

Mustang Band Booster Meeting Monday, September 12, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Sandy welcomed everyone, especially our new Fine Arts Chair, Glenn Williams. Members in attendance included: Peggy Caraher, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Belinda Dust, Vicki Foley, Marla Hoffmeyer, Pat Hoyt, Jeanne Jeziorski, David Johnson, Ed Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Alice Luetger, Constance Markham, Deby Massa, Karen Miller, Russ O'Dell, Jerry Olsen, Karen Rooney, Craig Roselieb, Tom Savage, Mary Ellen Savage, Joy Sharp, Laura Sorce, Doti Strening, Debbie Spiewak, Terri Vanderjack, Nancy Warmoth, and Glenn Williams.

Absent Executive Board members included: Renata Allelujka, Peggy O'Dell, and Diane Mendoza.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Tom Danko reported that Marching Mustang last month's final budget has a minor correction for one last bill for props of \$213. The General Band had an additional bill of \$616 for class awards, so the correct combined profit is \$2,045. Tom presented a summary of the staff expenses for the 2005 season. The budget for instructors is \$12,500; the actual band stipends total \$13,800, of which \$7,400 has already been paid. This is within the range approved by the board last month. The 2005-06 Marching Mustang income so far is \$46,499 in fees which consists of fees from 115 band members plus some nonrefundable fees. Parade income of \$750 includes both the Darien and Downers Grove parades. Money is still being collected for the Valu Cards. Band camp has been completely paid for. The lighting system is over budget by \$166 which was the cost of light bulbs for the new system and the rented light for band camp. (The purchase of the new light tower had not yet been approved by the school.) The General Band still needs the Market Day summer checks which have not yet been received from the bookkeeper. The checking account has a balance as of September 12 of \$33,332 which consists of \$20,553 in saved funds, and \$2,045 from the 2004-2005 season profit (which will go into savings). The current 2005-2006 combined balance is \$12,779.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Laura Sorce reported the beginning balance in Student Accounts as of August 7, 2005 was \$10,961.19. Revenue from ValuCards, Max & Erma's, June/July/August Market Days, and a transfer of Marching Band fees for one student totaled \$2,868.71. Expenses totaled \$879.00. The balance in student accounts, as of September 11, 2005 is \$12,950.90.

There was a discussion regarding the posting of student account balances on the bulletin board outside the band room. This posting shows the account balances by name rather than student identification numbers. Since it is the policy of the District to protect the privacy of students it was agreed that the posting should be by student identification number from now on.

BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT

Craig said that the Bike and Hike for Mike was very successful. Police officers also attended and in total over 100 people participated. The total funds raised are over \$6,000, but Craig has not heard the exact dollar amount yet. Renata invited band students to work the Downers Grove Storybook Parade, and this also raised some funds for the band.

School buses for Lake Park and coaches for Geneseo have been arranged. He also commented that despite the rumors among the students, the Marching Mustangs will continue to go to BOA, but in order to cut the budget, they are only going to five competitions instead of seven this year.

Craig thanked Sandy and Fine Arts Department representatives for helping with Open House. He also thanked Alice Luetger and Russ O'Dell for the sets and the volunteers. The castle will be unveiled Friday night at the football game.

The Fine Arts Department is selling coupon books for \$25 each. Band students that choose to participate will have \$10 go into their student account for any that they sell. The choir is administering this fundraiser, so the Band Boosters do not have to worry about collecting the funds, etc.

Craig introduced and welcomed Glenn Williams, the new DGS Fine Arts Chairperson.

Glenn commented that he is very impressed with the friendliness of the Band Boosters, how hard everyone works, and how well organized and professional the group is.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sandy Liedtke welcomed Glenn Williams, Belinda Dust, and Vicki Foley. Sandy read a letter to the Band Boosters from Dr. Eblen thanking us for the purchase of the new light tower.

Sandy asked that any requests for the school regarding administrative matters (e.g. for the building, calendar, etc.) be done through her or the directors. Please do not go directly to the school administrators.

Marching Band dismissal will be different beginning with this weekend's football game and competition. All students must help clean up, then the directors will check and give the okay with a "band to the ready" . . . "band dismissed" so there will be no question as to whether they have been dismissed. Parents can help while they are waiting by unloading pit equipment which will be there before the buses come back.

Sandy will be the chaperone coordinator for Lake Park, so all chaperones and pit/prop people will need to check in with her at DGS on Saturday morning so there is an accurate count for field passes. Parents who are volunteering but driving themselves to Lake Park will have to check in with Sandy when they get there. There will be plenty of space on the buses for pit/prop/chaperones on Saturday since we will have 3 buses for people and 2 for equipment. For the farther competitions, we will again have the coach buses.

