

Mustang Band Booster Meeting Monday, August 8, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Peggy Caraher, Bart Casper, Rita Casper, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Karen Fraticola, Marla Hoffmeyer, John Hoyt, Jeanne Jeziorski, David Johnson, Terry Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Alice Luetger, Constance Markham, Deby Massa, Diane Mendoza, Karen Miller, Peggy O'Dell, Russ O'Dell, Jerry Olsen, Karen Rooney, Craig Roselieb, Joy Sharp, Laura Sorce, and Debbie Spiewak.

Absent Executive Board members included: Nancy Warmoth and Terri Vanderjack.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were presented by Recording Secretary, Marla Hoffmeyer. Deby Massa moved that the minutes be approved, Mike Legel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by those in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Tom Danko reported that Marching Mustang final budget after one last deposit of \$50 has a profit of \$2,874. The 2005-06 Marching Mustang income so far is \$42,715 in fees, plus \$1,059 from the Darien parade. The check from the Downers Grove parade has just been received. Expenses include the second payment for band camp (there is still one more to be paid), Craig has been paid for writing the music, and \$449 has been spent on the tower construction plus \$100 more just today. The General band had little activity. The discretionary expense was used to update the award plaques. The total profit so far is \$29,659 for the Marching Mustangs and \$5,188 for General Band for a combined total of \$34,847. Tom recommended that the \$2,874 profit from the 2004-05 budget be moved to a savings account unless there were any objections. There were none. Tom also stated that he had deposit slips for any receipts or deposits that anyone may receive prior to next month's meeting

The checking account shows a current balance of \$52,938 of which \$18,091 is for "saved" funds, leaving a checking account balance of \$34,847. The Community Bank account has a balance of \$511.00. The band savings account has a balance of \$7,118.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Laura Sorce reported the beginning balance in Student Accounts as of June 12, 2005 was \$8,577.94. Revenue from scholarships totaled \$3,300.00. Expenses for Plant Sale purchases, London Patches, music lessons and Marching Band payments totaled \$916.75. The balance in Student Accounts, as of August 7, 2005, is \$10,961.19.

BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT

Craig said that he is encouraged by the activity building sets, Heritage Fest and the other activity that has taken place during July. He thanked Renata for all her work on Heritage Fest. This week he will be developing contracts with the staff. Tammy Pfob is moving to Canada, Summer Daugherty will be back starting at band camp and she is very committed. Jeremy Iseley is working with the pit and will be leaving but Phil Beale will be here to take his place. Hien Do hired two directors.

There are now two percussion instructors and two color guard instructors, so there could be a problem staying within the budget for staff stipends. Extra funds will be needed to pay the stipends. Tom and Sandy will work on the contracts with Craig. Craig asked if everyone was comfortable accepting the contracts that the three of them negotiate with the staff. There were no objections. Craig expects the staff expense to be \$500 to \$1,500 over budget. If it has to go over that, he may have to pay them after the end of the season. Deby Massa motioned and Tom Danko seconded a motion to approve the additional funds for the payment of staff. The motion carried unanimously with 12 ayes, 0 nays.

Hien Do has the opening written and it looks really good. Craig has letters going out to the senior parents regarding senior night. The new assistant principal, Ed Schwartz came into the band room and introduced himself to the band today. Craig is developing a calendar and packing list for band camp. It will be on the website. The performances this year will be: Lake Park – September 17, Geneseo – September 24, the Music Bowl, the Homecoming Parade, ISU and BOA. Alice asked if she or Craig will be putting the camp information on the website, Craig asked Alice to do it. Craig will give the students a paper copy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sandy Liedtke thanked Renata and everyone on the Heritage Fest, Russ and his crew, and everyone who has been working so hard all summer.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Fanfare:

Peggy O'Dell announced that the deadline for submitting articles for the Fanfare is August 10. 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. She is looking for pictures also.

