

Mustang Band Booster Meeting Monday, June 13, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Peggy Caraher, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Marla Hoffmeyer, Jeanne Jeziorski, John Knepper, David Johnson, Mary Johnson, Terry Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Alice Luetger, Deby Massa, Karen Miller, Peggy O'Dell, Craig Roselieb, Joy Sharp, Laura Sorce, Terri Vanderjack, and Nancy Warmoth.

Absent Executive Board members included: Diane Mendoza, Russ O'Dell.

At this time, Sandy reminded the board that only Executive Board members can vote (their name tags have musical notes on them); in order to have a quorum eight Executive Board members must be present. Social and Uniform committees only have one vote even though there is more than one chair for each.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were presented by Recording Secretary, Marla Hoffmeyer. One correction was made: not only was the membership list requested by the Color Guard Coordinators, it has been e-mailed to them. Margaret Legel moved that the minutes be approved, Nancy Warmoth seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by those in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly report:

Treasurer Tom Danko reported that Marching Mustang "almost final budget" has a profit of \$4,324. There was an additional receipt for the year of \$27 from the fall banquet. The General Band received an additional \$51 from candy sales and \$251 from the spring banquet (this was a refund from the Marriott). Tom noted that the \$251 profit is less than \$1 per person. \$1,000 has been paid for the music for Diane Hires' retirement and there are a few more bills and deposits still coming in. For the new budget, the Heritage Fest booth rental has been paid as well as the first payment for band camp. There has been a general transfer from the Music Bowl. The checking account summary shows spring deposits for the fall season which are now included because they are part of this year's budget. (These were not included on last month's summary because they are related to the new budget which did not begin until June 1.) Sandy noted that this year's budget is based on 130 band members; however, we may be down this year because of the loss of the seniors who were a large group.

The checking account shows a current balance of \$54,739 of which \$18,285 is for “saved” funds, leaving a checking account balance of \$36,454. The Community Bank account has a balance of \$386.00. The band savings account has a balance of \$7,111.29.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT

Laura Sorce reported the beginning balance in Student Accounts as of May 9, 2005 was \$9338.61. Revenue from additional Plant Sales was \$35.60. Expenses totaled \$796.27, which included deductions for graduating seniors, the spring banquet, Membership fees, and Marching Band payments. The balance in Student Accounts, as of June 12, 2005, is \$8,577.94.

Laura Sorce complimented Sandy on her fundraising summary in the April Fanfare and thought it should be on the website since there is some confusion about fundraising and how much goes into the students’ accounts and the \$100 payment due in the fall from fundraising. Alice Luetger suggested that it might be clearer to state that the fee is \$500, but that \$100 is paid from fundraising, and, any part of the \$500 could be paid through fundraising. Sandy will discuss this with Craig.

BAND DIRECTORS’ REPORT

Craig thanked those who went to the junior high band concerts to recruit upcoming freshmen – Lakeview: Laura Sorce; O’Neill: Renata Allelujka; Jefferson: Deby Massa. Craig also delivered a thank you to the boosters from Diane Hires. The June 2 District 99 Concert featured the best of the district and was “absolutely thrilling”. They may commission a band or orchestra piece next year instead of a choral piece.

Starting this summer Jeremy Iseley will be doing drum line work with us. He is temporary until Phil Bealle (from NIU) can join us in the fall. Also in the fall, John Deitmeyer will take over the private percussion lessons. We do have a Color Guard instructor to write the work, and work with us at band camp, unfortunately, she is moving in August after camp. Ron and Hien Do are meeting with her. We have been unable to hire anyone permanent yet. The directors expect to wrap up writing the music by next week.

Alex Gilbert, the saxophone instructor left and has been replaced by Todd Boyce. Craig met with Glen Williams, who will not be joining us until he sells his house in Michigan. He will be here by band camp.

The student schedules have been mailed, but there was a hold on the freshmen schedules. This is because there are new electives and so many students are taking foreign languages and the new drafting courses so fewer junior high band students are enrolling in high school band. Consequently, next year there will be only 4 concert bands instead of 5. This will be done by combining Concert Bands I and II. The band classes for this band will still be over two class periods, however. The brass sections will have class during third period and the woodwinds and percussion during sixth period. The brass will have

sixth period lunch/resource so that they will rehearse with the rest of the band during resource two or three days a week.

