

MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MEETING
Monday, January 8, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

President Marla Hoffmeyer called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Monika Cunningham, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Ann Del Bene, Marla Hoffmeyer, Ron Hornish, Ed Kopytko, Margaret Legel, Mike Legel, Sandy Liedtke, Alice Luetger, Karen Medek, Diane Mendoza, Karen Miller, Peggy O'Dell, Russ O'Dell, Craig Roselieb, Laura Sorce, Fran Spriet, Debbie Stanger

Absent Executive Board members were: Terri Vanderjack

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were presented by Recording Secretary, Frances Spriet. She received two corrections on 1/7/07. Ann Del Bene requested the word "expenses" be changed to read "Ann Del Bene moved the \$1,000 donation be used for the German band..." Renata Allelujka requested the minutes regarding the Music Bowl reflect to "Our grant from the Village Grants Commission has more than doubled in a year, from \$2,100 to \$5,000." Frances reported she made the last two changes before the meeting. Margaret Legel moved to pass the minutes as they stand. Tom Danko seconded the minutes. The minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Laura Sorce reported that the balance in Student Accounts as of November 30, 2006 is \$10,553.23. The December revenue came from cheesecakes sales totaling \$768.50. Deductions were taken for Band Booster Fees, San Francisco Payments and Music Lessons/Expenses. The total expenses were \$1,592.13. The balance in Student Accounts, as of December 31, 2006, is \$9,729.60.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Tom Danko reported on the highlights from his financial summary report as follows: In the Marching Mustangs Income, \$1,000 from the Samel donation was moved from Miscellaneous Income to a newly created "German Student Visit" account as part of the saved funds in our checking account. In the Expense category, he paid a \$232.00 miscellaneous bill for percussion supplies and a \$166 miscellaneous uniform equipment. Total Expenses incurred as of December 31, 2006 are \$80,261. The Marching Mustang Band Budget is \$4,597 ahead as of January 1, 2007.

In the General Band Income, we have received \$1,581 from the Cheese Cake Fundraiser with \$769 going toward the students' account. \$159 was received from the Cub Foods Rebate. On the General Board Expense side, \$50 was paid toward gas for the truck and \$27 for stamps and envelopes. The General Band Budget is \$5,077 ahead as of January 1, 2007.

In the Checking Account Summary, payments for the San Francisco Trip have been received in the amount of \$24,885 since December 1, 2006. Tom pointed out that we need another \$1,000 for the new German Student Visit account. A CD of \$7,290 will be maturing as of 1/14/2007. It was discussed whether to place this CD in a 200 day at 5.50% interest or 14 month at 5.15%. There will be a need for new concert tubas in the near future. Tom motioned to turn over the CD for the 200 days at 5.50%. Ed Kopytko seconded the motion and all were in favor.

BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT

Ron Hornish reported that they have received the Music Bowl date for October 6, 2007. Prospect School has a contest that same day but he does not feel that will be a problem. He feels the participating bands will be able to perform in the early afternoon like we did last year for LincolnWay. He will work with the school to help each other with advertising. He also reported a new color guard instructor is being interviewed.

Ron gave a brief overview of the San Francisco itinerary: Heritage Music Festival, Concerts by the Jazz Band and Concert Band. Two clinics are being organized with Bob Calonico from the University of California, Berkeley on Wednesday, March 28 with the concert band at 9:00 AM and the jazz band at 10:00AM. Ron stated 106 students will be attending and hopefully, they will all be able to depart and return on one plane with United Airlines. On January 9, a final head count, verification of names, and health forms will be taken. A fee for the clinician will be discussed at a later time. Ron discussed the reason some students will not be able to come on the trip is because they have committed to Belford Hernandez Church Choir Tours, the Drum Corps and Campus Life to help in New Orleans with the Katrina Reconstruction.

Glenn Williams reported via email regarding the following Jazz Activities: Jazz Café is January 11, 2007 with the sender schools, Lakeview, O'Neill and Jefferson Schools playing with the Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Ensemble and the Jazz Workshop. (The Jazz Workshop is the new third jazz ensemble which meets on Tuesday mornings during Early Bird.) On that evening, a donation program called Nothing but Nets will be collecting \$10 for insecticide-treated mosquito nets to provide protection for five to seven years from malaria carrying mosquitoes. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will be matching the proceeds net for net. Our goal between Downers Grove North and South Jazz Cafes' is 250 nets each with a total of 1,000 nets for beds in Africa. A special thanks to Laura Sorce, Jeff and Jennifer Horvath in volunteering to make this evening's performance a truly special event.

Glenn Williams reported that Downers Grove North High will be hosting the NIU JAZZ FESTIVAL for the District 99 on 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 D99 Jazz Ensemble (2 from South, 2 from North) will play one number on the evening concert beginning at 7:00 PM followed by the NIU Band and the internationally renowned trombonist Jiggs Whigham. Every member of Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab must sell at least \$35 in tickets to make this evening possible.

