

**MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MEETING**  
**Monday, February 5, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Marla Hoffmeyer called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Members in attendance included: Renata Allelujka, Tom Danko, Tracy Danko, Ann Del Bene, Marla Hoffmeyer, Diane Kowalski, Margaret Legel, Alice Luetger, Amy Masek, Larry Masek, Karen Medek, Diane Mendoza, Karen Miller, Russ O'Dell, Craig Roselieb, Karen Rooney, Laura Sorce, Joy Sharp, Debbie Spiewak, and Terri Vanderjack

Absent Executive Board members were: Mike Legel, Therese Lindberg, Peggy O'Dell and Fran Spriet.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes, as sent out via e-mail just prior to the meeting, were approved. Renata Allelujka made the motion to approve the latest version and it was seconded by Terri Vanderjack.

**BAND DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Craig Roselieb provided a Jazz Report from Glenn Williams. The Nothing but Nets fundraiser at the Jazz Café was very successful, raising \$ 5600, between DGN and DGS. The DGS Jazz funds are used to purchase new music and new equipment. Some equipment had already been purchased this year. There is an August 1 gig with the Village of Woodridge. The Jazz Café hospitality costs were added under the Concert Beverages budget item, as those were not specifically budgeted. Additional Jazz report highlights were provided later by Laura Sorce under Jazz Parent Coordinator's report.

Craig Roselieb reported the IMEA results were 5 students placed in honors groups and 2 in all-state groups in Peoria. The IMEA Wind Ensemble Clinic went very well. Dr. Bough was very complimentary. The printed program was passed out to Boosters members in attendance.

Upcoming concerts are Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> for Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band and Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> for Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. The concerts start at 7 pm, ending at 9 pm, with a combined bands number finale. E-mail requests for hallway tables should be sent to Eileen Sejnost for concert refreshments and Butter Braid sampling.

There is an upcoming contest for Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony to the Midwest Music Festival, on Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Performance times are 11:00 am and 10:30 am, respectively. Two parent chaperones are needed for each group.

There is a field trip for Symphonic Band to Vandercook College of Music on Weds. April 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Corey Ames is a new student teacher, from Vandercook. He will be at DGS from February until May.

The Marching Band recruitment meeting will be held on Thurs. March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. Hien Do will no longer be with the program. There are two new staff members, Patrick for the Color Guard and Bill writing the drill. Additional staff will be brought in for color guard techs, CG design and marching techs. A more complete report on staff will be presented next month.

The preliminary Marching Band budget is underway. (Per the bylaws the budget committee will meet in March.)

For the Chamber Music Program, teachers are being lined up now and students will be notified when it is ready to start.

Follow-up information to the information exchanged via e-mail to the voting Executive Board members regarding the Wind Ensemble IMEA program was presented. (The program cost was not budgeted, and approval via e-mail is noted in the President's report) Several previous IMEA programs were passed around, as samples, for what had been brought by other schools at past IMEA events, explaining why our format was chosen and printed. The cover drawing, done by a student, was not received until January 17<sup>th</sup>. Craig apologized for not having adequate time to have normal board discussion on the expenditure, or obtaining formal approval within a Booster meeting. He stated he would not put the Board in this position again in the future. Craig will bring up this topic at a Budget meeting. Margaret Legel (VP Ways and Means) expressed a need for long term planning for these types of expenses, and stressed that much of the Booster money is earned only \$2 at a time with fundraisers. Karen Miller made a similar comment, comparing this cost as equivalent to almost three Music Bowl sponsors and the topic discussion closed.

Dr. McDonald and several other DGS staff members were in attendance at IMEA in Peoria and expressed their pride in the band's performance.

For the Marching band schedule, the off-site band camp options were prohibitively expensive, e.g. \$ 20,000/week. The band camp site being worked on is the District 99 Woodridge parcel, which also hosts the Woodridge Jubilee, near the Woodridge Village facilities and Library. It would be nearly as convenient as the DGS campus for students and parents. A note to the Social committee, the days would require dinner to be catered in/coordinated. The students would bring their own lunches. A parent picnic would be scheduled for Friday. Other details are being discussed related to restroom facilities, possible coordination with Jefferson Middle School and DGS custodial for meals site, striping of fields, tent set-up, and a plan for inclement weather. The band camp dates are Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, likely 8 am-9:30 pm. The first home football game is Friday Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>. Karen Miller volunteered to research a possible evening at Cypress Cove water park or a site to host the traditional Senior bonfire.