The directors and the music directors from Downers North want to approach the school district to try to have an honors level band so that students will not take band on a pass/fail basis in order to help their grade point average.

Craig was asked by Alice Luetger how parents can obtain information about the various scholarships. Craig answered that these are on the bulletin board outside the band room.

It was also brought to Craig's attention that students were chewing gum and/or talking on stage during the concerts. Craig stated that the students are told about this before concerts, but that it needs to be brought to their attention again. It was suggested that there may be video of some of the offending students and that this could be a good deterrent.

Terry Kopytko asked for clarification for the 4th of July practices. The first practice will be at Downers South, the following week the practice will be at Downers North. Laura Sorce asked who should be contacted regarding attendance issues this summer and Craig responded that he should be contacted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sandy Liedtke announced that there will be no meeting until August. There is a production meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. to plan the building of the castle needed for this year's Marching Band show.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Fanfare:

Peggy O'Dell reported that the deadline for submitting articles for the Fanfare is June 15 so that the Fanfare will be ready before the Parent Social. She reminded everyone that submissions can be e-mailed to her at: PeggyOdell@comcast.net. She always replies, so if you don't get a reply, she did not receive it. There will be no July Fanfare.

Website:

John Knepper reported that the names and addresses of the Board positions should be finalized this week. Karen Miller told John that she did not receive either the minutes or the agenda. Renata had a question regarding if new parents knew about the internet posting of the "breaking news". Sandy suggested that it be mentioned in the next Fanfare. Peggy O'Dell asked about the Frequently Asked Questions section. John is to let Peggy know when it is complete and she will announce it in the Fanfare.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT

Ways and Means:

Margaret Legel handed out the 2004-05 Fundraising Summary Report, which was previously prepared but has now been updated with the Butter Braid and Plant Sales results. The report shows that over \$14,000 went into student accounts. The split of the fundraising profits was about 50/50 between the band and the student accounts. The report doesn't include the Music Bowl which is also an opportunity for students to raise funds for their accounts.

Merchandise:

Band wear – Margaret Legel reported that quotes have been requested for band wear for the 2005-06 season. Once we have the new pricing, she will update order sheet prior to the Parent Social. The Heritage Fest visors are in. Renata to debut them later in the meeting. The London patches are in, there were 70 patches ordered at cost; expect delivery to the students beginning Tuesday, June 14. (There are only a few people that have not yet paid for their patch.)

Marching Mustang window clings are available. She also mentioned the show shirt design contest. The deadline for submissions is July 8.

Plant Sale – Margaret reported that the total profit was \$4,061, \$310 higher than last year. (Karen Rooney is out of town.)

Shop “N” Share – Margaret also reported that Jewel’s Shop “N” Share dates last year were August, September and November. November was the most profitable. This year’s dates will likely be September, November and December to capture the back to school and holiday business. (We can’t choose the holiday “week” and no programs are scheduled the weeks of Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas; she is not sure of the exact blackout dates, especially Christmas is on a Sunday this year). Shop “N” Share is part of the Marching Band budget.

Market Day – Since Karen is out of town, Margaret reported for her. The June Band Sale was higher than typical with \$650 in profit. Unfortunately, there was an item which was not received from Market Day, so the gross revenue will actually be lower by \$170. Thanks to last year’s chairs for covering the June sale since Karen Rooney was out of town. The July sale is another Band month. Internet orders are due July 6, the pickup date is July 9, from 9:15-10:00 am.

Candy Bars – Laurel Garza is moving to St. Charles. Diane Mendoza was asked and has accepted the position of Candy Bar Chair.

Valucards – Dave & Mary Johnson reported that the sale of Valucards will kick off at the end of practice on Tuesday, June 21. Dave asked Craig for a time to present the Valucards to the students; Dave will have the last 15 minutes of practice to make the presentation. He said that the contract with Valucard is for 500 cards this year.