Website:

Jerry Olsen stated that the website seems to be going okay. There will still be some spam coming through, but this is why the board members real e-mail addresses are not posted.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT

Merchandise:

Band wear – Margaret Legel reported that she will give Craig the fundraising slips for Jenny Davis. The show shirts artwork is at Holy Cow Sports and she just needs to give them the sizes. Holy Cow has scheduled the production date for August 22 so Margaret will have the shirts for the tailgate party on the 26th.

Shop “N” Share – Margaret also reminded everyone that Jewel’s Shop “N” Share dates are coming up on August 29 through the 31.

Market Day – Karen Rooney reported that Market Day is wonderful! The school bookkeeper is ill so we have not gotten the checks yet. Market Profit for June was about \$640, for July \$1200, and for August about \$600. July was higher because the extra 5% from the June sale was added. If we reached \$3800 in sales in the summer months we made 15% instead of 10% profit. We had about 24 volunteers for the August sale and they were awesome. All the orders were sorted & individually packed by 9 am. All the upcoming Market Day dates and times, and which dates are band dates will be printed in the upcoming Fanfare.

Candy Bars – Diane Mendoza is working to determine the dates of the Candy Sale and when the students can sell the candy at school.

Valucards – Dave Johnson reported that we have signed a contract for 500 Valucards, about 1/3 of the students are participating, about 80% of the cards have been given out, but only 10% of the money has been collected. We did receive 25 free cards because we committed to 500. No decision has been made as to how or if these extra cards will be distributed.

Max and Erma’s – Joy Sharp reported that about 150 tickets have been sold so far. Everything is all set at Max and Erma’s and plenty of students have volunteered to bus tables at the event.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT

Nancy Warmoth is on vacation, so Sandy gave her report. Nancy has been working on getting all the payments and medical forms prior to camp. It is necessary to collect all of the funds prior to band camp. She has sent out letters to parents of students who have not made all of the payments or have not turned in their medical forms.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O'Dell stated that he needs approximately \$300 for the additions and changes to the sets that were discussed prior to tonight's meeting. Sandy asked how many parents are needed for the towers. Five are needed for each tower, there are also panels that will be moved by the students, plus some parents will be needed for the pit—so at least 15 parents will be needed. Alice has been looking for 16, so we should be okay—8 for the pit and 8 for the castles. There will be 25 pieces to be moved, so it was decided that we should ask for 20 volunteer parents. The pieces will be numbered and Hien will leave them a diagram of where everything is to go. The sets are to be painted next week after rehearsals.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Renata Allelujka announced, "It's over and we need a chairman for next year." Renata has done it for three years. DDR was the only activity that people participated in. Tom Christiansen has ideas to make it bigger and better. The band videos did generate interest particularly from former marching band members.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mike Legel is in the process of digitizing old videos. He had nothing else to report.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Renata had nothing to report.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Deby Massa reported that 11 bands are participating this year, and there is a possibility of a twelfth. She has contacted Northern Illinois University about performing at the Music Bowl. They would like to come, but cannot until next year.

Deby has contacted Stillwater Starz Pictures to take photos of the band, individual members and sections. This will take place either September 16 or September 23 before a football game. Craig would prefer the 23rd. Deby will arrange for that date. The pictures of the full band will only be available in an 11 x 14 size for about \$20. There will be sign ups for those who want to purchase pictures or have individual pictures taken.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Minicamps:

Karen Miller reported that minicamp went well, and that many people helped.

Picnic:

We need more grills for the tailgate party. Karen will send an e-mail to people who have signed up with Alice to work the event. The picnic is to start at 5:00 p.m. The students will eat first. Coolers with pop and water will be used instead of serving the drinks from big jugs due to time constraints and the large number of people expected to attend. Craig suggested that the parents bring lawn chairs and/or blankets rather than having the custodial staff set up tables and chairs.

Fall and Spring Banquets:

Constance Markham has a contract with Alpine Banquets for \$13/person including the gratuity for the fall banquet. Alpine Banquets has come down in price in exchange for a gold sponsorship in the Music Bowl program which is worth \$2,500. Constance moved that the executive board approve the contract. Tom Danko seconded the motion. Motion carried 11 ayes, 1 nay.