Three other events coming up with the Jazz Bands are: Purdue Jazz Festival with Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Ensemble to attend this overnight festival on January 19-20, 2007 with 70 middle and high school jazz bands from throughout the Mid West. Feature guest artist on Friday evening is Poncho Sanchez and his Band. Frank Mantoath Jazz Festival at New Trier High School with the Jazz Lab Ensemble will be attending this day festival on Saturday, February 3, 2007. The Jazz Lab Ensemble will be performing in the auditorium at 1:30 PM – audience members are encouraged to attend. Evanston Township High School with the Jazz Ensemble will be attending this festival on Saturday, February 10, 2007. Featured guest artists will be Grammy Award winning drummer Peter Ershine with Rob Parton JazzTech Big Band.

Craig Roselieb reported that on January 27, the Wind Ensemble will be participating in the IMEA All-State Festival in Peoria with 54 students. Craig is anticipating an expense for the IMEA All-state programs and will contact Tom Danko with an amount. The students will need to pay approximately \$25 to go toward transportation and hotel. The rest is being paid by school donations from the Student Activities fund and Friends of the Fine Arts. Dr. Bough from NIU is helping the band get ready for the IMEA. On Friday, January 26, 2007 they will see a concert. On Saturday, January 27, 2007 they will perform at 8:00AM, attend concerts, see exhibit booths and see the all state concert at 1:00PM and be back at 8:30-9:00 PM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Open House: Marla Hoffmeyer reported that the Freshman Open House on January 29 and 31 will need people to answer parents' and students' questions regarding marching band, chamber ensembles and band boosters in the Field House.

Registration Forms: Alice, Ann and Marla have been working on getting the forms updated in time to be included in the spring band packets mailed by the school.

Music Bowl Co-chair: Three people have been approached to co-chair for the Music Bowl. At this time, we have not yet found a co-chair.

Nominating Committee: Marla stated we need three people to volunteer to find replacements for our outgoing Board members. She passed around a sheet for people to sign with their intentions for next year, if they have spoken to anyone about shadowing or replacing them, or if they would like a shadow for next year if they are staying on.

Karen Miller, Laura Sorce and Tracy Danko volunteered to be on the committee. Alice Luetger motioned the nominating committee be approved with Monika Cunningham seconding the motion. All were in favor of the nominating committee.

Bylaws Committee: Marla stated according to the bylaws they are to be reviewed by a Bylaws Committee no less than biennially. The bylaws underwent major revisions last spring and she was wondering if anyone felt it necessary to review them at this time. Everyone was in agreement that reviewing the bylaws is not necessary at this time.

Audit Committee: Marla stated that the bylaws require that whenever the President or Treasurer are leaving, there needs to be an audit committee to review the books. Tom Danko and Marla Hoffmeyer are continuing their positions therefore, no audit committee is necessary this 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 or peggyodell@comcast.net.

Marla Hoffmeyer reported for Jerry Olsen that the Mustang Band Boosters' Email Archives are up to date.

VICE PRESIDENTS OF MEMBERSHIP

Ann Del Bene provided highlights from the following submitted report:

Ann had made a suggestion in December 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. She requested the Board's opinion and then we make a decision. 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. It was decided to keep the four payment plan plus the Fundraising Expectation as it is currently.

As of 1/8/07, we have received \$6,100 in Band Booster membership fees. Ann will be sending out an email asking families to consider supporting the Boosters if they have not done so in the past instead of individual reminder letters.

As of 1/8/07, 106 people are registered for the San Francisco trip. The breakdown of attendees is as follows: 88 students, 11 parents, 1 sibling, 1 DGS staff family and 5 DGS staff. Currently, we have collected \$94,202.13 in payments. Each person is required to be up-to-date on payments of \$1,000 on deposit by January 9, 2007. Ann stated she and Marla will be at the rehearsal tomorrow night to verify names with the students and collect outstanding payments and forms. This information is due along with the next payment to the travel agent on January 12.

VICE PRESIDENT OF WAYS AND MEANS

Shopping Rebates from the following stores: Margaret Legel reported the new Amazon.com link from www.MustangBandImages.com has brought \$35 in rebates between Thanksgiving and Christmas. They pay us when we reach over \$100. Meijer food store frequent buyer card at www.meijer.com continues to grow steadily. The December earnings from Meijer were \$9 with a total of \$36 in rebates since we started in August. They also pay us when we reach \$100 in rebates. Jewel Shop & Share November profits are in with 22 participants for a deposit of \$102 toward our funds. We have made \$235 of the \$400 budgeted for the three dates. December profits are still outstanding.

Cheesecakes: Monika Cunningham reported the cheesecake fundraiser was a great success.

Gift Books: Monika reported that the \$83 profit from Gift Books was split between the Band Boosters and Band Students on a 50/50 basis.

Market Day: Margaret reported that February is a Band/Multi needs month. The checks for September and November's Market Day have currently not been received. We are waiting to hear about December's profits.

Butterbraids: Karen Medek stated samples will be served at the February 15 and 22 concerts. She will close the orders on February 28 with delivery on March 3.

Plant Sale: Margaret Legel reported order forms will be available for Freshman Open Houses in late January. In March 2007, orders will be taken with May 2007 as the delivery date. The projected income from this fundraiser is \$2,000 which goes toward the General Band budget.

