

**‘MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MINUTES**  
**January 9, 2017**

**I. Call to Order (Gretchen Shearer): 7:01 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, Craig Roselieb; Christina Wiseman; and Jaime Nolan. General Board members in attendance were Gerry Piccoli and Samantha Guagliardo.

**II. Band President’s Report (Samantha Guagliardo)**

Samantha reported that the Outback Bowl was a huge success and a lot of fun for everyone. The band did a nice job with the parade, and the ensemble concert, and the jazz band did extremely well. Overall the trip was successful. Upcoming events include the Jazz Café, and the trip to Purdue. Craig informed the board that the student leadership workshop is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

Linda had a correction in her report for the December minutes. The deposit reported as from the sell Fasano Pies 1,242.50 was actually the amount from the Savers fundraiser.

Motion for Approval of January 9, 2017 minutes, with the changes mentioned, by: Linda Kozak

Motion seconded by: Amy Burrows

Time of Approval: 7:05 pm

**IV. Band Director’s Report (Craig Roselieb):**

Craig reported the following:

**2017 Marching Mustangs**

- Tentative 2017 Schedule – Includes a July 1<sup>st</sup> Chicago Parade - \$1,400 income
- BOA dates really messed up the October schedule, so we are going to end our season at U of I on Oct 21, 2017
- Student leaders understand and are receptive to the idea of not competing next year at ISU as long as our goal is to win our class at U of I.
- U of I will be the overnight trip next year with an end of the year dance party on Saturday night.
- Leadership training will begin on President’s Day, Monday, February 20, 2017.
- Recruitment Night, Monday, February 13, will be the same, just without any leadership names.

**Music Bowl Things To Do**

- Music Bowl Date – Back to the drawing board. Best option is October 14, same as ISU.
- We will attract many bands not as competitive as ISU, and our finals will be an added bonus.
- Frank Bischoff sent a list of bands (120) that competed in October last year to start with.
- Crosstown classic is Oct 13, but the Saturday morning football games can be played on the side fields or played on the North campus.
- After concurring with the board, Craig made it official that the date can be announced to all.

**Student Activities Office Info**

- Winter Guard payments underway – 21 members.
- \$750 flag bill from last year is now accounted for.
- New bills coming in for new uniforms and flags.

## **Outback Bowl Trip**

- Thanks to all for a fantastic and successful trip – especially chaperones
- Craig forgot the tape - \$\$? Dorothy bought the tape and took care of it.
- Parent perspective of the trip is that the band rocked, especially the Jazz Band. Lots of good comments.

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

- Kane County Cougars Date?? Amy will call them again to set a date.
- Bowl Payments online – update. Extra fee of 3.5% would be incurred and a decision had to be made as to who was going to pay for that.
- Budget meeting needed – significantly lower budget. Budget committee was scheduled to meet on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm.
- Jazz clinician, Marvin Stan, will be coming in to work with the Jazz bands. His payment will be coming out of the Jazz fund in the amount of \$700.

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

Dorothy reported the following on behalf of Kelly:

Registration for the 2017 Music Bowl has not been opened yet as the original date is now no longer feasible since BOA scheduled both their Midwest competitions on October 21st. This, in addition to U of I on this date, would likely leave us with very few bands to attend. Kelly and Dorothy have been in discussion with Craig about this and Kelly believes we are currently considering the 14th as at this point only ISU has an event scheduled. The email blast is updated and will be ready to send when we are firm on the date and when the website is ready to receive registration. Craig was to check if we will be able to accept online credit card payments for the fee this year. This was talked about last year as a possibility and Kelly remembers that several bands asked about this. Have we gotten an answer from the school yet? It was finalized that no credit payments will be accepted this year until it is determined how and who would absorb the additional fee (3.5%) for online payments.

