

Mustang Band Booster Meeting  
Monday, March 14, 2005

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Sandy welcomed the new faces that were present at the meeting including Jeanne Jeziorski, Laura Sorce, Diane Mendoza and Alice Luetger. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Julie Benes, Kim Bokowski, Ginger Brese, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Joanne Djuric, Mimi Fruehe, Terry Griffin, Ron Hornish, Jeanne Jeziorski, Mimi Johnson, John Knepper, Ed Kopytko, Terry Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Alice Luetger, Constance Markham, Diane Mendoza, Karen Miller, Karen Mink, Randy Mink, Russ O'Dell, Jerry Olsen, Nancy Poch, Karen Rooney, Craig Roselieb, Mary Ellen Savage, Tom Savage, Laura Sorce, Doti Strening, Terri Vanderjack, and Nancy Warmoth.

Absent Executive Board members included: Deby Massa, Kelly Mueller, and Peggy O'Dell.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved.

**Nominating Committee**

It was determined that this would be an opportune time to vote for next year's officers. Ballots were distributed and voting protocol was explained by Nominating Committee Chairperson, Karen Mink. A vote was taken and ballots were collected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Tom Danko reported that the front page of his report contained the checking account summary showing a balance of \$7104.28. There are a number of "saved" accounts where money is held for individual groups including Brass Choir, Color Guard, Scholarship Fund, Music Bowl 2004, etc. There is \$22,456.79 in these saved funds. The student accounts are current at \$9173.89 in this account.

The second page is the Marching Band account. Fund raising expectations are almost where they should be. Actual income is \$73,741 which is only \$391 over budget. Expenses are \$69,557 which is \$3,793 less than the approved budget of \$73,350.

In other band income, we have collected \$8900 in membership fees which is only \$100 less than budgeted. Total income in other band income is \$37,473 which is \$4771 less than the budgeted income of \$42,244. In other band expenses we are at \$36,413 in actual expenses and \$1060 in income which puts our expenses at \$5831 under anticipated expenses of \$42,244 and \$1060 over anticipated income. That sums up to a net profit of \$2102 for the 2004-2005 year.

Tom also included a summary of the extra \$10 that was collected per student for the London trip. It included Mark McCormick's ticket, wire transfer fees, uniform cleaning,

director expenses, luggage tags, gloves, etc. for a total of \$1141 in extra expenses leaving a balance of excess of \$49.00

### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Mimi Fruehe reported that beginning balance in student accounts was \$9817.53. Revenue included Market Day and London Refunds for a total revenue of \$339.80. Expenses included membership fees, etc. for a total of \$983.44 leaving a balance of \$9173.89.

### **BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Craig Roselieb reported that interviews for a new Fine Arts Chair will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> and will include four groups of interviewers.

Craig asked for an update of who still had not paid for marching band or London surcharge and said he would pursue the collection of these fees.

At the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, a tentative calendar was presented. The calendar is published on the web page. Margaret Legel commented that the banquet which is scheduled to be held on November 1st is scheduled really close to the BOA which pressures the students. It was asked that this date be revisited so it can be a week before BOA. Sandy asked that they look at October 21<sup>st</sup> instead.

The band picnic will be different this year. Students have been worn out having the picnic and then having to play at a football game so they will come home on Thursday (at midnight) instead and then will have the picnic on Friday before the football game (tailgating?).

Craig reported that he has already had emails from parents who have vacations planned in August and Craig said that it is okay to take vacations during summer practices (though not desired or encouraged) but Band Camp is mandatory and no vacations should be taken during that period. Margaret Legel asked if there was a concern about how non-driving students would get to summer rehearsals at 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Middle School try outs are now taking place with the directors going out to the Middle Schools for auditions.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Sandy Liedtke thanked the nominating committee for their work on the executive board as well as their ability to find people for the general board as well. She also sent her congratulations to the Indoor Percussion for their performance in Indianapolis. Photographers were thanked as well. Karen Medek was to be here to talk about Butter Braids but she has gotten sick. Sandy announced that \$2 for each Butter Braid goes into our general fund and another \$2 goes into the student fund. Sandy also extended her thanks to Peggy O'Dell for a terrific newsletter and thanks to Craig for getting kids to do the mailing. Marching forms are rolling in as well as the money for 2005 and Craig's website is up to date. Sandy also thanked Kim Bokowski for the DePaul night which looked like it went really smoothly and to Nancy Poch for the concert refreshments.