Terry Kopytko is still negotiating with Ashyana for the spring banquet. Alpine Banquets was reluctant to extend their offer to the spring banquet. Ashyana is offering \$15/person. Terry's contact is still on vacation until the end of August, so Terry is waiting for their return to finalize the contract and present it to the board.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Diane Mendoza reported that uniform fittings are going well and are over half completed. There are two more fitting days, August 9 and 10. They are ordering a new pair of white bibs for one of the drum majors and some extra large hats because they ran out of them. Diane said that we need to look at possibly including some hats in the budget for next year. Some of the hats are losing the flocking, as well as possibly increasing the number of extra large hats in stock.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS' REPORT

Alice Luetger reported that the volunteer spreadsheet has been updated and posted to the website. She had a copy available at the meeting for anyone to view.

Band Camp:

The chaperones are pretty well set. Six moms and four dads are needed per night. Alice has most of the chaperone mom spots filled. She has two openings, but four mom's names. She still needs two men; there are two that could potentially do two nights. In the next few days she will have the list to Sandy. After that Alice will send out another e-mail asking parents to please double check their dates/cabin assignments.

Football games/Competitions:

Alice will be sending out a general e-mail this week to ask for help moving the sets and pit equipment at the competitions and football games. She has updated the volunteer list with about 6 or 8 people who have notified her that they could help.

BOA TRIP COORDINATOR

Constance Markham presented a contract for the Marriott Courtyard in Carmel, Indiana. This is not the same Marriott as we have used in prior years, because the one we normally use is being renovated. This may work better for us since there are not as many places for students to wander. There is no shopping mall across from it. The Carmel Marriott is 5 miles north of Lawrence High School, so it is approximately the same distance. The cost per night per room (4 students) is \$104 as opposed to \$99 per night that we paid last year. Constance moved and Laura Sorce seconded the motion that the contract be approved. Karen Fraticola suggested a possible alternative Marriott in the area. Constance is working with a Marriott representative and she does not know why the representative did not suggest the alternative. She will inquire. The executive board then voted on the motion to accept the contract and the motion carried unanimously. Deby Massa raised the question as to what Constance needs to do if the alternative Marriott proves to be less expensive. Sandy responded that Constance can make the change without board approval if it is less expensive; if it is more expensive, Constance will need to bring it before the board again.

PARENT COORDINATORS' REPORTS

Colorguard:

Peggy Caraher had car wash tickets \$6 for cars, \$8 for vans. The car wash is this Sunday, August 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They have been making costumes which they displayed. Flags are being manufactured and she showed pictures of these. The shoes have been upgraded. There was some discussion about the cost of shoes/warm up suits and gloves. Because they are sewing everything, they have spent about \$4,000 of their \$6,000 budget. However, not all of the expenses have been submitted and there may be other expenses, such as poles.

Percussion:

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

Jazz:

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

Mentoring:

Terry and Ed Kopytko are sending a letter to new parents with information about the tailgate party and jazz tryouts. (Craig stated that the jazz tryouts will begin the first day of school at 7:00 a.m.) They will follow up with phone calls. Sandy asked them to include something about fundraising and e-mails. Karen Rooney also suggested that there are some upperclassmen that are also new to the marching band. Terry was aware of these students.

MISCELLANEOUS, UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS:

Alice Luetger went to the Cavaliers' competition in Naperville. While there, she was asked by Craig Raisen (director of one of the competing corps) about the possibility of the corps staying on Downers South property when they are in the area for a competition. Craig said that there is sometimes a problem because the equipment for Heritage Fest is parked at DGS. Craig thought it would be great to have them stay at DGS so that the band could watch them rehearse. He referred her to Ed Schwartz.

John Hoyt had questions about water and coolers for the band and the tailgate party, which were answered by Sandy and Craig.

Terry Kopytko asked people to sign up for the Music Bowl if they had not already done so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT:

Sandy Liedtke adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.