

MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MINUTES
February 6, 2017

I. Call to Order (Gretchen Shearer): 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Gretchen Shearer. Executive Board members in attendance included Gretchen Shearer, Arvinda Patel, Linda Kozak, Diane Ansah, Robert Brandt, Kathy Seitz, Barbara Rustik, Teri Azzarello, Amy Burrows, Dorothy Daniele, Kelly Wygonski, Craig Roselieb; Greg Hensel, Christina Wiseman; and Jaime Nolan. General Board members in attendance were Chris Arlt, Gerry Piccoli, Mike Legel, and Samantha Guagliardo. Guests in attendance were Adam Laird, the student teacher.

Gretchen introduced Adam Laird, the student teacher.

II. Band President's Report (Samantha Guagliardo)

Samantha reported that the Purdue trip was successful. The Jazz combos were great. Solos were successful as well. Upcoming is the NIU performance tomorrow, concerts on February 21 and February 28, and the Midwest Musical Festival. Four volunteers are needed for the Butter braid sampling at the 2 concerts and also for Butter braid order pick up in March.

III. Approval Minutes – Recording Secretary (Arvinda Patel):

Motion for Approval of January 9, 2017 minutes, with correction of end of season date to October 21, 2017 by: Dorothy Daniele

Motion seconded by: Linda Kozak

Time of Approval: 7:05 pm

IV. Band Director's Report (Craig Roselieb):

Craig reported the following:

2017 Marching Mustangs

- 2017 MM Calendar now on Google.
- U of I will be the overnight trip next year with an end of the year dance party on Saturday night.
- Leadership training will be on President's Day, Monday, February 20, 2017 with Brent Turner.
- Recruitment night changed to Monday, March 13, no change in format – will have student leaders.

Music Bowl Things To Do

- Music Bowl Date – October 14 – already 13 bands.
- Crosstown classic is Oct 13, but the Saturday morning football games can be played on the side fields or played on the North campus.

Student Activities Office Info

- Winter Guard payments nearing completion – 21 members.
- Decision needed for online fee collected for 2017 MM – Additional fee to be announced.

Concert Band Info

- Concerts on Tuesdays, February 21, and Feb 28 (Butter braid treats??).
- Midwest Music Festival, Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Lemont HS. 4 chaperones needed.

Band Director To-Do List – Other Stuff

- Kane County Cougars Date Sunday, August 13, 2017.

- Bowling Night changed to Saturday, March 18, 2017.
- MM Budget ready for approval.
- Junior High night is this week (Friday). Theresa needs help with food. 80 kids out of 111 registered for band. 58 signed up for Marching Band of which 15 were for color guard. Staff meets on February 14 to talk about the show.

V. President's Report (Gretchen Shearer):

Gretchen reported the following:

- Thanks to the Jazz co-ordinators, Gerry and Amy Piccoli, and the other volunteers for all their work in January, the Jazz café and the Purdue trip.
- Scholarships: Should we allow Color Guard members to be allowed to apply for two in one calendar year, if they carry out the volunteer requirements? **It was decided that as long as the students have the required volunteer requirement per scholarship, they can apply for more than 1 scholarship.** Should start next school year to allow enough time to complete the requirements. **Yes.** Should we have a hardship consideration? **Yes.** This year's announcement will go out this week using previous requirements including 3 service credits (not hours). Upcoming opportunities would include butter braid pick-up, the plant sale and the spring banquet. A suggestion was made to include parent volunteer hours as part of the scholarship requirements, and Gretchen reminded the board that it would have to be written up in the bylaws and proposed and passed by the board to be put into effect.

VI. VP of Music Bowl's Report (Kelly Wygonski and Dorothy Daniele):

Kelly reported the following:

Registration opened on January 13th, after deciding on a new Music Bowl date of October 14th even though this is also the ISU Competition date. Currently 13 bands have signed up: 4 Triple A, 8 Double A and 1 Single A. Email blasts are sent out weekly to over 120 directors to invite them to sign up. Goal is to have 20-23 bands compete. The first batch of invoices were sent out today to the 13 participating bands via e-mail. Greendale, Wisconsin & Davenport, Iowa have responded that they will not be attending as it is their respective state's competitions that day as well but they want to be kept on the list for 2018.

