

MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MEETING
Monday, October 2, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

President Marla Hoffmeyer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Marilyn Bottorff, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Ann Del Bene, Karen Fraticola, Marla Hoffmeyer, Jeff Horvath, Diane Hundseder, Terry Kopytko, Debbie Larson, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Alice Luetger, Amy Masek, Diane Mendoza, Russ O'Dell, Jerry Olsen, Karen Rooney, Craig Roselieb, Laura Sorce, Frances Spriet, Debbie Stanger, Annette Sullivan, Kim Tupper, and Brian Vanderjack

Absent Executive Board members were: Karen Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marla Hoffmeyer stated that the minutes for September are going to be approved by e-mail because not everyone has had the chance to read them.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Laura Sorce reported the beginning balance in Student Accounts, as of August 31, 2006 was \$12,435.96. There was no revenue reported for the month of September. September's total expenses for Band Booster Fees, Fundraising Expectations, San Francisco Payments, Music Lessons/Expenses and Shoes were \$855.50. The balance in Student Accounts, as of September 30, 2006, is \$11,580.46.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Tom Danko reported that he deposited in the Marching Mustang Income, two deposits totaling \$655 for ValuCards. In the Marching Mustang Expense Column, a \$1000 check was issued to Ashyana for the Marching Mustang Fall Banquet. Two payments to Marching Band Staff were issued for September. He stated there were several payments paid out toward shoes and band accessories.

In the General Band Budget, the first deposit from the Candy Sales will be reflected in November's report. On the Expense side, Tom updated the debit card information for the I-Pass. He issued a \$1,000 check to Ashyana for the Spring Band Banquet. The Current Band Profit for both band budgets is \$8,948.

Tom reported that he received a check for \$20 from the Mid America Federal Bank Community Banking program. He stated interest on CD's will be reported next month.

BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT

Craig Roselieb reported that the Wind Ensemble IMEA formal photo was taken. Information will be placed on the Blackboard for November concerts regarding correct band attire and band pictures. Participation has dropped from the San Francisco trip but he is looking to encourage the ten color guard members that play instruments to join the band group. On September 18, the school board approved the trip and will now the directors can move ahead with the information meeting. The principal, Mark McDonald, was happy and encouraged with the Marching Mustangs' recent performance. The first two competitions and homecoming went well. The next competition is at Mt. Prospect in the morning and Lincoln-Way Central in the afternoon. Craig reported their scores are higher than at this time last year and he is encouraged with their performances. The scholarship form has been revised to list the different scholarships available to the students. Craig asked the Board members to review it and submit comments before it is finalized.

Craig submitted Glenn Williams' jazz report as follows: the Jazz Café date has been changed from January 16 to January 11, 2007. It will take place in the Cafetorium beginning at 6:15 PM with Lakeview, O'Neill, Jefferson and Downers Grove South Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Ensemble to be featured. Eisenhower is unable to attend due to conflict in time schedules. They will hopefully be able to attend NIU Jazz Festival in February. NIU Jazz Festival has been slated at Downers Grove South for February 1, 2007. Our students will participate in clinics with Ron Carter, director of the NIU Jazz Ensemble and with members of the NIU Big Band. Each District 99 Jazz Ensemble (2 from South and 2 from North) will play one number for the evening concert beginning at 7:00 PM. The evening will close with the NIU Band and the renowned trombonist, Jiggs Whigham. Each member of the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab must sell at least \$35 in tickets to make this evening possible. The DGS Band Boosters are asked to provide a meal for the NIU Jazz Ensemble and District 99 Directors at 4:30 PM in the Faculty Cafeteria. The Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Ensemble performed their pieces extremely well at the Homecoming Show. On September 21, 2006 more than 45 administrators attended the Annual DuPage County New Administrators' Breakfast hosted by the DuPage Regional Office of Education. The South High School Jazz Ensemble performed an hour long set for this event, hosted by regional Superintendent of Schools Darlene J. Ruscitti. The band received rave reviews from those in attendance. "The band sounded great", says District 66 Superintendent Dr. Jay Tiede. Special thanks to all those students and parents for "going the extra mile" and for creating such a fantastic public image of the bands here at DGS. IMEA Auditions are slated for October 10, 2006 at Carl Sandburg High School. This year we have 29 students auditioning to be a part of the District Jazz Festival Ensembles which is an increase from the 12 students who auditioned last year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Marla Hoffmeyer stated she spoke with Mid America Federal regarding the Community Banking fundraiser. They will be sending flyers regarding how one can open an account

in order for the Band Boosters to receive a reward up to \$20. Anyone who has an existing account with them, Mid America will match with 2% on the interest paid from the account. Marla received an email from Knights of Columbus asking if the Band Boosters can accept donations from church organizations. She will reply we can accept donations for a specific purpose like Marching Band fees, cabinets, etc. She also encouraged Board members to continue to talk to new parents about volunteering to help with Band functions and/or becoming a member the Booster Board for next year.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

Peggy O'Dell reported that October 13, 2006 is the due date to send information for the Fanfare.