Nancy Warmoth and Sandy are working hard on organizing incoming money a little better. She passed around a new form that she devised to have a better audit trail of incoming money, especially for large groups of students.

Sandy discussed communications. The board hopes to prevent emails to administrators complaining about things. Concerns should go to the directors or to the board instead of directly to administrators. Band Boosters is much larger than what it was in the past. There are a lot of people doing a lot of things for the benefit of our program. However, when administrators hear from one or two people, they don't know everybody and assume there are problems. Sandy and Deby Massa have direct communications with administrators who are over this program. Bringing concerns to them would be more productive.

Sandy asked that board members, both coming and going, should use this time to learn their new positions. The official change of the guard is at the end of May.

Sandy passed out a list of new officers to ensure that phone numbers and emails are correct. For the next two months, both incoming and outgoing officers and committee people will receive emails but then the outgoing will be removed.

Sandy will be hosting the first ever Board Social on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sandy asked that everyone bring an appetizer or dessert and she would provide the drinks. A sign up sheet will be passed.

Since there was some London money left, Sandy asked about making a London patch for those who went on the trip. Joanne Djuric asked if there was a Music Bowl patch for this year. Craig said he could order a Bowl patch for the participants. Craig said he could find out about a London patch if they want. Custom patches are at least \$4 each. It was suggested that they could be designed and orders can be taken at the Band Banquet (with money collected at time of ordering) and they would have them by the end of the year. They will do an email to check for interest.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Renata reported that everyone on the ballot was elected and Renata got two write in votes for volunteer coordinator which she declined.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT**

Peggy O'Dell is ill. She did a nice job on the newsletter. There is nothing to report.

#### **Website**

John Knepper reported that there was a problem with a virus sending out mail. He put a hold on the list so that no one who is not on the list can send email to anyone on that list. Only people who are on the list have mail access to the entire list. He believes this would cover the vast majority of bad mail that was being sent. He got a message from someone saying that since there were so many messages, we might identify our email with MBB in the subject line.

## **VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT**

Mike Legel had no report except for the subcommittees.

### **Plant Sales**

Margaret Legel reported that plant order forms were out but she only got 12 back which is down from last year.

### **Merchandise**

Margaret Legel reported that nothing is going on.

### **School Share**

Margaret Legel said that the check comes with the Market Day check but she has never been told what profit has been made.

### **Cub Foods**

Sandy Liedtke reported since Janice Fischer was not present. She reported that so far Cub has brought in \$242.02 and sent in another batch in February for a little over \$80.00. Janice believes profit will be \$400 or \$500 this year.

## **VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT**

Nancy Warmoth reported that there are still about 18 people to collect from for marching band fees. Money is beginning to come in for this year's membership. Renata asked how you draw the line between those who haven't paid for last year and now are going to pay for this year. Renata said she has a bad taste in her mouth about people who didn't turn in last year's fundraising and were able to participate in everything. Sandy, Craig and Nancy will work on collecting the fundraiser obligations.

## **EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Russ O'Dell had nothing to report.

## **HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Kelly Mueller was not present and had nothing to report.

## **MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Randy Mink had nothing to report unless someone needed something publicized in April.

### **Videography**

Mike Legel taped the Indianapolis WGI performance and said they did much better than they were given credit for doing and the judges were "idiots".

### **Music Bowl**

Deby Massa was not present and had nothing to report.

### **Chaperone Coordinator**

Renata Allelujka reported that Indoor Percussion is now finished and the show couldn't go on without all the support of the chaperones and volunteers.

### **Social Activities Coordinator**

Nancy Poch said that most everything went fine at the concerts. Regarding next year's banquet in 2006, they will have to go to a Thursday night again on April 27<sup>th</sup>. They are raising the cost quite a bit. The date is being held for Nancy unless someone calls and requests that date. There is a \$500 deposit due with the contract.

