

Mustang Band Booster Meeting Monday, October 3, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Sandy welcomed everyone, and thanked them for coming even though they are tired from the Music Bowl. Sandy thanked Deby Massa and there was a round of applause for Deby. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Peggy Caraher, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Belinda Dust, Karen Fraticola, Marla Hoffmeyer, Ed 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, Craig Roselieb, Laura Sorce, Terri Vanderjack, and Glenn Williams.

Absent Executive Board member was: Nancy Warmoth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were presented by Recording Secretary, Marla Hoffmeyer. Margaret Legel moved that the minutes be approved, Terri Vanderjack seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by those in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Tom Danko reported that Marching Mustang original budget was based on 130 students, there are now only 115. This month's budget shows income of \$800 from nonrefundable fees. The total budgeted income is now \$69,900. Some of the expenses have been adjusted for fewer students. However, we will have to be careful now, since we have fewer students and we have already expended some funds. Tom is proposing a revised budget and he made a motion, seconded by Laura Sorce, for approval of it. Terri Vanderjack commented that the uniform expense is going to be over budget. Craig questioned how we will pay Eli. It was decided that portion of the budget will be tabled until later. There are areas that the monies still need to be turned in, such as ValuCards and other fundraisers. There was some further discussion about the ValuCards. Craig moved to accept the budget except for the Color Guard budget. Tom suggested that we approve it and amend it in November. The bottom line was that we have to watch our expenditures. The Executive Board voted on the revised budget: 13 approved, and no opposed votes. The motion carried unanimously.

General Band does not have many expenditures yet. The Directors' discretionary expense was used for software upgrades and plaques. The Band savings is \$9,163, the checking account balance is \$49,471, of which \$41,484 are "saved" funds. The Music Bowl fund (in the checking account) does not include expenses for soda, water, programs and staff from the school.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Laura Sorce reported the beginning balance in Student Accounts as of Sept. 11, 2005 was \$12,950.90. The revenue was from ValuCards, in the amount of \$285.00.

Monies were deducted for: Scholarship reimbursement, Membership Fees, Fundraising Expectation, Marching Payments, and Band Merchandise. In addition, we identified two students who have graduated, plus two previous staff members, and we are moving their account balances to the Scholarship Fund. Expenses totaled \$1,870.38.

The balance in Student Accounts, as of October 2, 2005 is \$11,365.52.

BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT

Craig announced that there is no Marching Band rehearsal Tuesday night. Craig said it is time to award scholarships for music lessons. The scholarships are: 1 - \$200 Marching Mustangs, 1 - \$150 from last year and 3 - \$150 for this year for a total of 4 scholarships for private lessons, altogether \$800. Craig moved and Tom Danko seconded the motion to approve \$800 in scholarships for this year. The motion carried 13 to none.

Craig thanked Deby for her work on the Bowl; there are some things that still have to be resolved in the follow up meeting. The judges commented that the Music Bowl went well – even better than last year.

Craig asked Russ about using a big truck instead of 2 smaller ones for Indianapolis. Greg Novak may be able to get us a 24 foot truck. This might help solve the problem of the limited number of parking passes we have for BOA. Craig is working on getting coach buses for Indianapolis. Coach buses are less expensive and it will be faster to get there than on school buses.

Ron Modell will be performing as a guest at the WS/WE concert. The performance fee of \$1,500 is being split equally between the Samel fund, the Clinician budget and the Band Boosters. The Indoor Percussion administrative meeting has been set up. The Homecoming Parade will have the Marching Mustangs leading with the Lakeview band behind them. Constance Markham asked for a BOA itinerary for the hotel, and Karen Miller asked for the ISU itinerary so she knows how to time the delivery of the meals.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Liedtke reported that many people have volunteered for ISU but there are only so many field passes, so we could have a problem of not enough field passes. We have a limit of 3 pit and 16 prop people. There was some discussion regarding ISU and the allowed time on the field. We have been given 14 minutes.

Sandy has posted old BOA and Music Bowl scores on the website, so we can track the band's improvement over the years.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Fanfare:

Peggy O'Dell reported that the deadline for submitting articles for the Fanfare is Monday, October 17. Submissions can be e-mailed to her at: PeggyOdell@comcast.net or Peggy.odell@1amllc.com.

Website:

Jerry Olsen had no report and John Knepper was not present.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT

Merchandise:

Band wear – Margaret Legel reported the tent sales at the September 23 football game against Hinsdale South were very successful including \$200 in Band candy bars. All parent T-shirts sold out at the Music Bowl Volunteer meeting except for 2 size 2X. Margaret has placed one additional hoodies order and she did order a few extras. She will not be ordering more.

Shop “N” Share – We have received \$152 from the August Shop “N” Share. The next Jewel Shop “N” Share dates are October 10 through the 12th.

Candy Bars:

Diane Mendoza stated that candy sales have begun and about half of the order has been taken by the students. Diane needs to check with Craig about distributing the candy on Wednesday during period 5A since there is no practice Tuesday night.

ValuCards:

Margaret Legel gave Dave Johnson's report. There is still \$1,500 outstanding (as of the September meeting it was about \$3,000). Dave has sent an e-mail to all the Marching Band families with a list of the 19 delinquent students' identification numbers.