VICE PRESIDENTS OF WAYS AND MEANS' REPORT

Jewel Shop & Share: The September 25-27, 2006 Jewel Shop and Share was advertised via website, reminders were placed in the t-shirt/hoodies deliveries and the August Fanfare. The proceeds are expected in the end of October. The next Jewel Shop and Share date is November 27-29, 2006.

ValuCards: Margaret reported that Dave Johnson wants to finalize the fundraiser. He has 12 students who have not turned in their monies. Once all the funds are collected, Dave expects the total profit to be about \$200. This is half of the expected \$400. Margaret and Dave have discussed the discontinuation of this fundraiser due to a poor showing the last two years and the intense volunteer efforts required to distribute the cards and collect the funds. Margaret suggested restaurant partnering to replace this fundraiser.

Homecoming Game: On 9/29/06, the cool and wet weather affected turnout and sales. The sales of additional color glow necklaces/bracelets were steady. The whistle pops and candy were better selling items than beverages due to the cooler, damp weather. A special thanks to the football game help: Annette Sullivan, Mike Hutton, Marla Hoffmeyer, Ann Del Bene, and to our candy chairs Marilyn Bottorff and Amy & Larry Masek.

Football Game Profits: The net profit for Football Game Sales is \$633. The budget expectation is \$1,000. Colourations t-shirts will be sold on Thursday night at the Music Bowl volunteer meeting.

Staff Wear: The final bills were submitted for purchases of staff wear. We came in \$20 under budget for purchase of new polo shirts and wind shirts for staff.

Market Day: Karen Rooney that September was a Band/Multi Needs month. The profits were split with the band students. Craig stated he will need to check with the school to find out where the Market Day proceeds for the last several months were deposited, since we have not yet received the payments.

Candy Bars: Marilyn Bottorff and Larry/Amy Masek reported the candy sale runs through October 19, 2006. They have 151 cases of candy sold to date with the hopes of being able to sell 250 cases.

New Fundraisers: Margaret reported Monika suggested a possible new fundraiser could be coupon books which could be sold as Holiday Gifts at November concerts. A form will be submitted by the next meeting for approval by the school.

Cheesecake: Monika reported samples will be distributed at the November concerts. Orders can be taken starting November 8 and ending November 30, 2006. Delivery date is December 5 and a decision where to pick them up is being discussed.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Ann Del Bene reported as of 10/1/06, the Marching Mustangs total 134 members. The fundraising expectation is due 10/20/06. An email reminder was sent out 9/25/06 and will be included in the October newsletter. This payment must be made before BOA competition. As of 10/1/06, \$1,800 in payments had been made toward this expectation.

As of 10/1/06, we have received \$5500 in Band Booster membership dues. This accounts for approximately 115 students (siblings included) out of the 266 students in the band program. The October newsletter will include a list of Booster supporters with a thank you along with a request for new supporters. This will also be submitted to Eileen for the concert programs.

As of 10/1/06, 134 people are registered for the San Francisco trip. The breakdown of attendees is as follows: Students 105, Parents 21, Siblings 3 & DGS staff family 5. The second payments are slowly coming in. We have not received July payments from 48 people and have not received September payments from 89 people. Some medical release forms from students who are in concert band only are missing. Ann will follow up with those families. Craig stated medical release forms are not necessary for parents and siblings.

Craig Roselieb reported that he will send the information of the students who are not to have their pictures on the website and not to be identified by name to Jerry Olsen and Mike Legel.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O'Dell reported that all is going well and has no further information to report.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mike Legel stated no new developments and no further information to report.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATORS' REPORTS

Marketing and public relations: Renata Allelujka reported nothing new at this time.

