

Mustang Band Booster Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2005

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Kim Bokowski, Ginger Brese, Monika Cunningham, Tracy Danko, Joanne Djuric, Mimi Fruehe, Terry Griffin, Mimi Johnson, Ed Kopytko, Terry Kopytko, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Constance Markham, Diane Mendoza, Karen Mink, Peggy O'Dell, Russ O'Dell, Jerry Olsen, Nancy Poch, Karen Rooney, Craig Roselieb, Terri Vanderjack, Nancy Warmoth,

Absent Executive Board members included: Tom Danko, Randy Mink, Kelly Mueller, and Deby Massa.

MINUTES

There were several corrections to the minutes as presented. In the Minutes, the Treasurer's Report indicated that the bank gave us \$75 per account. This is incorrect and should read that we receive \$25 per account for a total of \$75.

Under President's report, the correct date of the Open House should be February 2nd instead of February 8th.

Typographical errors were corrected. Under Vice President of Membership, the report should read "we will be receiving" instead of "we will being receiving". Under Ways and Means, it should read that Mike Legel "reported" instead of "Mike Legel said". Under Butter Braids, it should read that "order forms will be sent out" instead of "Butter Braids will be sent out.

A motion was made to accept the Minutes as corrected and it was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tracy Danko reported in Tom Danko's absence. She said there was nothing much going on. There was just some London and Jazz money coming in. The opening balance on the checking account was \$21,126.31. \$24,791.69 of this is earmarked for designated funds such as the Brass Choir, Jazz Band Fund, Student Accounts and Music Bowl 2004 leaving the current band profit balance at -3,665.38. There was no activity in the Community Bank Account and the Band Savings Account has a balance of \$7,104.28

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mimi Fruehe reported. Beginning balance as of December 5, 2004 was \$10,102.53. Since that time the only revenue was \$33.00. Expenses included London Surcharges, Indoor Percussion Fees and Stadium Wear for a total of \$318.00 in expenses. Balance as of February 7, 2005 in the Student Accounts is \$9,817.53.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Liedtke extended a thank you to the nominating committee (Karen Mink, Joanne Djuric and Renata Allelujka) for working so hard on the nominating committee. She

announced that they would present the slate this evening and the vote will be taken at the next meeting on March 14, 2005. She also extended a thank you to Kim Bokowski for the Jazz Café and NIU Jazz dinner and refreshments. The Jazz DePaul performance will be coming up on Friday, February 18th. Sandy also thanked all who came and recruited at the Open House. They included: Karen Rooney, Constance Markham, Nancy Poch, Julie Benes, Doti Strening, Peggy and Russ O'Dell, Kelly Mueller and Tom Danko. Also a big thank you to the students who attended. Finally, she thanked Margaret Legel who s keeping us up to date on the district budget changes.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Craig Roselieb reported that they have preliminary dates for some of next year's activities. The Fall Banquet will be on Tuesday night, November 1st. We are getting those Marriott reward points for the banquets, in addition to the hotels. We have enough points now for 6 nights at a Marriott Hotel. After the Spring Banquet there will be even more room nights.

Craig shared the results of what he has been doing and what he has yet to do. Mark McDonald and Jenny Davis met with Craig about the discussion that took place at the last Booster meeting about the band program. They will not be looking at alternating years. They will have a Music Bowl every year. They will be competitive every year. They may reduce the schedule a little bit and try to be more cost effective. Maybe on years that they have a major trip, they wouldn't go to BOA. Perhaps Indoor Percussion would be every other year on the opposite of the trip year. They could then have a percussion ensemble perform on the trip. Basically it will be a matter of thinking and planning smarter and we will talk more about it later. The district is cutting 3.5 million dollars out of its budget so class sizes will grow. They are also decreasing the transportation budget. Normal activities can not longer go out of state. We can still go to Indiana next year for BOA but may not be able to go the following year. Indoor percussion is still good as this was all planned in advance as well. Another meeting with Mark McDonald will be held later.

February 23rd will be a meeting with Jenny Davis to go over all activities on the calendar as well as all fundraiser activities. All organizations must present what they really want to hold on to by this date. The choir program switched their fundraiser this year to the Entertainment Books and made \$9000. Would we want to do this with them and put money in student accounts?

We must plan everything you want to anticipate for next calendar NOW. Once we submit the calendar we can not add anything to it. They will fund what we have but won't let you add anything to it. They will be tightening their belts. We will need to be very specific about what we are using Booster funds for.

The deadline for the open Fine Arts chairperson is next Monday and interviews will be taking place March 3rd. They may be looking to use some Boosters in that process. If you want to be on committee, forward your name to Sandy Liedtke. There will be some changes made. The district will go from 5 to 4 deans here at South and from 4 to 3 deans at North to save money by not hiring replacements for retiring deans.