In the marching band schedule, there are two overnight weekend trips, the first to the Humphrey Dome in Minneapolis and the second to Bands of America in Indianapolis. The Minnesota contest has scoring points for color guard and drumline, different than BOA scoring. The school will pay entry fees for both contests, but transportation only for BOA. The possibility of using Bob Rogers travel for the Minneapolis trip is being considered, but there would be a 10-12% of trip cost fee for that service.

Renata Allelujka reminded that an "activity code" meeting, similar to that required by DGS for athletic teams, separate and distinct from the Parent Social, should be added to the schedule, which is being presented on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Another item to consider for the calendar was a photo night, scheduled with a Friday night game.

An invitation letter was going to be sent to all 8<sup>th</sup> graders for the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

A date for student/parents meeting participating in the San Francisco trip needs to be scheduled, likely at the end of the practice on Thurs. March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Laura Sorce reported that the balance in Student Accounts as of January 31, 2007 is \$9,992.09. Revenue in January came from November Market Day, December Market Day, ValuCards, and Gift Albums. Total revenue was \$498.77. Expenses in January were for Music Lessons & Expenses, and for San Francisco Payments. Total deductions were \$236.28.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Tom Danko reported on the highlights from his financial summary report as follows: For Marching Band, income came from sales of band videos and the Jewel Shop & Share fundraiser. There were no expenses but we did receive the sales tax refund of \$343 from the Marriott for our stay during BOA. Our current Marching Band balance is \$4484.

For General Band, income came from Membership Fees and Band Specialties. The Student Account transfer was made for the Cheesecake sale and net proceeds for the band were \$813. Expenses this month came from "jazzing up" the Jazz Café which was charged to Concert Beverages. The expense of \$320 was offset by refreshments sales that night of \$88. We also purchased the programs for IMEA. This expense was approved via e-mail for \$2510 and was assigned to the Director's Discretionary fund pending discussion at the Board Meeting. Our current General Band balance is \$1228.

For the Checking Account Summary, in the "Saved Funds," payments were made out of the Jazz fund for new amps (\$811) and for DGS's portion of the NIU jazz band performance fee (\$1500). NIU performed last Thursday and the Jazz Fund will be credited with ticket sales for that event. We paid the 50% deposit on the SF trip (\$56,320) to Bob Rogers Travel. The checking account balance is \$76,911, of which \$5711 is the current 2006-2007 band balance. The new CD matures in July 2007.

There was some discussion on Market Day checks which were attempted to be reconciled prior to this report and some monies are still owed by the School. Follow-ups will be done to get accurate bookkeeping records. The closing figures may need adjusted to reflect the Market Day resolutions.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Open House: Thank you to all the parents and students who came to Open House to talk to the incoming freshmen, put together the packets of handouts, help set up and clean up. We gave away seat cushions and foam fingers to everyone who signed up for marching band. A special thanks to Jami Mendoza, Jenn Clark, Crystal Terry and Hannah Petrokovich for making posters. The posters have pictures of various band events and drew quite a bit of attention at Open House.

IMEA Programs: The programs for the Wind Ensemble for the IMEA convention in Peoria were more expensive than the directors had anticipated. The Executive Board was asked to vote via e-mail to approve the payment of \$2,706 for the printing of 1,000 copies of this program. The measure passed 12 yes to 4 no votes.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for providing a slate of Officers for 2007-2008, which were passed out at this meeting, and will be voted on at the March meeting.

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

Peggy O'Dell was absent, but the Board agreed upon a tentative due date of February 28<sup>th</sup> for Fanfare articles, so that the Fanfare could be available to be mailed along with the school March mailings for next year's band students. 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).

There was no website report.

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

Margaret Legel reported on the following active and near-future fundraisers:

Market Day (Karen Rooney/Mark Yahoudy) February is a Band/Multi-Needs month. Orders are due by noon on Wednesday, February 14, pickup is Saturday, February 17 at 9:30 am. (Mark Hoffmeyer will be the Band representative at the February sale, since Karen Rooney is not available.) Most funds from this year's Market Days are now accounted for, the chairs are following up on a possible missing payment. Profits are below budget expectations for Marching Band (Summer months) and on track for General Band (Winter/Spring months). Final Market Day for this budget is in April.

