

Mustang Band Booster Meeting Monday, November 7, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

President Sandy Liedtke called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Sandy welcomed everyone, and thanked them for the successful Marching Band season which has now closed. Members in attendance included: Peggy Caraher, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Karen Fraticola, Marla Hoffmeyer, Ron Hornish, Jeanne Jeziorski, Ed Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Norb Lipp, Alice Luetger, Diane Mendoza, Peggy O'Dell, Karen Rooney, Craig Roselieb, Tom Savage, Laura Sorce, Doti Strening, Terri Vanderjack, and Glenn Williams.

Absent Executive Board member was: Renata Allelujka, Deby Massa, Karen Miller, Russ O'Dell, and Nancy Warmoth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were presented by Recording Secretary, Marla Hoffmeyer. Doti Strening 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 presented the updated Marching Mustang budget as of November 6. Income from fundraising expectations is \$5,239. ValuCard collections are now positive, we have collected more than what we had to pay for them. On the expense side, BOA was slightly over budget. Under staff expense, all of our people have been paid with the exception of Eli. We have \$5,728 in expenses over income so far, but there are more funds to be deposited. There will also be uniform cleaning bills and patch awards, so the Marching Band budget should break about even.

General Band: Band Specialties has done very well. Directors' discretionary expense has been increased for the fee to Ron Modell. Jazz Band fund shows prepayments for trips to New Trier and Purdue. The Music Bowl still needs the bill for the use of the school facilities and some candy money is still due.

The checking account balance is \$30,790, of which 29,024 are "saved" funds; the savings account balance is \$9,171.

Margaret Legel asked about the Shop and Share money from August of \$150. Tom thinks it may have been misclassified and he will check. Tom asked about any outstanding Marching Band money. Margaret said that there is some outstanding candy and ValuCard money. Mike Legel said he has some as well.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Laura Sorce reported the beginning balance in Student Accounts as of October 2, 2005 was \$11,365.52.

Revenue was from September Market Day, Max & Erma's tickets for a student not previously credited, ValuCards, Music Bowl ads, Entertainment Books, Candy Sales, and a transfer from Scholarship back into Student Accounts for a student who was previously thought to have graduated. (The student's name had been misspelled, therefore no ID# was found.) Total revenue was \$5,252.88.

Monies were deducted for the fundraising expectation, banquet tickets, membership fees, and some miscellaneous student purchases. Expenses totaled \$5,907.26.

The balance in Student Accounts, as of November 6, 2005, is \$10,711.14.

BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT

Craig thanked everyone for their support on the death of his grandmother. He and Ron are very pleased with the WE/WS performances last week. The Concert Band and Symphonic Band concert is on November 17. Monika will have more cheesecakes for sampling at this concert. The Holiday Concert is December 8, with a rehearsal on December 6. The Friends of the Fine Arts Poinsettia sale would like more band involvement. Craig also invited Margaret to set up a table to sell band merchandise at the concert.

There are dates to be added to the Jazz Band calendar:

- January 20 and 21 to Purdue University (in place of the North Shore festival),
- February 2 at Downers North with Claudio Roditi,
- February 4 Jazz Lab at New Trier High School,
- February 11 at Evanston High School.

Craig then wanted to discuss Eli Tamondong's salary. He had filled in for Summer Daugherty and he wrote a lot of the work for the Color Guard. Summer was paid \$3,300 between the school and the band. Eli just graduated from high school last year, he was college help so there was no contract with him. Craig would like him to be paid \$2,000. The floor was then opened for discussion of the options. Margaret proposed that the extra \$1,265 from band specialties be used for this. Sandy agreed. Therefore, \$1,250 would be paid from Band Specialties and \$750 from the Color Guard. Mike asked if Summer's salary had been adjusted for the fact that she was not always there 2 nights per week, and was only there 1 night per week. The \$3,300 was the adjusted salary. There was then some discussion regarding the Color Guard instructors for the future. Sandy asked for a motion to approve the payment of \$2,000 to Eli as discussed. Karen Fraticola moved and Doti Strening seconded the motion. (The payment per Tom Danko will be

\$748 from the Color Guard and \$1,252 from Band Specialties.) There was no further discussion, and the motion passed 12 in favor and no opposed.

