

**MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MEETING**  
**Monday, December 4, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Marla Hoffmeyer called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Ann Del Bene, Karen Fraticola, Marla Hoffmeyer, Diane Hundseder, John Knepper, Ed Kopytko, Terry Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Therese Lindberg, Peggy O'Dell, Russ O'Dell, Karen Rooney, Craig Roselieb, Laura Sorce, Fran Spriet, Debbie Stanger, Kim Tupper and Brian Vanderjack

Absent Executive Board members were: Mike Legel, Alice Luetger, Diane Mendoza, Karen Miller, and Terri Vanderjack

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Marla stated that October minutes were approved by e-mail. Fran Spriet and Marla would like to thank Margaret for taking the minutes in November. The November minutes were presented by President, Marla Hoffmeyer. Sandy Liedtke moved that the minutes be approved, Monika Cunningham seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Marla reminded the Board to please e-mail their reports to Fran or hand her a written copy prior to the meeting. Once the minutes have been sent, Board members are asked to please read them, especially their report, and e-mail their changes to Fran.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Laura Sorce reported that the balance in Student Accounts as of October 31, 2006, was \$12, 649.18. The November revenue came from ValuCards, Music Bowl Ads, Candy Sales and one San Francisco deposit moved to Student Accounts. The total revenue was \$1045. The expenses in November came from the Fundraising Expectation, Music Lessons and payment for the Purdue Jazz Festival and the Jeff Coffin CD's purchased by several students. The total expenses were \$3140.95. The balance in Student Accounts, as of November 30, 2006, is \$10,553.23

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Tom Danko reported on the highlights from his financial summary report as follows: In the Marching Mustangs Income, \$200 has been received from the Morton Competition and \$400 from the Santa Parade. The Miscellaneous Income is high due to acknowledging the donation of 20 pizzas from Roundheads for the Saturday BOA practice, \$1,000 from the Samel donation, and receipts from those who donated supplies. At this time, we have an income of \$5,285. For the Marching Band Expenses, the Fall Banquet collected more income than was needed for guest meals. It was suggested we

look at the figures for the Spring Banquet. The BOA hotel expense included a sales tax charge and we are waiting for a refund check. We will have uniform cleaning expenses for the Marching Band.

In the General Band Budget, we will see a greater activity in the spring with the Plant Sale and Butterbraids Sale. In the Checking Account Summary, there is a balance of \$100,873 as of 12/1/2006. The Jazz Band is negative due to \$630 paid out for the Purdue Trip and \$432 for the New Trier Trip for which money is still being collected from the students. For the San Francisco Trip, \$55,000 has been collected. The current 2006-2007 band balance is \$8,446. The Jazz Band will be receiving checks for performing at Fishel Park for \$150, DuPage County New Administrators Breakfast for \$300 and Bob Schillerstrom fundraiser for \$1250.

### **BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Craig Roselieb reported that on January 27, the Wind Ensemble will be participating in the IMEA All-State Festival in Peoria with 54 students. The cost is approximately \$3,700 which will include bus transportation and hotel with breakfast. \$2000 has been donated by Student Activities and \$500 has been requested from the Friends of Fine Arts (FOFA). A letter will be sent home requesting the need for eight chaperones, three couples and two additional moms. A customized program will be printed by Jim Rennie for the Peoria concert.

The Holiday Concert is having a special guest artist, Sam Stryke who has recently spent time in residence at both South and North high schools, rehearsing with students and sharing his life experience as a commercial composer and musician. Mr. Stryke's new CD, entitled "Christmas", will be available after the performance with 50% of CD sales directly going toward the South High Friends of Fine Arts. The soulful Handel Hallelujah will be performed as well as the traditional one at the end. The Poinsettia Sales need to be supported to brighten the hall.

The Scholarship Form is continuing to be updated. It was suggested that the Scholarship application might reflect which ones students can apply for versus those that are awarded and identify how recipients are chosen. There is a San Francisco Scholarship available for \$2,000 from a donation by the Samels. This will help four students with their expenses to San Francisco. Another donation of \$1,000 from the Samels, Craig asked to allocate funding for expenses like the Wendell Boat Trip and museum admissions when the German Band Exchange group comes to visit in the spring. Ann Del Bene moved the \$1,000 donation be used for the German Band Exchange Group and Margaret Legel seconded it.

Renata brought up the question of reimbursement for gas and mileage for students' who are required to go long distances for Jazz Ensemble Gigs. Craig stated that there is not a need for a school vehicle and that parents have caravanned to these gigs in the past without complaints. Fran Spriet suggested the parent and /or student carpool with another

jazz ensemble family. Craig reported that The Jazz Ensemble gigs have been booked by Frank Fletcher-Broucek.

John Knepper discussed the pass/fail option. Craig reported that a new Honors class is being made available for students of the Fine Arts. The new curriculum will be started in the fall. The Concert Band Library needs to have music sorted by the piece. This can go toward Student Service Hours.