Kelly has updated the School invitation lists with updated email addresses and director names, updated the judges list and have reached out to last year's Music Bowl committee chairs to ask them to consider chairing again for 2017. Many have already responded with yes so we're very happy about this. We have several holes that will need to be filled due to senior parents "graduating" plus we will need to look at getting shadows for positions where the chair is going to be a senior parent this coming fall. I am happy to reach out to parents that may be interested so if you know of anyone please let me know.

As soon as the Bowl date is firm Dorothy will be meeting with Tom Roth and Craig to determine booking of the judges for the event. Need to do this now so we get the judges we want before they commit elsewhere.

Kelly will also contact the Jr. High band next in line for the National Anthem. Last year was Eisenhower Jr. High so I think this year would be Lakeview. Craig will contact Jefferson Junior High since they were bypassed last year.

Also willing to ask U of I Marching Band if they are available to perform in exhibition at our event this year. This will help draw in extra ticket sales from around the area as local parents come to see their child perform locally. Craig informed the committee that U of I would not be able to due to prior

commitments, but he is willing to ask NIU. Suggestions were made for Western Illinois to be considered as well.

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

Linda reported that Total cash receipts during the month of December were \$14,461.60 while total cash disbursements during the same month were \$6,191.08. The primary sources of cash were as follows: Deposits for Fees 1438.06, Purdue Trip \$2,720.49 MM Banquet 3,865.77. The primary disbursements were; Stilletto's \$1,000, Skuddlebutts \$2,880, Purdue Jazz bus 836.5, Consortium 600.

A motion was made to transfer money from Student Accounts to pay for marching band fees owed. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote of all board members present.

A motion was made to waive the fee for 1 student who lost a parent as there is a lost check involved. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote of all board members present. The other parent will be contacted with this decision with a suggestion for them to follow up with their bank about the lost check.

#### **VII. Comptroller's Report ( Diane Ansah):**

Diane talked to Raul about collecting money from members of the Winter Guard. She will also talk to him in regards to keeping expenses to a minimum.

A motion was made by Gretchen to approve the Winter Guard budget with adjusted uniform budget down by \$264. The motion received 1 'No' vote but was passed with the majority of the board members voting yes.

Diane will let Raul know of reduced budget and that fees have to be collected to get close to budget.

#### **VIII. Jazz Report (Glen Williams via email):**

Gerry reported the following on behalf of Glenn:

##### **2017 Purdue University Jazz Festival**

We are excited to once again attend the 2017 Purdue University Jazz Festival. This weekend is a complete jazz immersion experience – from the Friday evening concert in Loeb Playhouse to the clinics and performances on Saturday, each and every student musician will return a changed jazz listener and performer. Friday night our students will be able to hear the world-renowned DIVA Big Band. Our students will perform in festival venues with more than 70 jazz ensembles from Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. Each group will play for a panel of adjudicators and get a short clinic after their performance. Additionally, each judge will provide written and tapes comments and a score for each band that performs. In the past several years, the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Workshop have both earned "Outstanding Band" awards in their perspective competitive classes. The cost of the trip is \$80 per student, which will include the Friday night concert ticket and one night's stay at the Purdue Union Club (located inside the Purdue Memorial Union). District 99 pays the contest entry fee and motor coach transportation for the trip. Meals during the trip are the responsibility of each student.

##### **Other Coming Jazz Events**

- Thursday, January 12, 2017 – The Jazz Café, featuring jazz groups from South HS, O'Neill MS, Jefferson JHS, Eisenhower JHS and Lakeview JHS. 6:00 PM start in the cafetorium at South HS
- January 20-21, 2017– Purdue Jazz Festival
- Tuesday, February 7, 2017 – NIU/D99 Jazz Night at the Tivoli

##### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed for Jazz Café. Please contact Amy or Gerry Piccoli if you are available and interested.

### **All-State Jazz Musicians**

Please join me in congratulating Brianna Imgruet (12) trumpet, and Adam Zlotnicki (120 trumpets on being selected as All-State jazz instrumentalists. Brianna and Adam will audition for ensemble placement when they arrive in Peoria in January. This is the second year in a row South HS has had two All-State jazz musicians in the same year.