Ron Hornish had nothing further to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Liedtke thanked everyone for the marching band season and all the parent support. She hoped everyone had fun too.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Fanfare:

Peggy O'Dell reported that she and Ron had been working on how to get the students to read the Fanfare. The idea for a gift certificate for being able to answer questions about items in the Fanfare was suggested. Craig suggested putting it on Blackboard, or making copies of it and pass it out in band study hall. Sandy suggested questions every month and the student who had the most right answers would receive a prize at the end of the year. Peggy Caraher suggested passing it out at the concerts. Alice questioned how much of it is relevant to the students. Ron suggested maybe have students write articles, and Terri Vanderjack then thought they could interview each other. Peggy and Alice felt that advice from one or two seniors could be included every month.

The next Fanfare deadline is December 12.

Website:

Jerry Olsen and John Knepper were not present.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT

Merchandise:

Band wear – Margaret Legel reported sales of pop and water for the last two regular season games were lower because the weather was cooler. The proceeds for the season were very good as noted in the Treasurer's report. Mustang Bands Christmas ornaments will be offered for sale again at the Nov 17 concert, as at the Nov 1 concert. Also available will be some Mustang blue winter scarves. Four of the scarves were sold at the last football game. Any embroidered merchandise can be ordered for holiday gift-giving, but people should allow about two weeks for delivery.

Shop "N" Share – We have not yet received the refund from the October dates yet. The November dates are November 14-16, which is next week.

Candy Bars:

Diane Mendoza stated that candy sales have concluded. 157 boxes of candy and 6 boxes of Rice Krispies Treats were sold. As a result, \$3,000 went into student accounts. She also had a big thank you to Margaret Legel and her “band of sellers” at the booster tent who sold 11 boxes. Casey Conger was the student with the most sales – also 11 boxes. Only about six students still owe candy money.

ValuCards:

Margaret Legel gave Dave Johnson’s report. As of November 7, the total amount of ValuCards sold was \$4,115.00 and the amount collected was \$3,935, so there is still \$180 outstanding from two students. Sandy discussed how ValuCards should be handled next year and asked everyone to think about whether this fundraiser should be continued in light of the few students who participated.

Cheesecakes:

Monika Cunningham stated that new this year are mini cheesecakes. She has already started to receive orders, and told the students placing orders to keep selling – they have until November 28.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP’S REPORT

Sandy gave Nancy Warmoth’s report. She is still going after the students who have outstanding balances; there are about 17 who have not turned in their fundraising requirement money. This led to a discussion about fundraising and when the monies should be paid and how to give students the incentive to participate in the fundraisers. Monika suggested a coupon like the ones used for the \$400 of fees paid in the spring, so it would be easier to remember to make the payment.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT

Peggy O’Dell gave Russ’ report. He has asked that a thank you note for the use of the truck be sent to Boerman Moving and Storage and one to Tom Hunsinger for his driving his landscaping truck and trailer. Both of these trucks were used to transport out sets to competitions. The contact information was given to Marla to write the thank you notes.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY’S REPORT

Historian – Mike Legel is planning to convert to DVD the many films of past years’ Indoor Percussion and the Steel Drum Percussion.

Video – There are order forms for the Marching Band videos available. Laura Sorce asked how long the senior video would be on the website. There was then some discussion about moving the senior video to Blackboard because it has students’ last

names and anyone can access the Booster website. The Board also wanted to express its thanks to Becky Legel for the senior video.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Sandy gave Renata's report. Renata met with Mr. Williams and they reviewed the dates for the junior high and middle school fall concerts so they could plan a marketing approach to these audiences. The overall goal is to gain some visual recognition with the parents prior the DGS January Open House. It has been determined that having parents see the high school directors has more impact than seeing parents from the booster organization, so Mr. Williams is quite determined to get that recognition out to the feeder schools either by himself and/or the other directors. Mr. Williams attended the Jefferson and O'Neill concerts. Mr. Williams also e-mailed the junior high directors requesting a courtesy listing of our upcoming concerts and a reference to our web sites in the concert programs. This was welcomed by the junior high directors and we hope this is yet another way to make that contact with our target audience. The December 7 Lakeview and Eisenhower concerts will be covered by Mr. Williams and another staff member.

Several articles appeared in the local newspapers regarding the November 1 concert and the Marching Band's trip to Indianapolis. Renata is now working on the November 17 concert listing for the local calendars and start on the Holiday concert promotion next. Mr. Williams will notify Jenny Davis of our upcoming concerts for the sign on 63rd Street.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Deby Massa was not present. Sandy did pass around the ISU program which has an advertisement for our Music Bowl. We did receive a thank you note from Amy Obidowicz for the raffle gift.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Concerts:

Tracy Danko thanked everyone for the refreshments for last Tuesday's concert, and reminded everyone that there is only one concert left that we need refreshments for.

