

Mustang Band Booster Meeting Monday, December 5, 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, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Karen Fraticola, Marla Hoffmeyer, Jeanne Jeziorski, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Alice Luetger, Karen Miller, Karen Rooney, Craig Roselieb, Mary Ellen Savage, Laura Sorce, and Nancy Warmoth.

Absent Executive Board members were: Deby Massa, Diane Mendoza, Peggy O'Dell, Russ O'Dell, and Terri Vanderjack.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were presented by Recording Secretary, Marla Hoffmeyer. Karen Rooney moved that the minutes be approved, Monika Cunningham seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by those in attendance, 8 to 0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Tom Danko reported the Marching Mustang income from the month consisted of the transfer from Band Specialties of \$1,250 for Eli's payment. Tom received additional money tonight from Nancy Warmoth for fundraising expectations. The marching band is about \$2,500 over budget for the year but there are some pending monies that should be collected. The only expense still outstanding is the uniforms cleaning.

General Band income is the Market Day check which has been received. Expenses include an additional \$250 that was paid for a truck rental. Craig asked Tom to check on the bill for percussion supplies.

The General Band and Marching Band have a combined profit at this time of \$4,465. On the Checking Account Summary, the Jazz Band Fund is negative only because money is being collected from the students for trips but the band has already paid deposits for these. The Candy Sale also is negative because the candy company owes us a refund. The checking account balance is \$39,939, of which \$35,474 are "saved" funds; the savings account balance is \$9,171.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Laura Sorce reported the beginning balance in Student Accounts as of November 6, 2005 was \$10,711.14. Revenue this past month came from November Market Day, ValuCards, Music Bowl Ads, and Entertainment Books, totaling \$555.96. Expenses for

Socks, Music Lessons, and Marching Band Payments totaled \$97.00. The balance in Student Accounts, as of December 4, 2005, is \$11,170.10.

Craig asked Laura how the Entertainment Books worked out for her. She said there seems to be some confusion on the school's part as far as which students have books checked out. As a result, the information is not sent to her very promptly so she can credit the students' accounts.

BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT

Craig stated that the programs for Indoor Percussion, Winter Guard, and winds have been decided. It will be a second semester Chamber Music activity. Phil Beale will teach African and marching battery percussion on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. Dwayne Rawl will teach mallet percussion and steel drums on Thursdays. The flute teacher will have flute choir rehearsals on Mondays. Some of the other private music instructors will also be rehearsing with their instrument groups so that there will be something available to all the band students. Having the private teachers more involved not only helps the band program but also helps the teachers to develop a bond with the community of students in their instrument. This program will be open to eighth graders as well.

The program will start in January with the percussion. There will be a sign up sheet to see what the interest is. Monika asked if there will be announcements about it in the general hallways, not just the band hallways so students that are not in band will know about it. Craig said it was a good idea. He is also hoping to have something together for Open House. Eli has about 14 students interested in Winter Guard. He wants to have something ready for Open House (January 30 and February 1), the Spirit Day assembly on February 10, and some of the basketball games.

Thursday, May 11, will be Chamber Music Night. It may have to be two venues because of the number of groups that will be performing.

Phil is paid by stipend, Dwayne will be paid \$50 per rehearsal and the other teachers will be paid \$25 per rehearsal. The chamber music program after school will be free to the students and should be paid out of the equipment budget. Craig moved that the General Band equipment budget be changed to "staff". The budget is \$3,700, and Craig estimates the fees to be about \$1,300 for Dwayne and \$400 for six other teachers. Tom Danko seconded the motion as long as we stay within the \$3,700 budget. The motion carried 9 to 0.

Karen Rooney asked about a pep band for the basketball games. Craig said that they had one, but the last time the band performed at a game there was a CD that was played over the loudspeakers, so the directors decided to discontinue the pep band. It has not been done for the last three years. Renata commented that after marching band season, we go into concert season and now with the chamber music program, it would be too much for the students.

Ron Hornish had left a note for Craig regarding leadership training – he has spoken with Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser from BOA who has agreed to work with us as a consultant.

Craig has received a request for a student to receive scholarship help for the Purdue Jazz Festival of \$60 to cover hotel and transportation expenses. This student has received \$200 from the marching band. The limit per student is \$300, and there is \$740 for available for scholarship funds. Craig moved and Nancy Warmoth seconded that the student be granted the scholarship of \$60. The motion carried 9 to 0.

The Holiday Concert is this week. Also, three students have been selected to go to the IMEA All State Festival in January – Casey Conger, Jim Klonowski and Dan Mueller.

