

**Community High School District 99 – South Campus
Mustang Band Boosters
February 2, 2009 – Minutes**

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Jama at 7:07 p.m. Board Members in attendance were Cathy Jama, Kathy Gabric, Karen Rooney, Alene Ackerman, Paul Meek, Laura Sorce, Lynn Strantz, Jill Pruett, Deb Stanger, Cheri Kirkpatrick, Terri Vanderjack, Mike Hutton, Mike Klimczak, Lynn Filla-Clark, Gary Kral, Craig Roselieb, Ron Hornish, Nadine Bahaveolos, Sonia Neumann, Jan Petrukovich, Rita Bair, Joe Strantz, Lita Proksa, Tina Jones, William Glenn Clark, and Cathy Olewinski.

Guests: Brian Vanderjack.

Cathy Jama introduced Cathy Olewinski, the new Music Bowl Co-Chair, and Sonia Neumann, who will be taking the Marching Band pictures.

- II. **Student Band President Report:** No report.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** The Approval for the January 5, 2009 meeting minutes was tabled. The minutes will be circulated via email for comments and approval.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Paul Meek reported the following:

Total cash receipts during the month of January were \$11,788, while total cash disbursements were \$6,278.

The primary sources of cash were as follows: Music Bowl Payment, City of Downers Grove - \$6,500; Purdue Jazz Trip Student Payments - \$2,730; Carrabbas Fundraiser Receipts - \$1,437; Music Bowl DVD Purchases - \$510; December Market Day - \$476.

The major categories of payments during the month were: Minnesota Hotel Final Payment - \$3,486; Carrabbas Fundraiser Payment - \$1,080; Uniform Cleaning - \$683; Scholarships for Student Lessons - \$400; Transfers From Student Accounts For Lessons - \$400.

The amount shown as income from Market Day will be decreased in January, as this amount does not yet reflect any transfers to Student Accounts.

The Purdue Jazz Trip balance currently includes the payment of only a deposit for the rooms at Purdue, and additional payments are still expected for this event.

Total Cash On Hand at January 31 = \$66,908.

The Budget Committee, comprising of Cathy Jama, Craig Roselieb, Alene Ackerman, Paul Meek and Lynn Filla-Clark, will present the 2009-2010 budget proposal at the March 2, 2009, meeting.

- V. **Financial Secretary's Report:** Laura Sorce reported the following:

The balance in Student Accounts, as of January 31, 2008, was \$12,560.35. There was no revenue added to Student Accounts in January. Expenses in January were for Music

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Lessons, the Purdue Jazz Festival trip, and the Carrabbas fundraiser. Total expenses in January were \$859.00.

The balance in Student Accounts, as of January 31, 2008, is **\$11,701.35**.

VI. Band Directors' Report: Craig Roselieb & Ron Hornish reported on the following:

A. 2009-2010 Marching Band Dates: Tentative Marching Band dates were circulated at the meeting. In summary:

- February 24 – Get Acquainted night
- All Spring and Winter rehearsals reduced to 2 hours (6:00 -8:00 p.m.), with 3-4 rehearsals per month
- June 11 – Parent Social
- July – Summer sectionals at school with staff supervision
- August – Drills
- The full 2009/2010, music and drill, learned by the end of Band Camp

B. Spring Break 2010 Trip: A proposal for a trip to New Orleans, including a day of service to help rebuilt the city, was proposed to the Board. Objections to a New Orleans trip were raised and, following discussion, preferred trip locations were narrowed down to Florida and California. Mr. Roselieb will look into these venues and report back at the next meeting.

C. Microphone Purchase: Mr. Roselieb presented a proposal to the Board for the purchase of a pair of Neumann KM 184 stereo microphones, exactly matched, at a cost of \$1,799.00 (list price is \$2,298.00 per pair). Following discussion, it was proposed that the funds to purchase these microphones would be: \$500 from the Directors Discretionary Fund; \$500 from the FOFA budget line item; \$200 from the Downers Grove South Music Budget; and \$599, plus any shipping costs, from the Kiwanis Peanut fundraiser profit.

Cathy Jama asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the Neumann microphones, using funds as detailed above. XXX made such motion: Gary Kral seconded the motion and the Executive Board unanimously approved the motion to purchase the microphones at 7:20 p.m.

D. 2009 Marching Mustangs:

- Recruitment Night is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- Tentative budget - \$34,000, based on 140 students. (For information, there were 110 freshmen sign-ups for marching band plus 50 Color Guard sign-ups – with 20 duplicates.)
- Music Bowl plans for approximately \$1,300 of \$2,700 available funds for Marching Mustang spending.
- Plans for a clinic conducted by University of Minnesota staff during the 3rd week of June (16th-18th).

