU and one for band for dinner like last year. He said yes. She wondered who we talked to at North in order to split the bill. She

was told to email Brayer Teague and ask him. Kim asked how DePaul would run. Craig said it would be similar with the dinner. We would have to provide some refreshments for sale. Kim said she needs more volunteers for this. Julie Benes said she would get on it.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Craig asked that everyone think outside the box for a minute. Last spring the administration challenged the band directors to look at their total program and what they offered and balance what was most important to them. Last summer at BOA, Craig attended a clinic called "staying sane in an insane world" for music educators. The three most stressful jobs in the U.S. are brain surgeon, air traffic controller and high school band director according to the Wall Street Journal. Think what it would be like if we did everything we did in the space of two years instead of one year. We keep adding to our program but never take anything away. Really good programs have started focusing their energy on different things in different years. Example: one school only goes to grand nationals in BOA once every four years. They don't do competitive marching band every year. He wants band to think about that. They are in brainstorming phase right now. This is only at an adult level and not for the kids at this point. Mimi's first reaction is that we are just building momentum in the competitive band so this would be a shift. We only had four years of building to get it to the point of kids saying this is really cool to do so every other year you might lose momentum. Peggy said you may get more interest by doing this. Karen Rooney asked what would be done on noncompetitive year. Craig said they would do football games and a trip and more parades. They would be a parade band one year and a field band the other. Practices for a non-competitive year would be half, maybe one night a week. No band camp that year either. Indoor percussion would alternate, perhaps, with steel drums. Craig will report back after their January meeting.

Karen Mink will be chair of nominating committee.

Constance Markham wanted to know when we will have a date for the fall banquet. Craig said they look at the school calendar in March so they will do a tentative band calendar by the end of January or beginning of February. It was asked if anyone had any suggestions for different locations. Estimated size of the band? Proposed change in pricing structure. Constance had a lot of students pay really late or at the door. She didn't expect another 40 students after she confirmed how many were coming. She is toying about one rate if paid by the due date, another if paid late and another if paid at the door. 24 more people were added which meant three additional tables we hadn't anticipated.

Constance also had questions on BOA. Are we going again this upcoming season? Craig said yes. It is October 29th. She asked if we wanted to decrease hotel costs by going to a different type of hotel. Sandy asked that it be tabled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7th at 7:30 p.m. in faculty cafeteria or to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.