Craig wanted to discuss the procedures for Open House. He wants to make it more of a music Open House, not just band. There will still be a February Marching Band recruiting meeting. The choirs went to the junior highs to promote choir and took a video with them that was quite successful. Craig would like to do something like this for the band, and he mentioned a possible video presentation to Mike Legel.

Craig also said that they had a meeting of the staff about next year's marching band staff, the calendar, and tryouts for section leaders. Information for section leader tryouts will be given out before break.

The band trip for next year is being discussed by the directors. The choice is between going over the holidays or in the spring, but not spring break. A spring trip would probably be over a long weekend like Pulaski Day. Craig is thinking in terms of a concert performance trip as opposed to a marching band trip. Craig will have something for the January Board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sandy Liedtke reported the need to get the nominating committee together. We will have to work on this in January so we can keep the continuity of the Board. She asked everyone to start thinking about possible nominations for the Board.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Fanfare:

Peggy O'Dell was not present. Sandy asked that everyone submit their reports to Peggy for another Fanfare before break. The Fanfare deadline is December 12.

Website:

Jerry Olsen and John Knepper were not present. Sandy reported that Jerry Olsen is updating the e-mail archives.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT

Merchandise:

Shop 'N' Share – Margaret Legel reported that the October Shop and Share certificates had arrived. The funds raised were approximately \$140. The November dates concluded prior to Thanksgiving. All three 2005 dates are now done. If the November Shop 'N' Share is higher than October, we will meet the expected budgeted income of \$500.

Concert sales – There were a few Mustang Bands ornaments sold at both November concerts. Craig Roselieb asked if Margaret would sell merchandise at the Holiday Concert and she said she could bring ornaments and see if there is room at poinsettia or CD tables to sell them.

ValuCards:

Margaret Legel gave Dave Johnson's report. Dave Johnson summarized the pros and cons of this fundraiser. There was about 50% marching band participation. We signed a contract for a minimum of 500 cards but sold only 380. We may discontinue this fundraiser next year. If we do continue, Dave and Mary Johnson volunteered to chair it again.

Cheesecakes:

Monika Cunningham announced that 282 cheesecakes had been sold – 132 minis and 145 regular. This resulted in a profit of about \$1,300 profit which was split evenly between student accounts and the Boosters. The mini cheesecakes sold really well and the profit from cheesecakes is up \$300 over last year.

Market Day:

Karen Rooney stated that the November and December sale dates went well. There is a faithful group of band students who work each time. Some people who have students who have graduated have been giving their share to the students who have been working. Student account updates are being made by Mark Yahoudy.

Plant Sales:

Margaret Legel and Karen Rooney plan to have the order forms will be ready for the Freshman Open Houses to give incoming freshman the opportunity to start fundraising early.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT

Nancy Warmoth reported that ten students have not paid the fundraising fees. She has told them she wants the money by Friday. She will send another letter about the membership fees to those parents.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O'Dell was not present, so there was no report.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Historian – Mike Legel had nothing new to report.

Video – Mike said the Marching Band season video is behind schedule and will not be ready for Christmas. He asked to see the choir video to get an idea of what they did at the junior highs. Craig suggested getting the students involved with interviews, etc.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Renata reported that she will be working with Mike Legel to prepare a video presentation for Open House. Glenn Williams is doing a fantastic job of getting to the students in the junior highs.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Deby Massa was not present. Sandy reported that Deby is almost done wrapping everything up for the Bowl. Tom Danko just received the last bill for the use of the school which was about \$3,600. Mike Legel asked about a Bowl date for next year. Craig said we do not have one yet.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS' REPORT

Concerts:

Karen Miller and Tracy Danko said the concerts went well. They ran out of cups, but they did get more before the second concert.

Fall Banquet and Spring Banquets:

Laura Paynic was not present, so there was no report.

Terry Kopytko was not present, but Sandy reported that Terry needs to make the deposit for Ashyana. Sandy will look over the contract and sign it next week.

UNIFORM COORDINATORS' REPORT

Terri Vanderjack and Diane Mendoza were not present, so there was no report.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Alice Luetger stated that she has not had to schedule volunteers for anything since the Marching Band season ended, so she had no report.

PARENT COORDINATORS' REPORTS

Color Guard:

Karen Fraticola has additional monies to give Tom Danko for deposit. Karen and Peggy Caraher have been washing uniforms and warm-ups. They also sold some warm-ups.

Percussion:

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

BOA Trip Coordinator:

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

Jazz:

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

Mentoring:

Ed Kopytko was not present, so there was no report. Renata asked about the Frequently Asked Questions. Laura Sorce mentioned that the sign in on the website has gambling links in it. There was then some discussion about updating the website, especially some of the pictures which appear to be quite old. The pictures on the website will be updated before Open House.

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 8:45 p.m.