Renata Allelujka asked if there was a master fine arts calendar so that there won't be a conflict between band and other fine art activities. Craig answered that this will be done online in the future so that people can input them on this master plan. If someone wants to "rent" the auditorium, they will have to find a space that is empty. Renata said it was not easy for indoor percussion to practice in the small gym while there were 300 6th graders in the building for DARE as well as freshman registration was going on.

The meeting for marching band registration will be held on February 28th. Summer rehearsals have been a problem since people go off on vacation so they are going to change a bit. School gets out on June 10th. Prior to the Fourth of July parade, there will be three pre-camp rehearsals. They will take the month of July off. In August, after summer school, they will start a new system of rehearsals from 8 to noon four days a week. They can learn their drill in the parking lot. They will be pitching to everyone to take their vacations in July and start up officially in August. This will free up all the evenings in the summer. This was generated through the staff meeting since so many people were missing in the summer and at evening practices. They also talked about band camp and will try to make the field across the street a practice field and paint it so they can have two practice fields. There is a tower in the end zone and they talked about moving it around so they can be higher and see the drills better. They are not going to farm out the drill next year but will have it written on site in There ill be collaboration with Craig.

February is Jazz Month. Craig wants to thank everyone for that. There will be two great concerts on the 17th and 24th that will feature a combined number at the end of each concert. It guarantees that everyone stays until the end.

On June 2nd the Wind Ensemble/A Cappella Choir will be a combined effort between North and South. It will be our own IMEA festival. It is a great opportunity to highlight our entire district so we can show how strong we really are as a school district in the fine arts. It will be in the large gym.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The slate was presented to the board by the Nominating Committee, comprised of Renata Allelujka, Joanne Djuric and Karen Mink. Sandy Liedtke opened nominations to the floor. She said that if you know anyone who is interested in any of these positions to go ahead and recruit. Let Sandy know if you have any ideas. If we can't find somebody, we have to think about how we would cover those responsibilities. We will still have to beat the bushes to find someone to do these things. Everyone in this room should talk to their friends and try to recruit more Boosters. The committee was thanked. Craig offered to email the names of some kids who are active in band.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mustang Band Fanfare

Peggy O'Dell reported that the next Fanfare would be a hard copy and would go out with the registration packets. Craig said it would be helpful if everyone did a snippet about their area as sort of an informational piece. Peggy said the deadline will be March 1st. Peggy will send out reminders so everyone can write a paragraph about their area so they can promote

themselves as this will go out to prospective freshmen. She is also looking for pictures of indoor percussion and jazz.

Website

Jerry Olsen reported that he is still confused as to where he is to go with pictures from jazz band and pictures in general since Frank asked they not go on the general band site. Craig said there is a link on the school web site that says "photo gallery" which brings you to the FOFA web site and pictures of our bands.

A virus was sent to the "everybody list" that said it came from a bank. It is fishing for information. Just delete it. Sandy also asks that people whose children had credit cards in London check their accounts. There were two instances, one for \$9000 and one for \$800, where someone tried to use student credit card numbers to make purchases.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS

Butter Braids

Mike Legel met with Karen Medek and she has Butter Braid information. Sale will begin next week and pick up date will be March 12th. She needs to find out about use of the kitchen.

Jewel Shop and Share

Margaret Legel submitted a written report saying that some students did not collect their money from the Shop and Share even though it was announced at the last London practice in December. Margaret will try to connect with them at the February concerts. Otherwise, the money will be donated back to the Boosters.

Plant Sale

Margaret Legel reported, in a written report, that the plant sale order form was made available to incoming freshmen at the Open Houses. The orders will be due April 6th with pick up during the early morning hours of Saturday, April 30th. Sale information, plant pictures and the order form were emailed to the website folks this past Thursday night. The same information is also available at www.mustangbandimages.com.

Merchandise/Band Specialities

There is no current activities.

Schoolshare (Market Day partner(Online Shopping)

We get all funds (not split with special needs or other classes) from this through a check from Market Day. Christmas sales would just now begin posting, since they post quarterly. If Market Day chars, Kris Blackwell or Lou Bedoe, know this amount, it can be reported.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Warmoth reported that she has collected additional fees. There are still 32 students who have not totally paid their fundraiser fees and letters have gone out to them and their parents as well. Ten have not paid anything toward fundraising. There are still some membership fees that haven't been paid. Discussion arose as to why these kids could go on

competitions if they haven't paid as this is not fair. Craig said he would call parents himself if he had the names.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Kelly Mueller was not present and there was no report.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O'Dell asked about the podium. The roll around one for marching band needs some welding. He wanted to know if he gets it repaired or gets quotes. It was reported that John Hoyt is a welder and should be asked to fix it. Russ questioned whether we want something a little smaller as it takes four men to bring it out and someone just stands in the middle of it. Craig said he looked at a catalog and saw an 8' one with a bar in front of it. Russ said that 90% of the problems of getting on and off the field were moving that large podium.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Randy Mink was not present and there was no report.