### **Uniform Coordinators**

Terri Vanderjack reported that the uniforms were cleaned and hanging and ready for next year.

### **Volunteer Coordinators Report**

Julie Benes and Ginger Brese had nothing to report. Craig said he needed volunteers for April 30<sup>th</sup> at ISU for both Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony.

### **Parent Coordinators**

#### **Color Guard**

Joanne Djuric and Terry Griffin reported that Holloway is shipping the new warm-ups. They will keep 22 of the old ones. They are doing the embroidery and everything on the replacement warm-ups at no charge.

#### **Percussion**

Doti Strening reported that the competitive season is now over. It was a busy but hectic season and the kids did a marvelous job. Directors and kids were very disappointed with the judges' scores at the Indianapolis competition. The visual judge scored us low. There were as many parents involved as there were students. They will have a debriefing session as to how to better coordinate everything next year including calendar and practice schedule. Doti thanked Mike Legel for video from Indy on the website. Financially they are "way" in the black. Directors Adam Hill and Bart Bates want to have their own get together with the kids to cap off the season. Without the parents this season would not have happened. Special thanks to Renata for organizing lodging and organizing the parents. Thanks to Tom Savage and his crew for the sets. Group will do April 21<sup>st</sup> performance with Jazz. Doti asked if anyone had anything else to add to indoor. Monika Cunningham said the kids were happy with the show and it was a challenging show this year but it did very well.

As an aside, a discussion began about recruiting in the middle schools and for non-freshmen students at South.

### **Spring Banquet**

Terry Kopytko reported that the upcoming banquet was coming up in April and there would be a 'South of the Border' menu and it went up only a dollar since last year. On the order form, you can see that there is a gradual increase for paying after the due date to

discourage people from adding themselves at the very last minute. Due date is April 18<sup>th</sup> which is 10 days before the banquet. Terry thanked John Knepper for getting all the information on the web site. She also wanted to thank Craig Roselieb for copying the forms at the very last minute and having them ready to hand out at the band information meeting and Peggy O'Dell for getting it into the Fanfare for everyone. One concern is that the cost for the 2006 banquet will be higher since they are adding a 20% service charge per person raising the price to \$24 which would not include decorations and non-paying guests. Last year there were 9 non-paying guests. There is almost \$500 in fees for these non-paying guests so those attending generally pay about \$2 each to help pay for these guests. Terry reported that she likes the Marriott a lot but that the board should consider a line item of about \$500 (or \$1000) in the budget for the banquet. \$500 would pay for the non-paying guests and if it was \$1000, the price for those attending could also be kept down to subsidize the banquet costs.

Constance Markham reported that all the Marriott gave us was two room nights as Bowl sponsors. Deby's feeling was that we really aren't "tied" to Marriott because they didn't do much for us. Indy hotel was \$104 nights a room so we are only talking \$208 which isn't even \$1 per student. It is not to our advantage from that point.

### **Jazz**

Kim Bokowski reported that they are short about \$680 from the NIU concert for students who are partially paid or have not paid. She suggested getting the tickets out sooner next time. If they do get all the money in they would have a profit of over \$200. With all the gigs, they will be a little ahead.

### **Miscellaneous**

Sandy recognized the old board and thanked them for their service and introduced the new board.

Sandy wants to present a budget at the April meeting so they need to do a budget meeting soon. The meeting is set for April 11<sup>th</sup>. She will check as to who is supposed to be on the budget committee and it will be presented at the next meeting and voted on in May.

Margaret Legel wanted to propose something for students who want summer scholarships and that is to put a "strings attached" by asking them to do service hours such as helping at plant sales, etc. Craig said he would put it on the form for scholarships.

John Knepper asked if we ever considered having mentors for parents to answer questions and walk them through the forms and give them a more personal approach to the program. Sandy asked that anyone interested in organizing or being a buddy should email her.

John Knepper also asked if it was time to resurrect the P.E. exemption now that there was going to be some changes in administration and the school board.

Renata Allelujka reported that Heritage Fest was coming up and we can't sell pop or water since the fest will be the only official salespeople of these items. Instead we will have a fun game that is music oriented.

The next meeting will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Cafeteria. The Boosters will return to the Conference Room in August. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.