Glenn Williams sent a Jazz Activity Report via email with the following highlights: Downers Grove South Jazz Café will take place in the cafetorium beginning at 6:15 PM on Thursday, January 11, 2006. Lakeview, O'Neill and Jefferson Schools will be participating as well as the Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Ensemble and the new Jazz Workshop. This year a \$5.00 donation will be collected toward purchasing malaria nets for beds in Africa. Our goal is to collect one thousand nets between the North and South High School Jazz Café's. The NIU Jazz Festival will be hosted by North High School on February 1, 2007. 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, 2 from North) will play one number for the evening concert beginning at 7:00 PM and then followed by the NIU Band with trombonist Jiggs Whigham as the special guest. Every member of Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab must sell at least \$35 in tickets to make this evening possible. On January 19-20, 2007, the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Ensemble will attend the Purdue Jazz Festival overnight with 70 middle and high school jazz bands from throughout the Midwest. Feature guest artist on Friday evening is Poncho Sanchez and his band. The Jazz Lab Ensemble will be attending the Frank Mantooth Jazz Festival at New Trier High School on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 1:30 PM -parents are encouraged to attend. The Jazz Ensemble will be at the Evanston Township High School Jazz Festival on Saturday, February 10, 2007. The featured guest artists will be Peter Erskine with Rob Parton & Jazz Tech Big Band.

Ron Hornish reported via email with the following highlights: The process to replace guard instructor, Eli, has begun by posting the position on the district website as well as the BOA website. Also, the process for leader selection has begun for the 2007 Marching Mustangs. Students will be required to write a paper and interview with the Marching Staff. Drum majors will also have a conducting audition. The criteria for the audition has been posted on the Blackboard in the "Combined Bands South/Course Documents" section. Craig and Ron will be meeting with people from North Central College in Naperville to explore the possibility of having a commuter band camp there next summer. Ron has received a very nice email from Dr. Tim congratulating DGS on a successful season and pulling together after a rough start. He acknowledged the fine work of the students, parents and staff to create such a rewarding year.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Marla Hoffmeyer would like to thank Margaret and Monika for all their work on fundraisers this past month. She thanked all those who served cheesecake and to Tracy Danko and Karen Miller who were in charge of treats at the fall concerts. A special

thanks to Ann Del Bene for being at the fall concerts to handle questions and payments for the San Francisco trip.

We are waiting to hear from a person whom we have asked to serve as a Music Bowl co-chair with Renata next year.

### **VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT**

Peggy O'Dell reported that January 10 is the deadline for the next Fanfare. Please submit articles and/or pictures to her at [peggy.odell@lamllc.com](mailto:peggy.odell@lamllc.com) or [peggyodell@comcast.net](mailto:peggyodell@comcast.net).

John Knepper reported he will be stepping down from the position of website coordinator after next year and would be happy to have a person observe his position.

### **VICE PRESIDENTS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Ann Del Bene provided highlights from the following submitted report:

Ann would like to suggest for next year's Marching Mustangs payment schedule be two payments of \$200 each and the final fundraising expectation of \$100 at the end of the year to replace the four payments of \$100 each. Parents would have fewer payments to remember. It would allow the Membership Vice President to track payments and have the budget submitted at an earlier date.

As of 12/3/06, we have received \$6,000 in Band Booster membership fees. We received three more payments after the member list was posted in the fall concert programs. As in the past, she will send out a reminder letter in January. Medical forms are still missing from many of our students. She will concentrate on getting them back from the Wind Ensemble students and those traveling to San Francisco first.

As of 12/3/06, 116 people are registered for the San Francisco trip. Five other students have expressed an interest, but will not be added to the roster before receiving payment. The breakdown of attendees is as follows: 95 students, 13 parents, 2 siblings, 1 DGS staff family and 5 DGS staff. Currently there are 47 female students and 48 male students registered. There are 8 female and 8 male chaperones registered not including the directors. Currently, we have collected \$80,975.00 in payments. Each person is required to have \$1,000 dollars in payment by January 9, 2007. The final price will be determined on January 12, 2007 and the balance will be due by January 31, 2007. No refunds will be issued after January 9, 2007. Many students still need to turn in their travel agreement and Code of Conduct forms. Ann stated she needs the complete names for the airline to match their identification to the tickets.

### **VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS**

Merchandise – Margaret Legel reported that sales at the November concerts of hoodies, t-shirts and Christmas ornaments netted \$235 from both concerts.

Shopping Rebates from the following stores: the new Amazon.com link from [www.MustangBandImages.com](http://www.MustangBandImages.com) has started and we receive 4% rebates. Meijer food store frequent buyer card at [www.meijer.com](http://www.meijer.com) issues 2% rebate. The November earnings from Meijer were about \$10 for total of \$27 in rebates since we started in August. Jewel Shop & Share final 2006 dates are December 11 to December 13, 2006. Slips can be picked up in the band room or on the website. The November Shop and Share funds are expected by the end of December.

Cheesecakes: Monika Cunningham reported the cheesecake tasting at the November concerts was a success. Tuesday evening, December 5 from 6-7 PM has been scheduled for pick up in the Orchestra room. She reported they sold 221 original cheesecakes and 119 of the mini cheesecakes with a total of 340. This is 58 more sold than in 2005. The profits to the Band Boosters was \$812.50 and to the Band Students 768.50. This is an increase of \$308 from 2005.