Fall Banquet and Spring Banquets:

Laura Paynic was not present, but it was agreed that the fall banquet went well. The room was tight and there were problems with the microphone, so we know that for the spring banquet we need to be better prepared. It was decided that Alpine Banquets should receive a thank you note as well.

Ed Kopytko reported that Terry had information from Alpine Banquets and Ashyana. They are similar except that Ashyana would have only one entrée instead of three. But Ashyana would be a bigger space. It would be \$15 a person (we would be charging \$17

to cover the staff dinners); Marriott would have been \$25 to \$28. Alpine requires a \$200 deposit; Ashyana requires a \$1,000 deposit plus another \$1,000 in January. Ed made a motion that we enter into a contract with Ashyana for the spring banquet. The motion was seconded by Margaret Legel. There was some more discussion before a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously, 12 to none.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Terri Vanderjack said that Diane and Sandy have wrapped up the Marching Band uniforms for the season. There was then some discussion about the timing of having them cleaned now that the season is over. Craig noted that the band will be marching in the Memorial Day parade again this year, so he recommended that the uniform cleaning be done after that because the weather is warm and students get hot in the uniforms. Terri will have the seniors' uniforms cleaned now so that she can use them for the freshman fittings. There was also some discussion about the weight of the MTX shoes which broke some of the hangers when they were put in the uniform bags.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS' REPORT

Alice Luetger asked how many parents are needed to chaperone the IMEA trip to Lockport and the Jazz Band trip to Purdue. Since the Jazz Band Coordinator position is still open, it was decided that Alice will need to find volunteers for these two trips. Four parents will be needed for each trip. Glenn mentioned that the Jazz Band form submitted by the students and their families had a chaperone volunteer section on it.

PARENT COORDINATORS' REPORTS

Color Guard:

Peggy Caraher and Karen Fraticola stated that they need to wash and pack away costumes, warm up suits, and flags. There was some discussion about whether the band should keep the costumes or if the girls should be allowed to keep them since they were custom fitted for each girl. Craig wants the band to save the costumes in the event that they could be used again some time.

Percussion:

Craig had sent an e-mail to the percussion students regarding indoor percussion and he has received some responses on Americanos Indoor (AI) and LEAP (Learn Everything about Percussion). Craig saw Dwayne Raul at BOA and he came and visited DGS today. He is working at Lake Park, but would be interested in working with us. Because of the expense and time commitment of the competitions, Craig feels it is a good idea to have concert percussion rather than marching percussion. The Indoor Percussion will be more than just the drum line. The plan is to have something for students who want to do Indoor Percussion, but not the IP competitions.

Doti responded that the percussion families are looking for something to help expand the students' experience. Monika remarked that she had not been aware of the other opportunities available. Some of the students want to do Americanos Indoor because of Adam and Bart. Monika does not know how much the students would actually make it to the AI concerts because of the cost and because there are six concerts in 5 states. Craig feels that the concert percussion would be better for the time and money. However, Monika feels that the percussion with the marching is more invigorating for the students. She feels that it needs to be fun and energetic.

Tom Savage stated that this is a great learning opportunity for the next marching band season. He is concerned about how much time commitment there would be because the students' academics could suffer. There should be something done to advertise Indoor Percussion to all the band students since it is not just for percussion students.

Karen Fraticola expressed her concerns, but she also expressed that Indoor Percussion brings attention to the whole band because people enjoy it so much. It would be better if it can be done here and without all the traveling.

Alice asked if there could be a parent meeting as soon as possible, and Tom asked if the decision has been made to abandon WGI competitions. Craig prefers to do concert percussion he feels that the students could learn more than in marching percussion.

BOA Trip Coordinator:

Constance is not here, but Sandy felt that everything went smoothly on the BOA trip. The Marriott was very accommodating to the band and the students were well behaved. Monika did say that we need to give the students more incentive to go to bed on Friday night before the competition. They were quiet, but some of them were up very late.

Jazz:

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

Mentoring:

Ed Kopytko and Terry called all the new parents regarding the fundraising requirement so they knew about it prior to BOA. Ed is still working on the FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions) on the website.

Water:

Pat Hoyt was not present, there was no report.

MISCELLANEOUS, UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS:

There were no miscellaneous items or other business, so the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.