Upcoming Fundraisers: Margaret reported that we are pursuing doing a Steak N Shake or Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser to raise funds for the German Exchange Band visit. Karen Medek suggested 25% rebate from on-line orders for Pampered Chef Products. Margaret suggested they explore Dinner by Design as a fundraiser.

EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Russ O'Dell stated that he will be resigning and will need someone to take over as Equipment Coordinator and the Heritage Fest. Regarding the trailer, it is in need of some repair. The trailer will need new lights that are approximately \$200 to \$300, a new battery for approximately \$100, hinge repairs or replacement of \$1,000 expense, four new tires for approximately \$400 and a new ramp that will cost approximately \$300 to \$400. A new trailer would cost approximately \$10,000. Craig Roselieb suggested a new door that folds into the ramp to replace what we have at this time.

The request to build a storage locker in the band room loft is on hold due to the extent of the project that is in question. The janitors will need to be present during the construction. It was suggested that it may be more beneficial to purchase a locker. Craig will look into locker type storage versus the construction of a wooden closet.

HISTORY/TRADITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mike Legel stated there is nothing to report at this time.

MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATORS' REPORT

Therese Lindberg reported by email that the Jazz Café has been advertised in all the local papers via press release of December 27, 2006 that Renata Allelujka recommended.

Videography: Mike Legel reported that the season videos were completed on 12/23/06. An email was sent offering to have pickup or delivery available before the Winter Break. Six to ten people picked up tapes and the remainder will be left at Fine Arts/Band Office. If more tapes are ordered, he can make as many as we need.

The Jazz Café will be taped this week with the goal of getting it on to Channel 16 in the very near future. We intend to have three cameras operating and it should turn out to be a great looking video. The editing process will take a while but will have it available as quickly as possible. The television version will only run two hours so that it can be run with one DVD on the TV network. This will avoid a part one and two issue that happened with the music bowl. If there is an interest, Mike can also prepare the Jazz Café video for purchase at the same \$20 cost as the Season Video and Music Bowl.

Mike had a question for the board if they would like him to prepare a special tape video from the San Francisco Trip. If so, he will need to make preparations to get pictures and videos arranged by those going on the trip. Craig stated he would like to have a video of their trip and pictures for the FanFare.

MUSTANG MUSIC BOWL-COORDINATORS' REPORT

Renata Allelujka reported that the Downers Grove Village Council will vote on approval of the Grants Commission recommendations on January 9. We are hoping for the full request of \$5,000.

A date for the Bowl Finance Committee meeting needs to be arranged. This is where the "seed" money is determined, how much money we want to spend and what to spend it on. A date for the 2007 Music Bowl Committee kick-off meeting needs to be arranged. Now that a Bowl date has been determined, chairs that were unsure of returning should be able to decide if they can return.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS' REPORT

Tracy Danko reported that the February concerts are coming up. On February 15, the Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band will be playing. On February 22, the Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band will be playing. The Social Committee will be requesting treats to go along with the drinks and Butterbraids samples.

Spring Banquet: Ed Kopytko reported that Terry will place an announcement in the FanFare. We need the students to encourage their band friends to come to the Banquet.

BOA COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Marla Hoffmeyer received an email from Karen Fraticola that they are awaiting a check from the Marriott for reimbursement for the sales tax from the BOA Indiana Hotel. Craig stated the check has been received today for \$333.54.

UNIFORM COORDINATORS' REPORT

No report was contributed at this time.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS' REPORT

Alice Luetger reported that the chaperone search for the WE/WS Peoria trip is going well. All chaperones should be in place without a problem. Upcoming events will need minimal chaperones for the WE/WS trip to the Midwest Music Festival in Lemont on Saturday, February 24 and the WE/WS trip to ISU on Saturday, April 28. She stated the volunteer sign-up forms are being reviewed in order to simplify them.

PARENT COORDINATORS

Color Guard: Marla Hoffmeyer reported for Kim Tupper and Diane Hundseder that they will be taking an inventory of 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. They have placed an article in the newsletter asking for color guard coordinator parent volunteers and emphasized that they do not have to have sons/daughters as captains in order to volunteer.

Chaperone Coordinator: Monika Cunningham stated nothing to report at this time.

Jazz: Laura Sorce reported that the Jazz Café is coming up on January 11. Jennifer and Jeff Horvath are helping with the table and wall decorations. Laura is recruiting help to sell the soda and water, she needs baked goods for the tables and someone to take donations for the Nothing But Nets charity. Joel Bennett will be emceeding for the charity.

Mentoring: Terry and Ed Kopytko had board members call Freshman Families for feedback.

MISCELLANEOUS, UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS

Craig stated we need a parent coordinator to work with Downers Grove North on coordinating families to host the German Exchange Students and Chaperones. Alice Luetger suggested Karen Rooney may be interested in coordinating this program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- NEXT BOOSTER MEETING

The next meeting is Monday, February 5, 2007 at 7:00 PM in DGS room D180. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.