

**Minutes**  
**Mahomet-Seymour Music Booster meeting**  
**Monday, August 13, 2007**  
**7:00 p.m. Mahomet-Seymour High School**

**Attendees:** Chris Johnson, Karen Badger, Max and Jan Guthrie, Leslie Knicl, Nancy Stevens, Tammy Caputo, Mark and Martha Igne, Bob Conrad, Stacie Vogelsang, Cindi Eustice, Alison Lecouris, Dianne Tellschow, Karen Conrad, Rich Gegg, Billie Waddell, Barbara Semeraro

**Music Directors:** Michael Stevens, Matt Kutylko, Leslie Manfredo

- I. **Call to Order** – Chris Johnson, Booster President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Introductions were made.
- II. **Review and approval of May, 2007 minutes** – A motion was made (Badger), seconded (Lecouris), and carried to approve the May 2007 minutes as presented.
- III. **Treasurer's report** – Max and Jan Guthrie presented and discussed the treasurer's report through July 31, 2007. They have updated the report format to reflect current practice for non-profit organizations. Expenditures to date are one \$100.00 scholarship (Hannah Jackson), \$520.00 for the Fourth of July Parade, and \$640.00 for Drum Major camp fees. Also, they are exploring, in order to clarify, the organization's tax-exempt status. A motion was made (Eustice), seconded (Knicl), and carried to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

As a point of clarification, the MS Music Booster organization historically contributes to the Drum Major camp fees. This item needs to be included in the yearly budget as part of the Scholarship line item.

**ACTION ITEM:** Include Drum Major expense as part of Scholarship line item in 2008 budget.

With this information, a motion was made (Knicl) to rescind the July 2007 email motion [motion to cover the expense] and to approve up to \$640 from the Scholarship line item for Drum Major camp fees, seconded (N. Stevens), and carried.

- IV. **M-S Hawaii report** – Cindi Eustice distributed the Hawaii 2008 Treasurer's report. The next trip installment payment of \$500.00 is due September 1, 2007. She encourages everyone to use the Busey Bank envelopes that were provided in the trip information packets.

**Old Business**

- I. **Band Buttons** - Billie Waddell reported that \$300.00 has been received to date. The committee will meet tomorrow night (Tuesday, August 14) to make the buttons.

**Paw Prints** - Dianne Tellschow reported that the old mats needed to be replaced and the cost for the new mats was \$75.00. It is estimated that the paint will cost between \$50.00 - \$70.00. Since the total expenditure is over the budgeted amount of \$100.00, she needs approval to exceed budget to purchase the paint. A motion was made (Badger), seconded (Knicl), and carried to cover up to \$100.00 in additional expenses. (Recorder's note: The August 2006 Booster minutes did state that additional/new, more durable template would be needed next year.)

**T-shirts** - Karen Badger reported that 250 shirts/sweatshirts were ordered. She will contact the production company soon.

- II. **Audit of 2006-2007 Treasurer's books** - The 2006-2007 Music Booster Treasurer's books were reviewed by John Tolar. John found the books to be in outstanding order and had only a few, minor questions. These questions were satisfactorily answered by Cindy Giertz, immediate past treasurer. John commended Cindy on her excellent record keeping and attention to details.
- III. **Luau** – Chris Johnson and Dianne Tellschow reported that the Luau is scheduled for September 22, 2007. It will start at 5:00 p.m. and will be held at the High School. A great evening has been planned of food, entertainment (tentative: steel drum band I-Pan from the U of I and a fire dancer), and silent auction. They are still in need of volunteers. Please contact either if you can help.
- IV. **Trivia Night** – Leslie Knicl and Karen Badger reported that Trivia Night III is scheduled for November 3, 2007. We will start publicity after the Luau fundraiser is complete. Trivia Night III information and registration forms are on the MS Music Boosters website. Trivia Night IV is scheduled for sometime in January. Perhaps January 5, 2008. They asked Michael Stevens to verify with Mr. Hensley on the date.
- V. **Hawaii Trip update** - This past summer, Matt Kutylo, Jill Rinkel, and Leslie Manfredo went to Hawaii for a site visit. This was a great opportunity to see the performance locations, hotel, and tour excursions.

Since the first trip information meeting, several changes have been made to the itinerary and cost. The trip itinerary has been changed in order to work within the Pearl Harbor provided performance schedule. The cost of the total package (land and air) has been increased by \$90.00. Due to the increase in the package price, family/fans will have a limited time option of choosing a land-only package, instead of the full package (air and land). Leslie Manfredo will send an email message to family/fans and ask for a response by August 27, 2007.