Butterbraids:

Margaret reported for Karen Medek that the sale dates are tentatively scheduled for February 13 through March 2. Delivery will be March 11 to coincide with Market Day.

Cheesecakes:

Monika Cunningham said that we will be selling both mini and full size cheesecakes this year. There will be samples at the band concerts. The sale dates are November 7 to 28 with pick up on December 6. The order forms will be available online beginning November 7.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT

Sandy gave Nancy Warmoth's report. There has not been much activity in the past month and probably will not be until the fundraising fees come in over the next couple of weeks.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O'Dell asked Tom Danko how he should pay for the rental of the bigger truck for BOA. Tom said they can use the band credit card, and the band can buy a fuel card for the gas since only a few people are authorized users of the credit card. Russ will get prices for a rental truck.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Historian – Mike Legel is converting video tapes into DVDs.

Video – Mike and Ed have many pictures from the Music Bowl from 4 cameras and 2 ½ gigabytes of pictures plus some more. Chuck Gunn took many pictures, including pictures of the volunteers. Mike will be getting the wide angle pictures on the website.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Renata is planning to promote Marching Band at the Junior High schools during the winter concerts. There are four schools and 2 concert dates. They are trying to make a visual impression with the parents so that they will look for us at the DGS Open House. The concert dates are October 27 for O'Neill and Jefferson, and December 7 is Eisenhower and Lakeview. Renata needs band students that attended those schools to be there. There was some discussion about this since these concert dates conflict with our own events. Renata is also going to advertise the band concerts to the community - the concerts are free and we want to encourage the community to attend. Glenn Williams said he would like to work with Renata on both of these projects.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Deby Massa thanked everyone for their help. She has gotten a great response from the other bands and the judges. There were 310 volunteers. The students this year were the hardest working, best behaved student volunteers. There were a few problems, but these will be discussed at the wrap up meeting (no date for this set yet). There were fewer tickets sold, but because of the price increase the total sales in dollars were greater than in prior years. Concessions beat ticket sales by 2 to 1. Thanks to ConAgra and Barb Schmitt for the donation of the hot dogs.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Tailgate and Other Trip/Rehearsal Dinners:

Karen Miller and Tracy Danko are getting ready for meals for ISU, practice on October 22, and BOA. For ISU, the food will be from Avanti's and for BOA the food will be from Subway. Roundheads is donating most of the pizzas for the October 22 practice (this was in exchange for a full page Music Bowl ad).

Tracy also asked the Board members to donate cookies and brownies for the band concerts. We only need a small amount since there will be cheesecake samples at the concerts, but some people do not like cheesecake, so if the Board members bring baked goods, there should be enough.

Fall Banquet and Spring Banquets:

Constance Markham reported that Laura Paynic has put the form for the fall banquet on the website. Ed Kopytko stated that there is no report on the spring banquet.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Terri Vanderjack said that the uniforms have come back from the cleaners, and the plumes covers and gauntlets have been added to the uniforms.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS' REPORT

Alice Luetger stated that there are 2 football games left and it is going well with 20 volunteers. Lake Park and Geneseo competitions went well. We have 25 parent volunteers for ISU and we are determining if we need them all. For BOA we have about 20 parents and will finalize as we get closer. The concern will be getting the appropriate number of field passes for the helpers. Alice will be e-mailing and calling the people on her volunteer list.

BOA TRIP COORDINATOR

Constance Markham said that we're on track; we just need to get the room assignments.

PARENT COORDINATORS' REPORTS

Color Guard:

Peggy Caraher and Karen Fraticola had a question about screens for the girls to use to change in the front of the field. Russ has no one to build these screens and there is no one to bring them on and off the field. There are frames in the loft, but no fabric. There is also the problem of the limited number of field passes for ISU and BOA. There was

further discussion about this since the impression was that the Color Guard was using the “mountains” for that purpose, and it is uncertain if there are any funds left in the Color Guard budget for the purchase of the fabric for the screen.

Percussion:

Sandy gave Doti Strening’s report. Doti is looking forward to meeting with Craig and the percussion families to talk about the indoor season. Craig is working with the basketball people and then he will set a date with Doti and Tom Savage.

Pete and Doti had a few observations to share with Deb Massa, Kelly Mueller and Craig regarding unit movement for the Music Bowl. Pete and Doti worked both shifts and they have some suggestions that could make things go more smoothly. The student hosts were excellent.

Jazz:

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

Mentoring:

Ed Kopytko is working on the questions on the website that have never been answered. (These are the Frequently Asked Questions, on the website.)

Water:

Pat Hoyt mentioned that we are looking for 2 or 3 signs from the Music Bowl concession area from Joe Pepitone Realtors – the signs are missing. Sandy asked everyone to check for these. For the next football game, we will again have 10 cases of water being donated, and 2 coolers - 1 for DGS and 1 for DGN. DGN has a much bigger band with 220 students, but there is leftover water in the storeroom, so we should have enough.

MISCELLANEOUS, UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS:

Deby Massa said there was a good response to the band student pictures, which should be ready next week.

There was some discussion about a few lost items at the Music Bowl.

Alice suggested a concert attire resale. Everyone agreed it was a good idea.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be Monday, November 7. Sandy Liedtke adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.