Meijer: January profits at net \$ 5; \$ 42 net total since we started in August 2006 These funds were not budgeted for 2006, and no payments have been received. (They pay us when we reach over \$ 100.)

Jewel Shop & Share: December profits were small, resulting in a budget shortfall for this fundraiser of \$ 105.

Amazon.com Shopping: \$ 37 total in referral fees have been earned since Thanksgiving. These funds were not budgeted for 2006, and no payments have been received. They pay us only after \$ 100 in income, preferably by direct deposit, to be arranged with Tom Danko

February--Butterbraids – (Karen Medek) (Expected income \$ 500 General Band Budget) Karen Medek announced in the January Fanfare that the kickoff is February 15<sup>th</sup> at the 1<sup>st</sup> February concert. Samples and order forms will be available at both concerts. The sale will conclude Monday February 26<sup>th</sup>, with delivery set for Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Order forms will also be scanned and available on the website and mailed to the General mailing list soon.

March--Steak and Shake (Debbie Spiewak) (Expected income \$ 400) A date is being selected for this new Fundraiser to benefit the German Student Visit Fund, possibly split with DGN. The dates will either be March 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. Based on our restaurant wait time when just DGS had the previous fund-raiser, it was felt that combining with DGN would not be feasible.

April/May--Plant Sale (Margaret Legel and Karen Rooney) (Expected income \$ 2000 General Band Budget) Order Forms were given to Freshman Open House parents and e-mailed to all 2006 customers who provided an e-mail address. Orders are due April 5<sup>th</sup>. Pickup is May 5<sup>th</sup>. Early forms (submitted by March 26<sup>th</sup>) are eligible for one of three free patio pots as an incentive. Order forms will also be available on the website and mailed to the General mailing list soon.

## **VICE PRESIDENTS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Ann Del Bene presented highlights from the following report:

Marching Mustangs-Eighth graders interested in joining the Marching Mustangs signed up during the Open Houses held January 29<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thirty-seven students expressed an interest in Color guard and fifty-three in band.

General Bands-As of 2/5/07, \$6350 has been collected in Band Booster membership fees. An email was sent out on January 30<sup>th</sup> to drum up new Booster members. This generated several email requests for more information about the boosters and a few new members.

San Francisco trip-An email was sent out January 24<sup>th</sup> indicating the final cost of the trip and final payment due date of January 31<sup>st</sup>. This information was also put on the Booster website. The total amount collected so far is \$115,447.13. The balance due is \$8307.87. There are approximately 40 people with a balance due. Reminder calls were placed to 27 families on Saturday. The final payment is due to the travel agent on 2/12/07.

The summary of trip inclusions from Bob Rogers Travels includes a "Create-A-video souvenir" package. Digital cameras will be sent on the trip. Students will take photos and send the cameras back to the travel agent. A souvenir DVD will be created and each traveler will receive a copy.

For the March 1<sup>st</sup> Marching Band meeting, Marla Hoffmeyer will give revised forms to the Directors for distribution. Marla and Ann had made some minor modifications.

## **EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Russ O'Dell noted that the Peoria IMEA trip went well. He followed up on trailer repair/replacement options, as requested. It would cost \$ 2000 for a ramp. The repair place will not replace the doors (with a proposed ramp) as the cost would exceed the trailer value. A new 24' trailer with a drop-rear door (serving as a ramp), one side door and heavy suspension and tires, heavy hitch and small light package would be \$ 7000, painted white. A logo paint job will be additional to that cost. The existing trailer is 20', so this replacement is 4' longer. For the current trailer, repair costs minimally would be \$ 250 for lights, \$ 150 for battery, \$ 500-750 for hinge repair, plus the cost of tires. Replacement of the trailer should be considered due to extensive repair needs.

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

Mike Legel had no report.

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

Therese Lindberg had no report.

Videography: Mike Legel was absent, but Margaret Legel reported that video editing was ongoing for both the Jazz Café and the IMEA clinic in Peoria.

German Exchange Band: Karen Rooney is the parent coordinator for this visit. A letter went out seeking host families. Housing has been arranged for 40 students to date. There is still a need for additional host families. The parent coordinators at DGS and DGN will match German and U.S. students by interests, if

possible. There are 27 more students/chaperones, especially older boys, to house during their visit here Memorial Day weekend. The students range in age from 14 to 20 years old.