Max and Erma's – Joy Sharp reported that August 20 is reserved. Ticket sales will be before or after practices on June 21 and 23. Joy asked Deby Massa about last year's flyer which was double-sided with the Music Bowl on one side and Max and Erma's on the other side. Deby already has one for the Social, so the Max and Erma flyer will be a separate one which Joy will hand out at minicamp and at a table during the Social.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT

Nancy Warmoth reported that the collection of fees is doing well. 130 students have signed up, 120 have made payments and only 3 have dropped out. It is necessary to collect all of the funds prior to band camp. There will be a letter regarding this going out to the parents and students. Included in the letter will be an explanation about fundraising. There is still \$285 from the 2004-05 season which has not yet been collected. Sandy commended Nancy for doing such a great job. Sandy has also e-mailed the band roster to the executive board.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O'Dell was not present, however, Peggy O'Dell stated that there is nothing to report.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Renata Allelujka modeled the visor for Heritage Fest. The parents have done well in volunteering, and, two ladies not associated with the band, Susan Gore and Ellen Sudankers have also volunteered. (They are very enthusiastic about the band and always volunteer for us.) Renata is going to call the section leaders because she has 84 student time slots to fill. There needs to be 6 parents and/or students on each shift. Time is short to recruit student volunteers since minicamp starts on Tuesday and Heritage Fest starts that Friday. In addition, some of the section leaders will be going to leadership camp that weekend. The band receives \$1,500 from the Village for the students' participation. The band has a good reputation with the Village, so this is important for them to do. The parent and student shifts are three hours, and there will be drinks for the students at the band booth for the workers.

If people do not want to play DDR, they can do karaoke of a 60's or 70's song. There will be two televisions showing band videos.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mike Legel is hoping to obtain the boxes of history documents from Kelly later this week. After receipt he will review and determine a recommendation as to how the information may be used. She has previously indicated that it has been organized but we have never really done anything with it.

Mike will be finding someone to film the senior night parent recognition at the first football game. (He and Ed both have students who are seniors this year.) Last year this was included with the senior slideshow from the banquet and turned out very well.

Beyond that they will be determining a video schedule for next year and presenting it at a future meeting.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Videography:

Mike Legel has 5 or 6 years of VHS tapes from Craig. He intends to digitize these and put them onto DVD for long term storage. He will also be putting selections on the Mustang Band Images web site and using some of the video for the Heritage Fest booth.

Other Video Happenings:

The District 99 Music Festival was taped and an edited version presented to Downers Grove Cable Channel 6. They may be airing it in the near future. It is exactly 89 minutes 59 Seconds long. Mike has placed the final song from the concert on the Mustang Band Images web site and is offering a DVD for sale. The sale DVD will be slightly different from the television DVD and will include names of the performers and others from the concert program. These would not fit under his self imposed 90 minute limit.

All videos ordered for the year have been sent or delivered to the buyer. One of the final ones sent today was for the Jazz Café 2004.

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.

Mike also mentioned that there have been two 20 minute visits to the website from Oxford University. They are viewing the London parade.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Deby Massa reported that the Music Bowl planning is in a bit of a lull right now, but will start up when minicamp starts. She is having a Bowl meeting on Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the band room area and invited all to come. Andrew High School has just been added and we are now up to 10 bands for the Bowl.

There have been some problems in the past with multiple students soliciting the same sponsor. In order to avoid the problem this year, once a business has committed to and paid for an ad, they will get a card for their window so people do not keep asking them.

The students are sometimes reluctant to approach business owners and sell ads, so this year they will be coached on selling ads. Personal ads will be sold this year beginning before band camp.

The Bowl website is being updated and there are still some positions open on the Bowl committee. Since Deby has a senior this year, she is also looking for someone to shadow her so they will be prepared to assume the Music Bowl Coordinator position next year. The job has been streamlined, and some of the responsibilities assigned to other members of the committee.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Minicamps:

Tracy Danko and Karen Miller need to provide dinner for two nights next week. They asked to a count for the meals. Craig confirmed that they should plan on 130 including the instructors. They are to e-mail Craig regarding tables and to see if the ice machine will be available. Sandy will provide lemonade, Renata has Gatorade concentrate that she is willing to bring.

Spring Banquet:

Terry Kopytko reported that she has not heard from Constance (who was not present) regarding Ashyana. She should know something soon.

