

Mustang Band Booster Meeting Monday, May 9, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Julie Benes, Kim Bokowski, Peggy Caraher, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Karen Fraticola, Mimi Fruehe, Marla Hoffmeyer, David Johnson, Ed Kopytko, Terry Kopytko, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Alice Luetger, Deby Massa, Mark McCormick, Diane Mendoza, Karen Miller, Karen Mink, Randy Mink, Kelly Mueller, Peggy O'Dell, Russ O'Dell, Nancy Poch, Karen Rooney, Craig Roselieb, Joy Sharp, Laura Sorce, Debbie Spiewak, Doti Strening, Terri Vanderjack.

Absent Executive Board members included: Ginger Brese, Mimi Johnson, and Nancy Warmoth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were presented by Recording Secretary, Karen Mink. There were corrections to the adjournment time of the April meeting to 9:30 p.m. and the spelling of Nancy Griesheim's name. Terri Vanderjack moved that the minutes be approved, Karen Rooney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by those in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly report:

Treasurer Tom Danko reported that Marching Mustang actual revenue for the year is \$1,486 greater than the budget and actual expenses are \$2,782 less than budgeted expenses, so on for the year we are \$4,268 ahead. The only expense not included is an expense of \$1,000 from the directors' discretionary fund. The bill for this was just received today. The General Band income is less than budgeted by \$3,764 but expenses are less than budgeted by \$2,803, so the General Band fund is \$961 behind the budget. The combined band profit is \$3,307, minus the profit carried over from last year leaves a current year net profit of \$165. The main reason for the differences is that instead of a donation by the Samel fund of \$3,303, the Samel fund directly paid off the equipment purchases of \$10,000, which yielded a greater benefit to the band program.

The checking account shows a current balance of \$49,161.89, of which \$45,855.16 is for "saved" funds, leaving a checking account balance of \$3,306.73. A new Community Bank account has been opened which has a balance of \$386.00. The band savings account has a balance of \$7,111.29.

Proposed Annual Budget:

Tom then presented the budget for the 2005-2006 year. The main differences for the year are: 1) a reduced band camp expense since band camp is shorter this year, 2) the addition of the snacks and meals for the ISU and BOA trips, 3) custom music package to pay Craig for writing music, 4) staff expense is reduced because the district is paying more. The ValueCard and Shop & Share income have been moved to the Marching Mustang budget from the General Band because of the Samel fund equipment payoff. There is also an additional income item on the Marching Mustang budget for a donation from the Music Bowl to pay for equipment the band will use.

Tom Danko then moved to approve the new budget, Deby Massa seconded. Sandy Liedtke then reminded all in attendance that only the Executive Board was eligible to vote on the new budget. The budget was approved unanimously (13 to 0).

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mimi Fruehe reported that student accounts had a beginning balance of \$8,393.89, additions from Market Day, Butter Braids and the Plant Sale totaled \$2,955.35, and expenses for NIU Jazz tickets, the Spring Banquet, instrument repairs/part, and band fees and payments totaled \$2,010.63 for an ending balance of \$9,338.61.

BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT

Mark McCormick announced that he will not be returning in the fall. He offered thanks for all the parents' efforts.

Craig Roselieb reported that Glen Williams is the new Fine Arts Department Chairman. He is from the Forest Hills, Michigan Public Schools and knows Mr. Teague from Downers North. He will be teaching two band classes.

Craig thanked Julie Benes for the ISU chaperones. WE/WS were both third in their classes. A CD was made of their performances which was submitted to IMEA and BOA as part of their applications for next year.

The Marching Mustang actual cost of music licensing for the year is \$340, last year is was over \$500. Adam Hill will still be writing the percussion music, but Bart Bates will not be writing for us. Staff is still needed for percussion and color guard. Craig also mentioned changes to the calendar for next year. The Marching Band banquet which was scheduled for November 1 has been switched with the WE/WS concert which was scheduled for November 3. The May Booster meeting has been changed to April 15 and the concert changed to April 8.

Since so many band members are graduating seniors, the Symphonic Band will play at graduation with the WE/WS. There will be special rehearsals for this. The April 1 Jazz Ensemble event was cancelled, however the Jazz Band has won recognition from the Illinois Arts Alliance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sandy Liedtke thanked all that attended and contributed to the Band Boosters Board Social. She also thanked Terry Kopytko and the students for the spring banquet. Also thanks to the Market Day chairs and all the fundraising chairs, their efforts are truly appreciated. Sandy thanked all the outgoing board members—they will be missed! She welcomed the new board members and thanked them for volunteering. Sandy encouraged them to meet with the old board members and to ask her any questions that they may have. She will try to advise new members of the “rules” as time goes on. And, thanks to everyone for staying within their budgets. Sandy added that we need to step up our fundraising efforts and reminded everyone to be sure to use the tax exempt letter when making purchases. There is still one person that needs to pay for the London fuel surcharge and there are a few last fundraising expectations that have yet to be paid. This year the fundraising expectation must be paid before BOA.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Fanfare:

Peggy O'Dell reported that the deadline for submitting articles for the Fanfare is May 19 so that the Fanfare will be ready before May 31. Frank Fletcher-Broucek has received a letter of recognition for his contributions to the program. We are very proud of him and there will be a piece in this month's Fanfare devoted to this.