- Dorothy contacted our first choice round of judges last week and happily we have 7 acceptances and 1 possible. We have not heard yet from 2, and the announcer.
- The U of Illinois band is not available to perform on our date, may consider asking U of Iowa as many local kids attend there and it would boost ticket sales.
- Need to contact the Jr. High band to perform National Anthem. Eisenhower was last year so in keeping with the rotation it would be Lakeview up this year. Craig will be checking with Jefferson first as they are next in line.

Hosted a committee chair transition meeting last week at Home Run Inn for all 2016 chairs and any new parents interested in becoming a chair for this year, or a shadow. Unfortunately, we only had 2 new parents attend. Galinda Tunney will be shadowing Theresa Herstowski for Hospitality Chair and Dave Leatherwood would like to be involved but not sure where or how much. We will be talking to him further to find a good fit for his talents. Fortunately we did have others contact us to join. Rob Perry will be shadowing our 2 Parking Dad's (the Dan's) who will have Seniors next year, and Melody Jankowski & Tracy Wade will join Linda Kozak in Finance.

We have other parents we are going to talk to this month about Chair positions or Shadowing. **Our Current Needs are as follows:** 2 Volunteer Chairs; 1 add'l Stadium Chair and 1-2 shadows; 2 Raffle Committee Chairs; 2nd First Aid Chair; 2nd Parking Shadow; 1 Publicity/Marketing Shadow; 1 Ticketing Shadow; 1 Web Site Shadow, and "possibly" 2 Sponsorship Chairs, although there was much conversation about rolling this position into the Program Ads Committee as it overlaps heavily with what they already do.

VII. Treasurer's Report (Linda Kozak):

Linda reported on the budget for the 2016-2017 year. Numbers pretty much balanced out with a couple of outstanding bills. There is still an amount to be collected from the last season. Currently the focus is on collecting winter guard fees. The budget committee had met and completed the budget for the 2017-2018 year. Gretchen asked the board for a motion for approval of the 2017-2018 budget.

Motion for approval of the proposed budget by: Christy Gergits

Seconded by: Kelly Wygonski

Time of Approval: 8:01 pm

The proposed budget was approved with all yes votes.

VIII. Jazz Report (Glen Williams via email):

Gerry reported the following on behalf of Glenn:

Don't Miss The NIU/D99 Jazz Festival: Be sure and catch all the D99 Jazz Ensembles performing with the renowned NIU Jazz Ensemble on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove. NIU Professor Geof Bradfield will be the featured guest artist. Tickets are available at the door - \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. This is an annual patron favorite, especially when at the Tivoli – grab some popcorn, sit in a comfy chair, and listen to some great jazz music!

2017 Purdue Jazz Festival Recap: Each ensemble from South High School received a Division I rating from the panel of judges. This is the highest possible rating on the scoring rubric. In addition to the outstanding ensemble performances, 22 students were recognized by the panel of judges for displaying outstanding musicianship either in improvised solos or in their ensemble playing.

- The Piccoli Chamber Ensemble earned “Judges Award ” for their room, meaning they were noticed by the judging panel for a particularly high level of sonic artistry during their performance. Additionally, senior Dan Piccoli earned a ½ scholarship to the Indiana University Summer Music Clinic for being selected as one of the top soloists in the entire room for the day.
- **Piller Chamber Ensemble – Division I Rating**
Outstanding Soloist Awards: Gabe Coughlin, bass; Bella Kelly, violin; Matt Laczynski, trombone; Brian Piller, tenor saxophone; Erik Seelander, trumpet
- **Piccoli Chamber Ensemble – Division I Rating and Judges Award**
Outstanding Soloist Awards: Jesse Knight, bass; Andrew Pawelczyk, drums; Dan Piccoli – saxophones; Adam Zlotnicki, trumpet; Named as a top student soloist in the room for the day, Dan Piccoli earned a ½ Scholarship to the Indiana University Summer Music Clinic.
- **Jazz Ensemble – Division I Rating**
Outstanding Soloist Awards: Allie Brandt; clarinet; Jesse Knight, bass; Dan Piccoli – alto saxophone; Brian Piller, tenor saxophone; Adam Zlotnicki, trumpet;
- **Jazz Workshop – Division I Rating**
Outstanding Soloist Awards: Blake Cassani, alto saxophone; Kyle Kotula, trombone; Nate Luczak, trombone.
- **Jazz Lab Band – Division I Rating**