### **Essentially Ellington Recording Submission**

Jazz Ensemble is putting in extra time rehearsing and recording submitting an audition recording to the 2017 Essentially Ellington Festival and Competition. The DGS Jazz Ensemble participated in this event in 2011. Stay tuned to this channel for more information as the recording and audition process continues to evolve.

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

Amy reported the following:

**Restaurant Fundraisers:** Only 4-5 families attended the Menchies fundraiser. Menchies' will send \$20 profits to us.

**Plant Sale** – Will be on May 6<sup>th</sup> this year.

Amy will contact the Kane County Cougars for a date.

**Candlelight Bowl:** Barb Rustik reported that the Candlelight Bowl is scheduled for Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am. This would be an “Adults only” fundraiser at the Tivoli Bowl.

Aurelio's Pizza and salad will be served at 8:30pm with a full cash bar. Bowling begins at 9:00pm and it is limited to the first 96 people. The cost is \$25 per person and \$45 per couple. Along with this bowl, each band family is being asked to sell 5 Split the Pot Raffle tickets at \$5 per ticket. Each ticket sold OVER the initial 5 will be split between the Band Boosters and the student's individual band account.

### **X. President's Report (Gretchen Shearer):**

Gretchen thanked all chaperones that helped with the Outback Bowl. The books and budget of the band is audited annually. Gretchen sought volunteers for the Audit Committee. Kathy Seitz would be one of the committee members. Two more are needed and Gretchen and Linda had someone in mind that could help with the audit. Gretchen also asked for volunteers for nominations for chairs to take over committees as many of the current chairs were senior parents. Nominees will be sought in February.

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

Kathy reported that the balance of Student Accounts as of December 1, 2016 was \$11,551.01. Revenue in December included \$124 from the Poinsettia Plant Sales. Expenses in December included \$227.99 for Marching Band Banquet Payments and \$729.51 Purdue Jazz Trip Payments. The balance in Student Accounts as of December 31, 2016 is \$10,717.51.

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

Terri reported the following:

The Outback Bowl was a lot of fun. All the uniforms made it back without any pieces missing. 2 more hats need to be repaired though. After getting the uniforms cleaned, band members were asked /told to not to sit on the ground in their uniforms before the parade and there were a few that needed to be told several times and continued to do so. Terri asked if there was anything that could be done to stop this

from happening (unless it is acceptable to do so). Craig said he would make decisions based on several criteria and inform the band members accordingly.

Only 1 pair of shoes had to be ordered for a non-marching band member. Jamie Nolan picked them up instead of getting charged for shipping. The uniform committee will be getting together to get the uniforms ready for cleaning again. Once a date is set, the board will be informed so that help can be sought in getting the uniforms ready for the cleaners. This time the committed is going to try a new cleaner in Lisle

The rack in the loft has been fixed.

**XIII. VP of Hospitality (Theresa Herstowski via email):**

Theresa reported that all went well with the Alumni Pep Band. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the dinner. I was thankful for the students who came to our rescue and helped set up for the dinner, prepare the fruit, drinks, and vegetables as we had no volunteers. Charms glitch or busy time of year?? Thanks to the parents who got my last minute text at 2:30 asking for their assistance! I appreciate you coming out to help! I did have to buy dessert, as no one signed us to bring it. Great night for all!

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

Craig reported that Bright Spark will be putting together a package for April 21, 2017. The Wind Ensemble will be performing at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Hall. Cost of the field trip will be \$50 per student. Performance time is 11:25am. The band will perform before a panel of judges. There will be a clinic from 12:00pm – 2:00 pm. Lunch will be on the student. An advance payment in the amount of \$2,500 has to be made to Bright Spark. School busses are to be paid for for the field trip.

**XV. Announcements:**

The next meeting is on February 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

**XVI. Adjournment: 8:36 pm**