Website:

John Knepper and Jerry Olsen were not present, so there was no website report.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT

Ways and Means:

Mike Legel stated that there was nothing to report.

Merchandise:

Plant Sale: Margaret is out of town, but all the plants from the plant sale had been delivered. Karen Rooney thanked those who helped with the plant pick up day, especially the students.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT

Nancy Warmoth is ill; Sandy Liedtke gave her report. There are 114 students registered for Marching Band; 98 have already made their second payment, 12 have made all four payments. Craig Roselieb is planning to recruit at the junior high schools. A discussion then followed about recruiting at the junior high band concerts, and how students and the band videos could be utilized for recruiting.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O'Dell reported that the podium being repaired will be back tomorrow. He had nothing else to report.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Renata Allelujka passed around sign up sheets for Heritage Fest volunteers. The parents' sessions are 3 hours, the students' 2 hours. The band will not be selling soft drinks and water this year, so the booth will have a music related game. The game is the PlayStation DDR (Dance Dance Revolution). The prize is a foam visor which will help the band's visibility at the fest. Every 10th winner will get a chance to win a ticket to the Music Bowl. Renata asked for time during minicamp to contact the students since rehearsals start later this year than in the past.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Kelly Mueller gave Craig Roselieb and Peggy O'Dell copies of Frank Fletcher-Broucek's recognition letter. She also reported that there needs to be a way to accommodate late arrivals at the band banquets so that they will be able to be seated.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Randy Mink had nothing to report. Craig Roselieb asked if Randy would be able to help with the advertising of the June 2 concert. This is a combined DGS and DGN music event and Craig would like to see it promoted as a district event. Renata is actually taking over the position from Randy and she is willing to work on the advertising.

Videography:

Mike Legel reported that the jazz video is almost finished. The Indoor Percussion video was finished last week. Ten or twelve students participated in the last part in which they left their personal messages. Craig thanked Mike for the 4 CD set he put together for the Samels.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Deby Massa reported that the Music Bowl is scheduled for Saturday, October 1 and eight bands have already committed to participate. New this year is Rock Island. The Parents' Social is June 21 from 7-9 p.m. There are two new Music Bowl websites this year: www.dgsmusicbowl.com and www.marchingmustangmusicbowl.com. Deby has been in contact with the Downers Grove Tourism Board to try to tie in businesses to the site. There are still some chairs and volunteers needed for the Bowl.

CHAPERONE COODINATOR'S REPORT

Renata Allelujka stated that there is nothing to report.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

May and June Concerts:

Nancy Poch said that volunteers are needed for the upcoming concerts. An e-mail asking for volunteers will be sent next week. She checked with Craig Roselieb regarding the need for refreshments at the May 24 and May 26 concerts. He will find out.

Spring Banquet:

Terry Kopytko reported that 320 people attended the spring banquet, only 230 attended last year. The discount for reserving early seems to have been effective – there were only 6 walk-ins. There were seating problems for latecomers, but this was not because of inadequate seating, but because the latecomers were all part of a group that wanted to be seated together.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Terri Vanderjack reported that a flyer regarding uniform fitting will be sent out soon.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS' REPORT

Julie Benes reported that Alice Luetger has updated the volunteer spreadsheets. Alice is also preparing and will be passing out sheets that give a snapshot of what people have volunteered for and what is involved with the position. There is nothing new to report about the parades.

PARENT COORDINATORS' REPORTS

Colorguard:

Karen Fratticola asked if there is a way to find out who has paid, particularly the incoming freshmen. She also reported that Wal-Mart may not be able to match the funds raised by the carwash this year. Peggy Caraher asked Craig Roselieb if there can be a production meeting around the time of minicamp so that costumes can be started.

Percussion:

Doti Strening reported that Indoor Percussion wrapped up their season at ESPN zone. The party was a great success with over 50 people in attendance, including 34 students—and they stayed in budget. There will be an article for the Fanfare thanking all who helped with the season. Percussion people are meeting with Craig Roselieb on Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. at Stevens Restaurant. Adam Hill is having a recital for his private lesson students on May 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Band Room. She also thanked Mike Legel for the Indoor Percussion video, especially the fantastic tribute section at the end.

Jazz:

Kim Bokowski reported that two partial payments are missing.

Mentoring:

Terry and Ed Kopytko asked for a list of band members. They are going to send out a letter regarding the mentoring program. There was some discussion about the June 21 date of the Parent Social since Terry and Ed will not be able to be there on that date.

MISCELLANEOUS, UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS:

Karen Rooney asked who to talk to regarding getting things on the website for the next school year. She also asked that the Market Day dates be put on the band calendar.

David Johnson is meeting with Mark Yahoudy regarding the ValueCards. The ValueCards will be distributed during minicamp for students to begin selling them.

There was an additional discussion regarding the recruiting of eighth graders for the Marching Band during the junior high spring concerts. We will need to act quickly since the concerts are very soon:

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| Jefferson | May 26 |
| O'Neill | May 23 |
| Lakeview | May 12 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT:

Sandy Liedtke announced the next meeting will be June 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Band Room. It was decided to continue to meet in the Band Room because we can hear each other better.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.