

## MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MINUTES September 12, 2016

### I. Call to Order (Gretchen Shearer): 7:02 pm

The meeting was called to order by Gretchen Shearer. Executive Board members in attendance included Gretchen Shearer, Arvinda Patel, Linda Kozak, Craig Roselieb, Greg Hensel, Diane Ansah, Robert Brandt, Christina Wiseman, Peggy Nuccio, Tom Roth, Kathy Seitz, Barbara Rustik, Teri Azzarello, Jamie Nolan, Christy Gergits, Amy Burrows, Dorothy Daniele, and Kelly Wygonski (VP - Music Bowl Shadow). General Board members in attendance were Chris Arlt, Gerry Piccoli, Mike Legel,

### II. Approval Minutes – Recording Secretary (Arvinda Patel):

No changes were to be made to the August 1, 2016 meeting minutes.

Motion for Approval of August 1, 2016 minutes by: Peggy Nuccio

Motion seconded by: Amy Burrows

Time of Approval: 7:03pm.

### III. President's Report (Gretchen Shearer):

Gretchen reported the following:

**Budget meeting** - met and identified costs.

**Car Wash** – Thank you to all the parents and students who participated, especially Gerry Piccoli, who helped with logistics beforehand, and Amy Piccoli, who helped all day. The car wash report is deferred to Ways and Means.

**Band Camp** – Thank you to Theresa Herstowski and Christina Wiseman for feeding the band and the legion of parents who stepped up to help serve through the week. Christina also did triple duty collecting membership forms and performing first aid. I would like to thank Sue Seelander, Carrie VanGeertry and Jen Bouquet, who helped me buy and distribute the ice cream before the Senior Wills at Band camp.

**Senior Night** – A huge thank you to past president Carol Tedeschi for her assistance in preparing the supplies for the senior signs and to Sue Seelander, Bernadette Campbell, Chris Roth, Jeannie Nortier, Lori Prokes, Cathy Tyrell, Heidi Pawelczyk, Galinda Tunney, Dorothy Daniele and Al Daniele, who answered my call for help in assembling the signs. Thanks also to Theresa Herstowski for taking pictures (which you can find on the booster website) and Julia Kohnke for lending me a Cricut machine.

**Picture Night** – The Horn Line and Percussion had their pictures taken, the color guard had theirs deferred until their uniforms arrived. Thank you to Samantha Torres, who is the picture day coordinator, Heidi Pawelczyk, Dorothy Daniele, Mrs Porcaro, and the uniform moms. The picture day volunteers recommend that picture day be scheduled on a rehearsal day. The students are more focused and efficient if they know they have to get back on the field. Color guard pictures will be coordinated by Chris Roth.

**BOA Indianapolis trip** – Hotel reservation have been made through the housing bureau. We will be staying at the StayBridge Suites, Indianapolis Fishers. Gretchen is looking into the buses.

**Nominations update** - The process of finding shadows for graduating parents continues. We have a potential uniform shadow (Lora Laflin). We are looking for shadows for Water Coordinator and car wash coordinators. We also have to fill the duties that Tom Roth currently performs. John Azzarello has agreed to drive the truck and oversee loading and unloading for competitions. We will need to find helpers for props (building and maintenance) and pit crew liaison. A link will be put up on our website

for all open slots. A winter guard coordinator is also needed for this season as well as future. Gretchen would be having a chat with Raul about this.