Video

Mike Legel reported that the London video is almost finished. 1500 pictures were donated and 600-700 pictures show up on the video. The scenery one is longer than he wanted but his daughter insisted he keep everything in. Bokowskis did a wonderful job on their video snip. It should be done later this week and will be for sale as a DVD. Sandy thought it would be cool to scan the judge's reports and put them at the end of the DVD as they were all rave reviews. We have had visits to our website from the former Soviet Republic, Dept of Defense in Washington, Australia, etc.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Craig reported that Deby Massa landed some really good, well respected judges for our contest from BOA. Wheaton North couldn't find a day for their Bowl so they are going to do it in the afternoon so bands can do a double header and do ours too. It was asked if there was going to be a Music Bowl patch this year. There will be a Chicago patch for this year's show. They also asked if they were getting London patches.

CHAPERONE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Renata Allelujka was running lean on chaperones but now has about 23 chaperones/equipment handlers. This show is very ambitious and has 35 students besides. Envision doing this in 2 minutes with a full gym tarp. They are practicing. There is permission for Indoor Percussion to do their whole show at the Friday assembly with the tarp and everything. This will start at 2:30 p.m. They can lay things out at 1:30. It is at the spirit assembly. They will then load from the gym and leave.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Nancy Poch reported that she is getting volunteers for refreshments for the two concerts.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Diane Mendoza was introduced as the new uniform mom.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Julie Benes asked about the need for volunteers for the Music Festival at the end of February. It is a morning performance.

PARENT COORDINATORS

Color Guard

Joanne Djuricy and Terry Griffin said the new warm ups from Holy Cow will be arriving very soon. They are being replaced including all stitching. They will be in really good shape and will have money in the pot to buy new ones as new ones come in. They also cleaned up the loft and Terry washed all the leotards. They are hoping to have an inventory of the basic things like the leotards and unitards so they won't have the expense of buying everything brand new. One of the most frustrating things for them was going to the back of the loft. Joanne is wondering if there is some way for section leaders to instruct kids to put things back where they found it, etc. They also need ideas for steel garbage cans to put flags in that won't tip over. Sandy suggested using plastic but putting a heavy bag of sand in the bottom to keep it from falling over. Mimi Johnson asked about having something wooden built on that back wall to hold them, like a bin.

Percussion

Doti Strening reported that Indoor Percussion is getting ready to go to Dayton this weekend. She said it is a great, exciting show. Mike Legel has come twice and taped the show so you can see the tape of the indoor percussion. The sound mike is distorted because it is in the small gym. Some folks may be around Friday for the assembly. On behalf of Adam and Bart she thanked the parents who have been building sets and making costumes. Indoor percussion is solvent financially. Renata is doing a wonderful job getting chaperones. There are as many as there are student participants. One question on behalf of the group - it was asked if there are some garment bags they can use to be sure all the costume pieces are in place. They will be leaving Friday afternoon and performing at 10 a.m. on Saturday. If they make finals, they begin at 5:00 in afternoon. If they don't, they probably will come home on Saturday. Monika Cunningham will be taking video. Mike Legel will do the same in Indianapolis.

Spring Banquet

Terry Kopytko made contact and is waiting for sample menus. She is hoping to keep costs down to \$20 per person. She will have article and registration form for the March newsletter and will also do the same for the website. She will also do general emails to go out. The Spring Banquet will be April 28th. The date for next year will also be April 28th if we book now we can get that Friday. Terry asked Nancy if she would call and make that contact.

Jazz

Kim Bokowski reported she had the final numbers for Jazz Café. They took in \$179 that evening for concessions clearing over \$154. For the NIU event, they had \$286 at the door and presale was \$692 so they are still short a little less than \$600. Craig is waiting to hear from Mark Samel who said he would support the DePaul event. The Jazz Gig money would

also support DePaul reducing the amount of tickets the students would need to sell. Brass Choir wants to be put on next year's calendar as their concerts are not presently listed on the calendar.

MISCELLANEOUS

Monika Cunningham asked what happened to the stencils that were used to make the color guard flags. LeMar made them. She needs 8" stencils to do the flags for Saturday's performance. She has tried a lot of stores to find 8" stencils and can't find them anywhere. She called and left LeMar a message but he didn't call back. Joanne Djuric said she would email him. The weapons for the clue game will be on flags. She will call to see if art department has anything that we need.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be held on March 14th at 7:30 in the DGS library.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.