Gift Books: Monika reported that this is the first year for Gift Books that were available at the November concert. \$830 worth of books were purchased before December 1. The vendor offered a 10% rebate to the Band Boosters. This is an \$83 profit that was split between Band Boosters and Band Students on a 50/50 basis.

Market Day: Karen Rooney reported that December is a Band/Multi needs month. Orders are due by noon on Wednesday, December 6. The pickup date is Saturday, December 9 from 9:30-10:30 AM. Free Fannie May Trinidads, a \$6 value, will be given with a \$50 order. The check for November's Market Day has currently not been received.

Candy Bars: Margaret reported for Marilyn Bottorf and Larry/Amy Masek that final transfers were made to student accounts.

Value Cards: No report was contributed at this time.

Mid America Bank: Margaret reported flyers were distributed with the November concert programs.

Upcoming Fundraisers: Margaret reported that the Plant Sale Order Forms will be issued for March 2007 orders with a May 2007 delivery date. These forms will be available for the Freshman Open Houses in late January. Butterbraids will have samples at the February concerts and to be sold during February and March.

### **EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Russ O'Dell stated that there is no new information to report.

### **HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Margaret stated from Mike Legel's submitted report that he has nothing significant to report at this time. In the future, the board may want to consider having Mike submit

historical season performances and other concerts from nine years of videos for the new student Channel 16. He is presently making the 2006 music bowl video available to the channel.

### **MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATORS' REPORT**

Renata Allelujka stated she has no information to report to date. Therese Lindberg will be assuming Renata Allelujka role as Marketing and Public Relations.

Videography: Margaret Legel reported for Mike Legel that the music bowl video is complete and has been distributed to those who ordered one. We made a profit, the cost was \$505 gross with about \$150 expenses which included the professional VCR I. The season video is progressing and he anticipates delivering it before winter break. The first disk is about 90% finished and the second disk is being produced from a large selection of tapes.

### **MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL-COORDINATORS' REPORT**

Sandy Liedtke submitted the Marching Mustangs Music Bowl Financial Budget as of December 4, 2006 showing a \$19,903 profit. Jenny Davis will be giving us the date once the school calendar has been set. Craig will find out the date of Homecoming and will propose a date with the school. It was stated that other schools have already sent "save the date" postcards to inform schools of Marching Band Competitions. Sandy reported the presentation to the Village of Downers Grove Grants commission discussing grant money for next year's Bowl went well. The grant from the Village of Downers Grove Grants commission has more than doubled in a year, from \$2,100 to \$5,000. Mary Scalzatti was pleased with the Christmas Parade. The Storybook Character parade is on the same date as Bike 'n Hike for Mike and it is hoped that the Bike 'n Hike date can be changed.

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS' REPORT**

Tracy Danko reported that they had plenty of treats for the November band concerts. The parents who were asked to bring treats were the ones who volunteered on the registration form. The next concerts are in February and Tracy and Karen will recruit volunteers closer to that time.

Fall Banquet: Debbie Larson and Debbie Stanger reported some of the parents' feedback as follows: Parents thought they could come at the last minute and the students did not need to pay for their dinner. A marquee in the band room might be helpful or power point loop on a TV to notify students about the upcoming events.

Spring Banquet: Terry Kopytko stated no new information to report at this time.

### **BOA COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Karen Fraticola reported that a \$330 refund check was cut on Sunday, November 3, 2006 by Marriott for the discrepancy in the Castleton charges.

### **UNIFORM COORDINATORS' REPORT**

No report was contributed at this time.

### **VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS' REPORT**

Alice Luetger reported via e-mail that she has no new information to report at this time.

### **PARENT COORDINATORS**

Color Guard: Kim Tupper and Diane Hundseder reported they are finalizing their line items from their budgets and may still have one outstanding competition shoe bill. They need to schedule a date/time to inventory the warm-ups and competition uniforms as well as cleaning the loft area. Flags also need to be separated, inventoried and determine which ones to keep, sell or throw away. This would be a great community service project for band members needing hours. The color guard team is requesting decisions on flags, equipment and uniforms for next year in order to decrease the stress for the new volunteers. They are requesting a locked cabinet or a storage locker for the warm-ups (\$80 each due to custom embroidery), the sabers (\$200 each) and the rifles (approximately \$35) for the next marching band season. Since Kim Tupper's daughter will be graduating, she will need a replacement. The color guard coordinators congratulated the guard members for their talent and great performance this season.

Chaperone Coordinator: Monika Cunningham is requesting information regarding the IMEA Peoria trip via email report. No current decision has been decided regarding chaperones.

Jazz: Laura Sorce reported that the Jazz Café is coming up in January and she will need parents to help with table cloths, the mosquito netting and cot display and baked goods.

Mentoring: Terry and Ed Kopytko have contacted Board Members to volunteer to call freshman parents for input. A list of recommended topics will be passed out to guide the Board Members in their discussions.

### **MISCELLANEOUS, UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS**

Marla reported no new information at this time.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS- NEXT BOOSTER MEETING**

The next meeting is Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in DGS room D180. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