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E. Upcoming Concert Dates:

- Metamora – February 21. Depart from school at 11:00 a.m.; returning at approximately 10:00 p.m. Eight bus chaperones will be needed.
- North Shore Concert Band – February 15 at 3:00 p.m.
- North Shore Music Festival – March 21. Eight bus chaperones will be needed.
- The Music Directors are requesting a Contest Fee Contingency line item for the next budget due to the overall tightening of the school budget.

F. Chamber Music Program: Plans are for the following: Trombone Choir; Trumpet Ensemble; Clarinet Choir; Tubas & Euphoniums; and Saxophone Choir. Costs are estimated at \$400-450 per chamber group, with a budget of \$2,850. The Chamber recital is scheduled for May 11. Monika Cunningham asked the Band Directors to consider designating one of the Marching Band practices as Picture Day and advising her of the date decided upon.

G. Percussion Ensemble & Steel Drums: Plans are being made for a junior percussion ensemble, with invites being made to Junior High percussionists and younger DGS percussionists. There is no cost associated to this.

VII. President's Report: Cathy Jama reported the following:

A. FOFA: The FOFA Cookie Dough fundraiser will take place from March 3rd through March 24th, with order pick-up on April 13th.

B. Thanks: Cathy Jama thanked Joe Strantz for a successful Jazz Café and trip to the Purdue Jazz Festival; Lita Proksa for the Jazz Café table décor; Kathy Gabric and Mike Klimczak for the new design of the Mustang Band Boosters web site; and all volunteers who helped out at the Freshman Open House.

C. Nominating Committee: The Committee have recruited volunteers for most of the vacant Board positions for next year, and are continuing to contact band student parents for the remaining vacant positions.

D. Budget Committee: The Committee will after the February 2nd Board meeting is adjourned. The proposed 2009/2010 budget will be presented at the next Board meeting (March 2, 2009).

VIII. Vice President of Membership's Report: Alene Ackerman reported the following:

A. Marching Mustangs: As of 02/02/2009, 119 students were registered for the 2008 Marching Mustangs. A total of \$53,151.85 in payments has been collected. A total of \$0 remains to be collected. All contracts, health forms, and insurance card copies have been submitted.

B. General Band: As of 2/2/09, a total of \$4,650.00 in Booster membership dues has been submitted for the 2008-09 school year. One deposit totaling \$50.00 in Membership fees was submitted to the treasurer for December. There are currently

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92 students whose families have joined the Mustang Band Boosters. All officers of this organization have paid the band membership fee for this.

IX. Vice President of Ways & Means Report:

- A. Butter Braids (Nadine Bahaveolos): Butter braid samples will be available at both of the February concerts. Orders will be due by February 25th with delivery scheduled for March 14th.
- B. Market Day (Laura Feste/Genelle Williams): There are two more Band Market Days this school year – February and May.
- C. Store Fundraisers (Ellen Casey): No report.
- D. Restaurant Fundraisers (Debbie Spiewak/Marilyn Bottorff): A fundraiser with Noodles and Company is tentatively scheduled for March 2nd.
- E. Plants: The order forms are available and will soon be loaded onto the web site. There is already a firm commitment to order 400 flats from the Hunsingers.
- F. Band Merchandise (Kristin Meek): No report.

X. Parent Coordinators' Reports: Joe Strantz reported on the following

- A. 2009 Pursue Jazz Festival Results: Both the Jazz Ensemble and the Jazz Lab Band earned "Division 1" ratings, the highest rating. The following students were selected as outstanding soloists: Alex Bahaveolos (trombone); Elliot Bild (trumpet); Carmine Calabria (drum set/vibes); Hank Gordon (bass); Matt Kowalski (trombone); Zach Munoz (bass); Justin Proksa (tenor saxophone); Mitch Reeter (trombone) Ruth (slot saxophone); and Callie Sorce (alto saxophone). In addition both ensembles were awarded "Outstanding Performance" by their room adjudicators, and both chosen as "2nd Place" during the day.
- B. 2009 Jazz Café: Joe Strantz thanked Lita Proksa and Laura Sorce for the help with this year's Jazz Café.
- C. IMEA Jazz Honors: Congratulations were given to Matt Kowalski, Junior trombonist, for being selected as lead trombonist in the 2009 IMEA All-State Honors Jazz Ensemble.
- D. Columbia College at DGS: On Tuesday, January 20, 2009 the Columbia College Faculty Jazz Sextet performed at DGS.
- E. NIU Jazz Clinic at DGN – February 6, 2009: Scheduled: Trumpeter Lew Soloff will perform with the NIU Jazz Ensemble, as well as performances by the DGS Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab. Adult tickets (\$8) and student tickets (\$6) will be available at the door.

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- F. Jazz Ensemble at Hackneys', LaGrange: Scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, the DGS Jazz Ensemble will open for the professional group BRASS TACKS JAZZ ORCHESTRA.
- G. Mundelein Jazz Fest – March 14: Both the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band will perform and compete at this festival. Specific performance times will be released in the next few weeks.