**Band Banquet Date** – November 17, 2016.

#### **IV. VP of Music Bowl Report (Peggy Nuccio):**

Peggy reported that student sign-up sheets will be hung in the band room this week. We will have Music Bowl day of jobs and Flyer distribution sign ups. Each day is worth 1 service credit, regardless of how many hours worked. We have 21 bands signed up, only 1 less than last year. We are waiting on payments from 4 bands. Several emails and invoices have been sent. Director's packets have been sent to all confirmed bands and all necessary documents for staging and programs have been received. We had a planning meeting on September 1. Set up for the bowl is planned for Friday, October 7, beginning at 3:30 so that we can be mostly finished before the North/South game at North. We need MANY volunteers so if anyone has a favorite area to work, sign up early. Volunteer slots are posted in Charms. A work order meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 2:30 for Music Bowl chairs, president, custodial staff, band directors and administration. Upcoming Committee planning meeting dates are September 22- 7:00 PM (might be okay to have an email meeting). Final walk through is at 6:00 on October 6. The volunteer meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4 from 7:30 – 9:00. Peggy reminded Craig to order trophies and prepare the staging schedules for distribution by Thursday of this week. Craig informed her that the schedule was completed and emailed already. Craig also informed the board that Eisenhower has confirmed to play the national anthem at 7:00pm (beginning of finals).

#### **V. Treasurer's Report (Linda Kozak):**

Linda reported that the total cash receipts during the month of August were \$8,371.81 while total cash disbursements during the same month were \$19,062.13. The primary sources of cash were as follows: Deposits for Car Wash: \$1,192.00; Music Bowl: \$3,150.00; Spirit Wear: \$2,821.50; Schwans: \$987.06. The primary disbursements were R&S Marching Arts \$3,626.60; Howell Welding: \$2,073.75; Al's Pizzeria \$3,343.43; Holy Cow Sports \$2,221.50; Staff payments \$6,600.00.

#### **VI. Jazz Report (Glen Williams):**

**Jazz Auditions:** After a record number of students auditioned for jazz bands at South High School, we are thrilled to announce we have three complete big bands. The ensembles are just entering their first full week of rehearsals, and so far, it is clear the school year holds much sonic promise for each of the three ensembles. With three full big bands, this is the largest number of student musicians enrolled in jazz in the history of South High School!

**Homecoming Variety Show:** Both Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Band will perform in the Homecoming Variety Show on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 7 PM in the auditorium at South High School.

Tickets are available at the door for this always entertaining spectacle that features a variety of student-led performing ensembles

#### **VII. Band Director's Report (Craig Roselieb):**

Craig reported the following:

##### **2016 Marching Mustangs**

- Membership stands at 142, 1 color guard student recently dropped

- Registration through the 8 to 18 form has been completed, and a total of \$7,467.00 for 131 of the 142 members will be transferred to a different school account.
- Color Guard equipment and Prop budget discussion – 11 students are fee waived. Possible funds from scholarship fund??

#### **Music Bowl Things To Do**

- 21 bands are currently signed up.
- Eisenhower has confirmed their participation for the National Anthem at 7 pm
- Schedule completed, and trophies to be ordered this week

#### **Student Activities Office Info**

- Jennifer Martinez is the new Student Activities director. Music Bowl meeting on Wednesday, September 21, at 2:30 pm
- New DGS Spanish teacher, Melissa Deneufbourg, is a graduate of U of I, (marching Illini) and want to join the marching band staff as a woodwind instructor and special aid for one of our students, paid by a school stipend
- MWCGC and WGI winter guard fees are being paid by the school for the 2017 season

#### **Outback Bowl Trip**

- As of Today, we have 109 people signed up for the trip including 3 directors, 4 chaperones, and 102 students. We will keep the registration open until September 15 (after the fall parent night)
- We will be able to participate in all aspects of the trip except field show competition at this point, still not enough marching band students.
- More chaperones are needed. Volunteers?

#### **Band Director To-Do List – Other Stuff**

Greg Hensel requested funds to bring in a group of musicians to come play for our bands and have a Q&A session. Total funds requested \$1,500. Craig suggested using the funds in general band set for clinicians. Some board members suggested an evening performance so that interested parents and other audience may attend as well.