Sandy proposed that the boosters pay for additional tickets/passes to competitions when they are needed for the volunteers. (Lake Park does not charge us, so it is not a problem this week.) That being said, we will need to make sure we only have the people we need. We will not purchase tickets for people that just come along; they will need to be working. It will be the chaperone coordinator's job to keep a reign on that. Chaperones will double as pit/prop people. Alice Luetger asked about parents who bring junior high siblings and how that will be handled. That will be dependent on whether the siblings are willing to volunteer to help. Alice then moved that the boosters pay for the additional tickets/passes needed for volunteers, Doti Strening seconded the motion. The motion was voted on by the Executive Board and was approved unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Fanfare:

Peggy O'Dell's report was given by Russ tonight. The deadline for submitting articles for the Fanfare is Monday, September 19. 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.

Website:

Jerry Olsen reported that John Knepper is keeping things up to date. Jerry said to use the Marching Mustangs address for Marching Band e-mails rather than the "everyone" list. Sandy asked about the usefulness of the "late breaking news" on the website. It was decided that many people do rely on it.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT

Merchandise:

Margaret Legel reported that all the fundraisers for the year have been approved.

Band wear – The Marching Mustang show t-shirts had an approved budget of \$1,000; the actual cost was \$1,068.50, so the cost was \$68.50 over budget. The staff shirts were budgeted at \$300, actual was about \$389.00. The first football game netted a profit of \$333. The band merchandise tent sold 8.5 cases of soda, 4 cases of water, plus candy bars, whistle pops, par shirts, hoodies and some yard signs.

Shop “N” Share – The next Jewel Shop “N” Share dates are October 10 through the 12th.

Candy Bars – Margaret reported that the fundraiser candy should be available for the football game this week.

ValuCards – Dave Johnson reported that sales are doing well. \$4,700 of the \$5,000 of ValuCards has been given out to students. Dave planned to end the program on Thursday, but he needs to collect much of the money yet. Dave will put an announcement in the Fanfare or in an e-mail.

Max and Erma’s – Joy Sharp and Debbie Spiewak reported that they are very happy with the results; the sales were 50 tickets ahead of last year with 372 tickets. \$1,086 went into student accounts and \$402 went into the Marching Band Fund.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT

Nancy Warmoth said that only two students have not paid their membership fees. Things are going more smoothly this year.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O’Dell announced that there is one more practice with the props tomorrow and maybe another on Thursday. Craig will talk to the janitors so that the gate will be open so that the ramp will not be blocked for Friday night’s football game. Russ and the pit/prop volunteers will be working to get the time down for the competitions.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Historian – Mike Legel is still planning to archive old videos and include them on the web site. He has offered to assist the seniors in preparing the senior tribute video/PowerPoint presentation this year. They are extremely busy right before the banquet and he will help however he can. He had no other developments to report.

Video – The September 6 practice is on the web site. It was filmed in the dark and quality is as good as possible. The band did however sound great for this early in the season.

We are planning to tape each of the football games and competitions this year. The directors receive a tape of each and copies of the videos will be placed on the web site and included in the season video. Mike has purchased a new wide angle lens which should allow the entire field to be captured without having to pan the camera and miss individual solo performances.

Video order forms will be available in the next few weeks. This year we will be offering a music bowl highlights video with a single band, highlights of all of the bands, and the awards ceremony for \$15.00. A season video will also be offered for \$25.00. At this time we have not decided on offering either Jazz Café or Indoor Percussion videos. This will be determined in the coming weeks.

The DGS Music Bowl performance will be included in the Season Video but not the Music Bowl highlights or awards ceremony. DGS parents ordering this video will be given a \$5.00 discount on the season video.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Renata is ill and there was no report.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Deby Massa reported that Jefferson Junior High will play the National Anthem. There are 14 bands participating plus DGS and Northern Illinois University. NIU is excited about performing at Music Bowl because they rarely travel.

The Music Bowl is October 1. There will be a meeting for all volunteers at 7:30 p.m. on September 29. Anyone who has not volunteered should contact Terry Kopytko.

Deby also mentioned that she does not have a shadow to take over the Bowl next year. The work involved has been organized and streamlined and is not as much work as in prior years.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Picnic:

Karen Miller reported that we served a great deal of food at the tailgate party: 500 hot dogs and bratwurst, 24 veggie burgers, 50 lbs. of fruit, 35 lbs. of beans, 9 cases of soda, 6 cases of water and 500 cookies. The picnic went over well, but was a lot of work. Karen

and Tom started working at noon. The meat was donated by Barbara Schmitt and the buns by Cathy and Brian Kase. Since these were all donated, so only \$500 of the \$600 budget was spent. It would not have been possible to stay within budget without the food donations.

The question of whether this should be done every year or if parents should come to camp for the closing picnic was raised. Craig said that it is much easier for the directors if the parents come and pick up the students from camp rather than packing all the students' luggage, instruments, etc. back onto the buses at the end of camp.