Videography: Mike Legel reported he and Ed Kopytko have recorded all performances of the marching band this season and they are on the Mustang Band Images web site. They anticipate being able to capture all of the season performances and include them on the season DVD. Mike will be editing the photos Ed took at the parades last summer and including them on the web site and in the season video. Mike also stated that the performances on the web site are not the final mix of cameras and additional views will be added for people who will want for a keepsake. Mike and Ed are looking for new volunteers to record the concerts. The 2006 web site will be redesigned with the t-shirt graphic or a current yearbook photo. Flyers for video orders will be inserted into the programs for the Music Bowl.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL-COORDINATORS' REPORT

Sandy Liedtke reported that an indoor plan to hold the Music Bowl has been designed and detailed in case of inclement weather. She reported all the chairs are working hard and it is amazing to see the different pieces come together. Brian Vanderjack and Bart Casper are in charge of concessions and working with Aramark, to make sure they comply with the food permit regulations. Renata Allelujka and Sandy Liedtke will get ready for the volunteer meeting this Thursday. It will be decided by 10 AM on Friday if the Bowl will be held inside or outdoors. This will give the school staff time to set up the chairs if it is held indoors. The ads did not sell as well as last year's \$6,400, so far this year we have \$4,700. The trophies are less expensive than last year at \$1,671 last year and \$1,504 this year.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS' REPORT

Tracy Danko reported that Roundheads is donating pizzas for the October 28 all day practice session.

Fall Banquet: Debbie Stanger reported that a flyer has been developed to advertise the Fall Banquet. Once the menu has been finalized, she will send information via email and put it into the Fanfare. The price per person will be \$17 until October 23 and \$19 until October 27. No reservations can be taken after October 27

BOA COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Karen Fraticola reported that there are enough rooms to for the 135 students and 9 chaperones for an approximate 1:8 ratio. An e-mail vote was taken during the past month for the Boosters to pay the additional \$525 for 3 coach busses versus 6 school buses for BOA.

UNIFORM COORDINATORS' REPORT

Terri Vanderjack and Diane Mendoza reported that the uniforms will be cleaned for Music Bowl and raincoats were washed by the parents after the Stag competition.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS' REPORT

Alice Luetger reported everything is going along smoothly and has no further information to report.

PARENT COORDINATORS

Color Guard: Kim Tupper and Diane Hundseder reported that a \$200 saber was removed from the bags and that some students were able to get into the loft and play pranks with color guard equipment. They are seeking a more secure place to store their equipment. Flags need to be cleaned and but they will wait until after Lincoln-Way competition to have them cleaned.

Chaperone: Monika reported all is going well and they are staffed sufficiently because the props are manageable.

Jazz: Laura Sorce reported that the Drury Lane performance went well. Jeff Horvath stated the Homecoming Show was delightful and amusing. On October 8 the Jazz Ensemble is playing at Fitzgeralds. They plan to leave at 4:45 PM wearing the appropriate attire. There is an \$8 cover charge for adults and \$5 for students. Laura Sorce reported that Diane Kowalski, the mom hit by a car during the Hike and Bike for Mike, is doing better.

Mentoring: Terri Kopytko reported no information to report to date.

Water: Tom Danko reported for Pat Hoyt that 33 cases of water will be delivered on Saturday at 2:00 PM near the concession stand for the Music Bowl. Tom also reported that Renata has volunteered to take 6 cases of water to each competition for Mt. Prospect and Lincolnway.

MISCELLANEOUS, UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS

Monika Cunningham reported that not all new parents are getting the information via email or other resources. She suggested we start a buddy system for new parents to speak

with and learn the volunteer positions. Some people may be getting the correct email information, but it is being filtered by their spam program. It was suggested hard copies of the Fanfare newsletter be left in the band room. Both Marilyn Bottorff and Terry Kopytko agreed next year would be a good time to start and that this year we need to get a list of people who would want to be a mentor. Mentoring Committee and Monika would be happy to assist.

It has been brought to our attention that the Mustang Band Boosters is a model other marching bands are investigating. Craig stated is has been said to him that we run a great contest. Diane Hundseder stated our websites are being checked by other groups.

Village of Downers Grove Office of Tourism and Events is looking for entertainment. Jeff Horvath stated he would be willing to email Marla with the name of the person in charge of the entertainment.

Marla sent a thank you note to the Morton High School for keeping their concession stand open. Monika was wondering if their will be individual pictures taken of the Marching Band Students.

Sandy Liedtke and Renata suggested a parent/student informational meeting at the beginning of August to meet the team and answer questions about necessary papers and rules. This would be separate from the Parent Social in June because there is so much information given to the freshmen parents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- NEXT BOOSTER MEETING

The next meeting is November 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in DGS room D180. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.