Outstanding Soloist Awards: Matt Campbell, tenor saxophone; Agne Giedraityte, piano; Sam Guagliardo, trumpet; Harry Kamitani, violin; Isaac Rutledge, alto saxophone;

Jazz Ensemble at the Famous Jazz Showcase: Our jazz ensemble will open for the renowned Mark Colby Quartet at the Jazz Showcase on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Jazz Showcase in Chicago. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and are available at the door. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students to perform in one of the most historically significant spaces in the Midwest. Thanks in advance for coming out to support our Mustang musicians and hear the great Mark Colby Quartet.

Jazz Ensemble out in the Community: Our jazz ensemble and a small group will perform out on the community in the coming weeks – come and check it out:

- Sunday, February 5 – Small Group at Downers Grove First United Methodist Church
- Sunday, February 26 – Jazz Ensemble at Hinsdale United Methodist Church – 10:30 AM

Coming Events:

May 4: Spring Jazz Concert featuring all three big bands and both chamber groups.

May 23: Jazz Lab Band opens for the Pete Ellman Big Band at BaseCamp Pub and Eatery in Lisle, Illinois.

May 30: Jazz at Fishel Park– all 5 D99 bands share the stage for the opening of the DG Park District Summer Concert Series.

IX. VP of Ways and Means (Amy Burrows):

Amy reported the following:

Restaurant Fundraisers: Portillos: should this be a monthly restaurant fundraiser? Yes. The date this month is February 28, 2017.

Plant Sale: May 6 date for the calendar

Kane County Cougars: Date is set for August 13, 2017. The band will play the National Anthem. Tickets will be \$4/person. We have to pre-order tickets now (300) and pay 20% to hold date/tickets. The pre-order total can be raised or lowered. Check is already being processed

Butter Braids: Sale: Feb 20-Mar 3; Pick-up: March 8/9 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm; Samples for concerts (2/21 & 2/28). Many thanks to Chris Arlt.

Car Wash: Set for August 5, 2017.

Candlelight Bowl: March 18, 2017. Invitations will be given to students in the next 2 weeks to bring home to parents.

X. Membership (Christina Wiseman):

Christina reported the following:

Marching Band 2016-2017: There is still \$1,279.32 that needs to be collected in MM fees. As of this report she has transferred funds from student accounts as she had been instructed to do by Linda Kozak.

General Band 2016-2017: 69 families have become contributing members of the Band Boosters for the 2016-2017 school year. Beginning balance on January 9, 2017 was \$3,400. There was a deposit of \$50, bringing the balance on February 6, 2017 to \$3,450.

XI. VP of Student Accounts Report(Kathy Seitz):

Kathy reported that the balance of Student Accounts as of January 1, 2017 was \$10,717.51. Revenue in January includes: \$300.00 from Drum Major Scholarship. Expenses in January include:\$1,253.09 for Marching Band Payments and \$173.75 for Color Guard Shoe Payments. The balance in Student Accounts as of January 31, 2017 is \$9,590.67

XII. VP of Uniforms' Report (Barb Rustik, Teri Azzarello):

Terri reported that the committee members will be meeting on February 15, 2017 to get to uniforms ready for the cleaners. Craig suggested that old drum major uniforms be donated to the theatre department.

XIII. Miscellaneous, Unfinished Business, New Business:

Craig thanked Mike Legel for last season's videos. Greg announced that this year the band auditions will be different in that instead of playing in front of the director's, the students will play in front of judges. 8th graders have been invited for the auditions as well. Greg also announced that 6 students made it to state, of which 4 are clarinet players.

XIV. Announcements:

The next meeting is on March 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

XV. Adjournment: 8:36 pm