XI. Vice President of Communications Report: (Kathy Gabric)

- A. Mustang Band Fanfare: The bi-monthly fanfare was published on January 29th. A copy was emailed to all band boosters with email addresses, and posted on the web site.
- B. Website: The DGS band booster website has recently been overhauled. The new version looks cleaner and more appealing and is meant to be easier to use since the same format is used on all pages. Band Booster Board members have been asked to review the website and report any important information that has been omitted and to provide suggestions that will improve its functionality.

XII. Volunteer Coordinator's Report (Mike Hutton):

Eight parent volunteers were needed for the Midwest Music Festival on February 21. Additional volunteers for upcoming events will be solicited as necessary.

XIII. Social Activities Coordinator (Deb Stanger):

Deb Stanger will send out an email asking for volunteers for the concert nights on February 12th and 19th and also asking for treats to be donated for each of these nights.

XIV. Spring Banquet (Lita Proksa/Tina Jones)

The Spring Banquet is scheduled for April 23rd in the Cafetorium, with awards being presented following dinner in the Auditorium. The menu will be an Italian theme.

XV. Equipment Coordinator's Report: Gary Kral reported the following:

The following equipment/items maintained/repaired:

Miscellaneous

Repaired two (2) Trace Elliott tube amplifiers; refurbished Leslie Rotary Speaker/accessories.

The following equipment/items pending:

Equipment:

1. Replace wood decking on scaffold – plywood in trailer already
2. Repair extra tire for marimba cart
3. Fabricate cymbal stand for new marimba cart (requested by Dwayne Rawl).

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Trailer:

1. Install non-slip strips on trailer ramp.

XVI. Marketing/Public Relations Report: Jill Pruett reported the following:

Three Jazz articles have been posted on TribLocal online – Jazz Café, Purdue Festival and NIU Concert – and one additional article for the Fine Arts Department. The articles were also sent to the Reporter and Sun.

XVII. Videography (Ed Kopytko & Matt Luetger)

No report.

XVIII. History/Traditions Secretary's Report (Mike Klimczak)

No report, but mention was made that all DGS Marching Band trophies were on display at the Open House evenings.

XIX. Uniform Coordinators' Report: (Terri Vanderjack & Cheri Kirkpatrick)

No report.

XX. Music Bowl Coordinator's Report. Lynn Filla-Clark reported the following:

1. 2008 Music Bowl – Final numbers for profits were \$29,659.06. Work is progressing on allocating how to use the funds. Some are standard, such as start-up for this year's bowl, and rainy day funds for this year. A preliminary email has been prepared to send to the Music Bowl Finance Committee and Mr. Roselieb will be sending information regarding leadership training.
2. Cathy Olewinski has agreed to Co-Chair the Music Bowl and take over as Chair for the 2010 Bowl. Cathy will work closely with Lynn Filla-Clark on the planning of the 2009 Music Bowl.

Lynn Filla-Clark made a motion, seconded by Mike Klimczak, to approve the appointment of Cathy Olewinski as Music Bowl Co-Chair. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. The Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove approved the request for a 2009 Music Bowl grant in the amount of \$5,000.
4. Most Music Bowl Chair and shadow positions have been filled, as follows: Parking Co-Chair: Joe Zlotnicki; Stadium Co-Chairs: Nina Fortin and Wally Olewinski; Sponsorship Chair: Cathy Jama; Ticketing Co-Chair: Kathy Perez (*this may change to Concessions Co-Chair*); Unit Movement: Ron and Debbie Baade; Volunteers: Kristen Meek; Video: Matt Luetger; Website: Matt Jones. Positions that still need to be filled are: Concessions Co-Chair and someone to shadow Jill Pruett for Publicity.
5. "Save The Date" postcards were sent on January 29th to Marching Band Directors throughout Illinois, along with some sent to Band Directors in Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin. It was suggested that an invitation be sent to Irondale Marching Band in

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- Minnesota, where the Mustang Marching Band are scheduled to perform in September 2009.
6. Status of Judges – Emails have been sent to the 12 judges of last year's Music Bowl. Nine (9) have said yes (2 of these have expressed interest in switching if other positions became available); one (1) is a likely no (Jeffrey Peterson – Color Guard); and two (2) have still to respond: Dwight Emmert – Visual General Effect; Dean Adamczyk – Percussion.
 7. Letters & applications will start being sent this February. Competition slots will be assigned first to prior participating bands, with the remaining bands on the list towards end of February/early March.

XXI. Miscellaneous, Unfinished Business & New Business

- A. Nominating Committee: The slate for 2009/2010 will be presented at the March 2nd meeting for approval.
- B. 2009/2010 Budget Committee: The Committee will present the proposed 2009/2010 budget for discussion and approval at the March 2nd meeting.
- C. Picture Day: August 25th.

XXII. Announcements

The next Booster meeting will be held on Monday, March 9th, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Orchestra Room.

XXIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.