Karen stated that there are still several lunches to be served to the students: October 22, ISU and BOA. After that the only food needed will be refreshments for the band concerts. Constance Markham added that Roundheads will donate 15 large pizzas for October 22. We may have to buy a few more so that there will be enough.

Fall and Spring Banquets:

Constance Markham reported that Laura Paynic, the new fall banquet chair will be putting the form on the website.

Ed Kopytko reported that Terry is still working on the venue for the spring banquet.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Terri Vanderjack reported that uniform accessories to complement this year's theme are underway. With the help of Doti Strening, ribbons have been completed, while Marie Rennie is nearly finished making plum covers and gauntlets. Terri displayed the ribbons and gauntlets. Sewing of the drum majors' uniforms is underway.

The midseason uniform cleaning date has been set. Uniforms will be dropped off at Sparkleen Cleaners on Monday morning, September 26 and will be delivered by Sparkleen Cleaners at 10 a.m. Friday, September 30.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS' REPORT

Band Camp:

Alice Luetger reported that she did not hear any complaints, or about anyone not showing up for their assigned night to chaperone. We had one mom who had a last minute business situation and could not make her assigned night. She was very apologetic. We just pulled another mom from the large cabin to cover the first mom's assigned cabin.

Football Games/Competitions:

Pit/prop help for the football games and competitions is looking good. We currently have anywhere from 20 to 22 people for half-time shows at the football games. The current standings for the competitions are:

Lake Park: 17 parents – 7 pit only, 3 chaperone only, 4 will do both, 3 uncertain
 Geneseo: 13 parents and 2 tentative helpers – 8 pit only, 5 uncertain
 ISU: 25 parents (2 of them are tentative) – 10 pit only, 2 chaperone only, 8 will do both, 3 uncertain
 BOA: 17 parents (1 of them tentative) – 5 pit only, 5 chaperone only, 6 uncertain.

Anyone wanting to clarify their volunteer status or add their name to the chaperone list, should contact Alice. The biggest concern is determining who will be riding the bus or who will be just helping with the pit. Alice has put together a small spreadsheet with pit/prop/chaperone volunteer information. She is missing a few cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses. This information is being put on a small card so that the volunteers can contact each other during the competitions.

Alice then asked about pit/prop help for the Music Bowl since most of those volunteers have also volunteered to do other things during the Bowl. The response was that we will need to get more volunteers for that day and/or ask people that are only working the early shift to help with the pit/prop.

Sandy thanked Alice for her hard work and for making signs for us, including the yard signs.

BOA TRIP COORDINATOR

Constance Markham needs a count of how many boys and girls, directors, adults etc. will be needing rooms. She also needs to know how many buses will there be so she can arrange for rooms for the drivers.

PARENT COORDINATORS' REPORTS

Colorguard:

Jeanne Jeziorski showed one of the flags and a headpiece for the angels. Peggy Caraher said that they have been sewing costumes and flags since July 1. Each girl will have their own flag bag and will be responsible for their own equipment. They will have to have Rubbermaid containers for their costumes so that the costumes are not being laid on the ground, especially since many of the parts are white. Karen Fraticola is putting jewels on the last of the costumes.

Percussion:

Doti Strening would like to set up a meeting with Craig. Doti introduced Tom Savage who also had questions regarding percussion. Of particular concern are practice days/times/places and competition dates. Also, the question was raised if there is an overall percussion teacher? Craig responded that Phil Beale will do both seasons (Marching Band and Indoor Percussion). He is the percussion teacher and they will be

talking to the athletic department regarding basketball games. Craig will be meeting with these people in the next couple of weeks and then he can meet with Doti and Tom.

Jazz:

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

Mentoring:

Terry and Ed Kopytko passed out a sheet regarding the mentoring program during the school open house, and there were some contacts made over the summer. Craig suggested a mentoring pop up on the website. Sandy asked Ed to have Terry e-mail her mentoring letter to the website address.

Water:

Pat Hoyt reported that Constance has 10 cases of water for her. John and Constance were in contact with Joe Pepitone Realtors re: donating water. We have 10 cases on hand, use and average of 10 cases per game; we need about 60 cases to finish the season.

MISCELLANEOUS, UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS:

Monika Cunningham commented that Heritage Florist will donate \$1 per corsage and 50 cents per boutonniere to the band program for each one purchased by DGS students. Glenn and Craig feel that this is a fundraiser and will need approval from the school. Monika and Margaret will prepare a written request for Jenny Davis.

November 1 and 17 are the band concert dates, and the cheesecake sale dates will be about the same dates. Monika will coordinate with the Social Committee to have samples of the cheesecakes at the concerts. The question was then raised that if there are cheesecakes for sampling, do we need cookies and other desserts? It was decided that we do not. Also, Monika has spoken to the owner of the cheesecake company and there will also be mini-cheesecakes available this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT:

Sandy Liedtke adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.