### **VIII. Ways & Means Report (Amy Burrows):**

Amy reported the following:

- Schwan's: Families still have 15 days to earn 5% for student accounts. \$987.07 was received July 27, 2016. \$1,214 is up to date total. This is a good replacement for Market Day fundraiser.
- Car Wash from Gretchen: Car was held on August 13 from 10:00am – 3:00 pm. 52 student volunteers and 20 adult volunteers turned up to help. Cash received \$1,212 of which \$494.50 went to student accounts. Cozzi Corner proceeds were \$225. Total profits for band budget was \$942.50. Thank you to Gretchen Shearer for chairing this event!
- Fasano's pies: Fresh pies, baked morning of delivery, which would be the Monday before Thanksgiving. Pies would still be good for Thanksgiving. \$5 per pie profit, which would be split 50/50 between student accounts and the band. Pies will sell for \$10-\$15 each. Basic flavors would be pecan, pumpkin, blueberry, apple, cherry. This fundraiser would replace the cheesecake fundraiser.
- Entertainment book/app: \$25 entertainment book. Sale of 1-149 books would get us \$5 profit per book; 150+ books would mean a profit of \$10 per book. \$20 digital card would result in \$8 profit per card. General consensus was not to do this fundraiser.
- Dodge Test Drive- Peggy? Deferred to next year.
- Savers: October 29 during the October mini-camp. Student and adult volunteers would be needed.

- Restaurant Fundraisers: Home Run Inn 20% on November 2, 2016. Other fundraisers were Zoup and Woodgrain Pizzeria.
- Stadium Chairs: Initial order only 36 chairs; 3-5 weeks required for printing; \$45-\$55 per chair is the suggested sales price.

**IX. Membership Report (Christina Wiseman via email):**

Christina reported on the following:

**Marching Band 2016-2017**

The marching band roster is now at 142 students. Since the last meeting we had 2 students drop out. Neither one of them had made any payments. There are still way too many students who have not made payments with the majority of it coming from the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> payment. Our budget for marching fees is \$60,750 (135 students @\$450 and this doesn't count the activity fee). With our roster coming in above budget (142 (\$63,900) students vs. 135), along with the \$2,200 in reduced fees due to fee waiver (11 families @ \$200 reduction each of which 2 have paid in full), this will give us a surplus of \$900. All forms have been collected. There are a few insurance cards needed still but the ones we do need we have a copy from last year on file. There has to be a better way to collect these forms so we are not collecting them the week of band camp in August. We are fortunate that all the forms were turned in with the staff having to call an ambulance during camp. Without the Medical Release form there could have been a major problem. Christina is open to suggestions on how to collect forms and payments on a timely manner.

**Financial activity for marching band fees:**

\$41,773.00	Beginning balance 8/1/16
0.00	Deposits
13,384.00	Deposits – given to Treasurer at Booster meeting
0.00	Refund issued for student
1,900.00	Transfers from student accounts for marching fees
<u>\$57,057.00</u>	Marching fees collected as of 9/12/16
<u>\$57,057.00</u>	Total marching fees accounted for as of 9/12/16

Of the above total we will need to pay the activity fee, which will be about \$8,000 that will come out of the band fees we have collected.

**General Band 2016-2017**

**Membership Dues:**

We currently have 33 families that have become contributing members of the Band Boosters for the 2016-2017 school year.

\$ 350.00	Beginning balance 8/1/16
0.00	Deposits
1,300.00	Deposits given to Treasurer at meeting
<u>\$ 1,650.00</u>	Balance as of 9/12/16

Craig suggested that in the future collection of forms and payments can be put on 8 to 18 to ensure timely submission of forms and fees.