Publicity and souvenirs related to DG's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary were discussed. Craig Roselieb had reported in September 2006 that it will take approximately \$2000 to make this exchange visit possible and to pay for the tickets to Chicago culture sites. The "German Student Visit Account" was established in December 2006 with a \$ 1000 donation from the Samels. Per original estimates, this account is still \$ 1000 under-funded. Funding needs for the group were discussed between Karen Rooney and the DGN parent coordinator and there needs to be some clarification on the issue, because the DGN parent coordinator didn't recall that either Booster group incurred expenses for the most recent visit of German students to Downers Grove.

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

Renata Allelujka provided the following Music Bowl Report.

"Save the Date" cards were mailed to 224 schools last week. Cards and labels printed at school. Thanks to directors.

Judges are being secured: 3 by Ron at IMEA, 1 so far by Renata. Numerous messages have been left for others. This will continue until the panel of 11 is secured. Confirmation letter will be sent in March.

No co-chair as yet secured.

Finance Committee needs to meet to determine: "seed" money needed for upfront expenses; "reserve" fund in case of inclement weather in 2007; and the amount from 2006 bowl available to help at March budget preparations

Renata will email the directors and members several date options and try to pin down the meeting date.

Music Bowl Committee will meet to determine 2007 budget and committee structure and vacancies. Renata will email committee members and anyone else interested in participating with a few meeting possibilities and set the date

In light of the fact that state university budgets have been cut and we would have to pay for a university exhibition band's transportation cost (which could be several thousand dollars), and the comments that our dinner break is too long but we need the time for the judges, Renata has been investigating possibility of a junior high marching band presentation at the dinner break, namely, the drumline from Eisenhower. We should be looking to tap that market in advance of their progressing to high school so there is some recognition of our event and it's hard to come up with another exhibition group.

St. Scholastica will be invited to perform the national anthem.

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

Tracy Danko reported that an e-mail would be sent requesting refreshments for the upcoming concerts, on Feb. 15th and 22nd. Also, there will be Butterbraid samples.

Spring Banquet: No update on the Spring Banquet at this time.

## **UNIFORM COORDINATORS' REPORT**

Terry Vanderjack and Diane Mendoza took an action to find current pricing for marching band shoes, to be able to update the registration forms to be distributed on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS' REPORT**

Alice Luetger reported that she had adequate chaperones for the IMEA Peoria trip.

## **PARENT COORDINATORS**

Color Guard and Chaperone Coordinator: No current activities and no report at this time.

Jazz: Laura Sorce reviewed some additional highlights from the Jazz report, including the 2007 Purdue Jazz Festival, where the three ensembles earned a Division I rating. Several students were chosen by the judges for performing outstanding solos or for having outstanding musicianship: Justin Kono – combo/drum set; Dave Kopka – Jazz Lab Ensemble/drum set  
Zach Munoz – combo and Jazz Ensemble/bass; Ben Sorce – Jazz Ensemble/trombone  
Tim Strening – Jazz Ensemble/drum set; Lauren Wood – Jazz Lab Ensemble/baritone saxophone

Justin Kono was selected as one of 5 outstanding soloists in the combo performance room, earning a full scholarship to the Indiana University Summer Music Clinic.

Additionally, in comparison to other junior varsity groups, Jazz Lab Ensemble was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place and received the Judges Award for outstanding performance during the course of the day

The Jazz Lab Ensemble performed at the Frank Mantooh Jazz Festival at New Trier High School on Saturday, February 3, 2007. From the ensemble sophomore Kurt Spriet, tenor saxophone and sophomore Doug Masek, percussion, were selected as Outstanding Musicians/Soloists.

The Jazz Ensemble will perform at the Evanston Township High School Jazz Festival this Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 3:00 PM. Additionally, the Jazz Combo will perform at 1:20 PM.

Jazz listeners were once again treated to the amazing sounds of Ron Carter and the acclaimed NIU Jazz Ensemble on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at DGN. Next year (February of 2008), this event will be hosted at DGS.

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

Larry Masek inquired about the update of the scholarship form discussed at earlier meetings. The forms should be available in the band room. Marla will e-mail it to Larry.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS- NEXT BOOSTER MEETING**

The next meeting is Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM in DGS room D180 (1 week later than usual due to school holiday). The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.