Picnic:

For the picnic after band camp (before the first football game) someone is to donate hotdogs. We need to figure out how to cook them and we will still have to buy buns. Volunteers are needed to cook them. Craig inquired about the possibility of vegetarian hot dogs and hamburgers. He also said that there is charcoal left from the choir picnic that could be used. Karen Miller suggested that it would be easier to buy bottled water and pop rather than mixing and serving drinks. Any leftover drinks could then be sold at the Band Booster tent which will be set up by the stadium. A work order will be needed to the picnic tables and chairs for the adults, blankets could be used for the students. The question of having people R.S.V.P. was raised, but it was decided that this was not worth the trouble since many people do not bother to R.S.V.P. and leftover hotdogs could be frozen and used for the Music Bowl. A good turnout is expected since people do not have to go as far as for band camp.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Terri Vanderjack has set up fitting dates: Wednesday, August 3 and Thursday, August 4 for returning band members; Saturday, August 6 for incoming freshmen; and Tuesday, August 9 will be for anyone who could not be fitted at the other times. Raincoats are going out for washing this week. The band camp letter is to go out the last week of July. A flyer is to be handed out at the Social and put on the internet and in the Fanfare.

John Knepper asked if the band shoes are ever recycled. Some have come back and can be resold if they are the MTX shoes. There are some concerns about shoes cracking. This is apparently an issue with the MTX shoes. MTX has replaced shoes, but it is uncertain what their policy is. Craig will talk to Paul about it. Some of the students may not have noticed that their shoes have cracked, so there may need to be a shoe inspection.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS' REPORT

Alice Luetger reported that the volunteer data spreadsheets have been passed out and can also be seen at the volunteer section of the website if anyone needs to know who the volunteers are. There is an issue with some of the web pages not having the band logo. Alice has to update this in Composer rather than in Word, so that the logo will be there. She does need to confirm the football schedule including the teams. Craig told her to call Joyce in the Athletic Department.

July 4 – Darien and Downers Grove Parades:

For the July 4th parades, information is to go out this week. Downers North will take care of water after the Downers Grove parade. We will have cups and water at Eisenhower Junior High for the Darien parade. Students need to be at Downers South on the 4th at 7:30 am to load the trailer. Chaperones can meet in Darien. She has tentatively six chaperones for each parade. The question was raised about Music Bowl people passing out flyers during the parades. Deby said no because people pull the candy off the flyers and then throw away the flyers. Very few of the flyer coupons came back at Bowl time. The plan is to use more posters rather than the flyers. Craig suggested that the parents have picket signs to advertise the Bowl during the parades. Peggy Caraher suggested a couple of girls with a banner and/or a magnetic sign—maybe on the side of the trailer.

Band Camp:

13 parents have volunteered so far to be band camp chaperones, but many more are needed. Alice asked who assigns the students, cabins and chaperones. Sandy responded that she does. Alice is planning to send out postcards to parents to encourage more of them to be chaperones. Alice is also concerned that there may be problems getting chaperones from Monday night on because the private schools start that week. Parents with younger children or who teach may not be able to help because of this. There were questions regarding meetings/instructions given to chaperones. Craig responded that chaperones need to be at camp by 9:30 each night and can leave at the 6:30 wake up call or stay for breakfast. The chaperones are given instructions when they arrive at 9:30.

BOA TRIP COORDINATOR

Constance Markham was not present, so there was no report.

PARENT COORDINATORS' REPORTS

Colorguard:

Peggy Caraher reported that the girls had a pool party and were able to encourage 10 more students (particularly incoming freshmen) to join the color guard. They now have 29 girls and 1 boy signed up. She would like to take measurements at minicamp so that costumes can be started as soon as possible.

Percussion:

Doti Strening was not present, so there was no report.

Jazz:

The coordinator position is open, so there was no report.

Mentoring:

Terry Kopytko sent an e-mail for the Social to remind the parents about it. She has sent e-mails to the freshmen parents to personally invite them to the Social. Some parents have asked what they can bring, Terry is asking for appetizers or desserts.

MISCELLANEOUS, UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS:

Deby Massa has had discussions with a photographer for group pictures of the Marching Band, the sections, and individual pictures. She asked if people are interested and if she should pursue the idea further. Karen Miller posed a question about the timing. Craig answered that it could be done in the courtyard before a football game and that the choir risers could be used. It was generally agreed that this is worth researching further.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT:

Sandy Liedtke corrected the date of the next meeting; it is in error as shown on the agenda. The correct date is August 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Room D180. This is a meeting room next to the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.