## **X. Student Accounts (Kathy Seitz):**

Kathy reported that the balance of Student Accounts as of August 1, 2016 was \$14,024.39. Expenses in August include: \$1,600.00 for Marching Band payments. The balance in Student Accounts as of August 31, 2016 is \$12,424.39

## **XI. Uniforms Report (Barb Rustik, Teri Azzarello):**

Barb reported the following: With our first football game and competition behind us – we'd like to mention some items that we noticed:

- Loft repair – metal shelf holding hats requires permanent repair. We understand that a temporary fix was made, however, the boxes for the percussion section are sitting on the floor and are getting jostled around. They are completely in the way when students are returning their uniforms to the loft at the end of the night.
- Transportation of hat boxes on the buses – I can only speak for Bus #4, but the Drum Major assigned to that bus had a difficult time ensuring that all hats were accounted for. Hats need to be grouped by sections for ease of counting. Directors, please share this suggestion with them or have them come up with a solution that works best for them.
- Plumes – Let's just say, they've seen better days. We have quite a few plumes that are losing their feathers. Either due to wearing them in questionable weather or the constant plume being put on and taken off – replaced in the case and then removed from the case. Additionally, the plume cases are taken a beating. Both are ripped and will need to be replaced at the end of the season. This leads us to.....
- Broken Hats – We have 3 broken hats so far – all having to do with the plume clip. When the clip is broken, our only option due to the hats design is to have the entire hat sent to Bandmans for repair.
- Sick Kids – We had an unusual amount of kids sick on Saturday. We don't want to speak for Chris Wiseman, as she may not be at every competition, but we need a nurse or a medical coordinator to stay with the students at all times. On Saturday, we were asked by students if we had medication with us (Tylenol or Advil) or we had kids who were nauseous, light-headed and looked like they're going to throw up. Directors and staff turn to us because we're "moms" and think we should step in as the nurse. We don't know a student's medical history and we will not administer any medication.
- Lost shoes – We had one student who lost his shoes between our home opener and the competition. We are requesting that the Directors talk about individual responsibility at the next Section Leader meeting. We were lucky that we had an extra pair of shoes with us (although they weren't his exact size.)
- Lastly, this doesn't fall under uniforms, but we all agreed it warranted mentioning at the meeting. The Drum Major costumes. You buy cheap – you get cheap. The material is so thin, you can see through them. Jake's costume doesn't even have a zipper on the pants for him to go to the bathroom – he has to take the entire outfit off .....The tops on the girls are downright unacceptable. They need to wear a leotard and seriously..... who thought white was the way to go? The costumes are already dirty.

## **XII. Video Report**

Mike reported that he has taped and edited four performances so far. Each has been edited with two videos (Wide Angle and Multi Camera) uploaded to YouTube. The event and the number of views for each are as follows:

- 1) Band Camp, 424 Views
- 2) Football Half Time September 2, 2016, 428 Views
- 3) Lake Park Preliminary Competition, 102 Views
- 4) Lake Park Final Competition, 227 views

They are being watched in a number of states from California to Massachusetts. Band Camp had 4 hits from Lithuania? Mike is trying to capture all of the solo performances at least once this year. If anyone sees something that Mike is missing, please let him know. Three or four years ago he received a message from one of the color guard moms that he had missed her daughter's solo for the full season. He is trying to avoid that. He should be at most if not all performances – football and competition - through the end of the season except BOA. With the right weather he will continue to use the three camera set up. Should we have rain storms, there will be fewer cameras uses and we will get what we get. Should still be able to generate the wide screen view and get some kind of audio. He will also be capturing the Music Bowl again this year – hopefully without the hurricane. He will produce a season performance compilation for the banquet again this year. The season end DVD has been started and hopefully will be delivered before Christmas. For purchasing of supplies he intends to order from his usual sources. If that is a problem with the way payments are processed now, please let me know.

## **XIII. Hospitality Report (Theresa Herstowksi via email):**

Theresa reported that all went fantastic during band camp. We managed the larger group well. They were big eaters despite the heat. The family picnic went great. The inside venue was great! Mr. Herstowski votes for that again! Thanks to everyone who came out to help! Many hands make light work. We look forward to feeding the band after the homecoming parade. Theresa cannot attend the meeting so she has asked to be emailed a list of other dates.

## **XIV. Miscellaneous, Unfinished Business, New Business:**

None

## **XV. Announcements:**

The next meeting is on October 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

## **XVI. Adjournment: 8:48 pm**