Eight (8) students have withdrawn from the trip. This has resulted in us losing one free trip. There are 84 girls and 37 boys signed up for the trip. We need at least 7 chaperones for the girls, and 4 chaperones for the boys. The trip can cover at most 9 chaperones and Leslie Manfredo asked if the Boosters would be willing to cover the expense for the other 2 chaperones. Chaperone expenses are 1/2 the cost of a full trip: or \$2710.00 for 2 chaperones. A motion was made (Badger), seconded (Eustice), and carried to transfer \$2710.00 from the MS Music Booster account to the MS Hawaii account. Everyone agreed that it is very important to have enough chaperones to monitor the students.

### New Business

- I. **Dawgpalooza V** (Sept. 7) – Leslie Knicl announced that the next Dawgpalooza meeting is tomorrow night (Tuesday, August 14, 2007). And Friday night they will be packing t-shirts. Anyone wanting to help is encouraged to attend either evening. Also, brats have been added to the concessions, and this year there will be twice the number of inflatables. Cindi Eustice had a lot of people sign up to work the event. But there are still some openings!
- II. **Allerton Weekend/Competitions** (September 14/15) – Michael Stevens reported that the Marching Band's Allerton retreat would be the same as previous years. He will send out invoices closer to the event. No changes to the competition schedule: Monticello, U of I, Bulldog Festival, and then Champaign Central at Centennial.
- III. **Marching Bulldog Festival** (Oct. 20) –Stacey Volgelsang reported that they had a few volunteers sign up at the Marching Band camp, but still need additional help. Also the MS Drama Club Fall play is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, we might have to move up the start time (from 4:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.) in order to clear out the parking lot before the start of the Drama performance. Eight (8) bands are confirmed for the Festival.

**Items of note:** The University of Illinois/Michigan football game is this night. The Illinois State University marching band competition is held on this day. And then the Drama Club Fall production is on this day.

**IV. Other**

- a. **By-Laws** - Leslie Knicl brought forward an error in the organization's By-laws. Article III: Section 4. states that, "The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) persons. Three (3) Directors shall be elected on even numbered years and two (2) shall be elected on odd numbered years." This does not reflect current policy. It should state that, "Two (2) Directors shall be elected on even numbered years and three (3) shall be elected on odd numbered years." Notice is given that a vote to amend the By-Laws to reflect current policy will be taken at the September meeting.

**ACTION ITEM:** September meeting vote required.

- b. **Marching Band Hangers** - Michael Stevens has found a provider for the hangers, but can not complete the order since he does not have direct access to the Booster financial accounts. Up to \$1000.00 was approved for the purchase of the hangers. Chris Johnson and Karen Badger will work with Michael Stevens to make the purchase.
- c. **July 4<sup>th</sup> parade** - The band placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their class in the Lions Club International Parade! Michael Stevens has received the check from the local Lions Club, but has not received any notification from the Lions Club International about the 2<sup>nd</sup> place cash award. He has asked Tom Harspt (Lions Club representative) to investigate.

**Director's Reports**

- I. **Leslie Manfredo** - reported that this is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MS Madrigals and some very special things are being planned for this celebration. Madrigal alumni will be invited to the Saturday night celebration performance. Beside the dinner performances, this year there will be a dessert performance on Saturday afternoon. Leslie has purchased a new carpet and decorations from the \$1000.00 funds provided by the Boosters. The Madrigals have been selected to perform at the 2008 IMEA All State Conference in Peoria on January 31, 2008. This will be an overnight stay. And Dr. Chester Alwes, choral director at the University of Illinois has composed and arranged a premier piece, *The Oxen*, specifically to commemorate the Madrigals 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

The Fritz's donated frames to the Chorus. The All State students photographs are now framed and presented in the High School Chorus room.

District/All-State auditions are on October 6, 2007. Audition materials have been available since May, 2007 and twenty-one (21) students have registered for the District Choir.

Leslie and Jill attended the ACDA convention this summer.

Course curriculum, assignments, and grades will be accessible through the District music website. The District music website will have a link to the Booster website.

- II. **Jill Rinkel** - Jill provided a written report that Leslie Manfredo read.

- III. **Michael Stevens** - Marching Band camp was held from July 30- August 4, 2007. They had another successful, not to hot, band camp. Beethoven is this year's theme. The students are making good progress in learning the charts and 5 musical pieces.

He also reported that the Mahomet-Seymour Education Association (MSEA) and School District are in contract negotiations. If a contract is not approved by the start of the school year (August), then no school activities will be held. This includes marching band, Madrigals, etc.

- IV. **Matt Kutyl**o - echoed most of Michael Stevens and Leslie Manfredo's comments. He enjoyed the trip to Chicago for the band's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade performance and the site visit to Hawaii. Another successful Band camp. And is looking forward to another great year.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting: *Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the HS Music Department*

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Semeraro  
Secretary  
2007-2008 MS Music Boosters