

Minutes
Mahomet-Seymour Music Booster meeting
Monday, October 8, 2007
7:00 p.m. Mahomet-Seymour High School

Attendees: Chris Johnson, Karen Badger, Max and Jan Guthrie, Leslie Knicl, Nancy Stevens, Billie Waddell, Andrea DeSmith, Stacie Vogelsang, Diane Klock, Karen and Bob Conrad, Dianne Tellschow, Cindi Eustice, Mark Igoe, Barbara Semeraro

Music Directors: Michael Stevens, Matt Kutylko, Jill Rinkel

- I. **Call to Order** – Chris Johnson, Booster President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. **Review and approval of September, 2007 minutes** – A correction to the September, 2007 minutes concerning the by-laws is needed. The minutes should read that, "Nancy Stevens seconded the motion." A motion was made (Rinkel), seconded (Kutylko), and carried to approve the September 2007 minutes as revised.
- III. **Treasurer's report** – Max and Jan Guthrie presented and discussed the treasurer's report through September 30, 2007. Expenses for the month were for the band hangers and Marching Bulldog Festival program printing. Income line item, Marching Bulldog Festival, were mainly for the paid salutes. A motion was made (Badger), seconded (Eustice), and carried to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Old Business

- I. **Luau** – Chris Johnson reported that the Luau, held on September 22, 2007, raised approximately \$20,274. \$10,411 (tickets); \$158 (lais); \$800 (cash donations); \$8,904 (auction and centerpiece sales) Estimated attendance was 600. Michael Stevens, on behalf of the Music Department staff, thanked Chris Johnson, Diane Tellschow, and Cindy Tarrant for all their hard work and dedication to hold an outstanding evening event.
- II. **M-S Hawaii report** – Cindi Eustice distributed the Hawaii 2008 Treasurer's report. Not all expenses for the Luau event have been received or paid.
- III. **Music Booster's Incorporation & Tax-Exempt Status** - Jan Guthrie reported that the initial information for Incorporation has been provided to Fred Henrich. Mr. Henrich would like to meet with the Boosters at the next meeting to review the Incorporation process.
- IV. **Vote on By-laws Regarding Revising the Dissolution Clause** - At the last meeting, we discussed changing the bylaws: Article XII, Dissolution Clause. Karen Badger called for a vote on this issue, as it was announced at last month's board meeting. Karen Conrad seconded the motion. The bylaw change was approved.
- V. **Marching Bulldog Festival** - Andrea DeSmith reported that all is proceeding as planned for another successful festival. Volunteers are still needed for one guide and to work concessions at the end of the festival. The group discussed possible parking problems due to the large number of bands and fans expected that day. Also we have limited parking at the OLOL Catholic church this year since there is a wedding that day. It was suggested that all volunteers could park at the church, and that students should be encouraged to both carpool (and park at Lincoln Trail) or be dropped off/picked up. Additional signage stating that parking is reserved for the Festival might be necessary.

- VI. **Trivia Night** – Leslie Knicl and Karen Badger reported that Trivia Night III is scheduled for November 3, 2007. Karen met with the Music students and distributed registration forms. Early registration is October 15th. Students receive \$25 for every table sold. After October 15th, students receive \$20 for every table sold.
- VII. **Hawaii Trip update** - no report.

New Business

- I. **Band tower garage door** - needs repair. A motion was made (Badger) and seconded (Bob Conrad) to authorize up to \$1000.00 for the repair. Michael Stevens will contact a local company to repair the door.
- II. **VFW donation** - Bud Hooser, from the local VFW, contacted Matt to express their thanks in playing TAPS at their ceremonies. Matt and other MS students play Taps for the local VFW chapter. The VFW would like to make a contribution to the Bulldog Festival. They suggested either a traveling grand champion trophy, or a permanent trophy at Mahomet that has the grand champion name inscribed. After some discussion, it was felt that the spirit of the donation could be met with a Marching Bulldog plaque. Names of the Marching Bulldog awardees would be added to plaque each year. Matt will present this idea to Bud Hooser.
- III. **Music Department staff** - Rebecca Kellermeyer has been hired by the District as the new General Music teacher for the 3rd and 4th grade.

Director's Reports

- I. **Michael Stevens** - reported that District auditions were today. We had 20 junior high students and 9 high school band students. Jazz band auditions are next week and practice will begin in early November. This past weekend, the Marching Band received Grand Champion award at the Monticello band festival.
Upcoming competitions: Saturday, October 13: U of I
Saturday, October 20: Bulldog Festival
Saturday, October 27: Atwood-Hammond
- II. **Matt Kutyllo** - Jazz Districts auditions were today too. Junior high jazz band starts in two weeks.
- III. **Leslie Manfredo/Jill Rinkel** - Jill also reported for Leslie. Districts were today and we had 25 sophomore, junior and senior choral students participate. We had 27 Junior high school students participate (7th and 8th grade). Results should be known within the next week. The District Festival is Saturday, November 17 at ISU.

The choirs will have several guest conductors: Karyl Carlson (ISU Madrigals) will work with the Madrigals on November 5th and Chet Alwes (University of Illinois) will work with the Madrigals on October 29th and the Concert and Chamber Choirs on November 7th.

The Choral Department has completed auditions for National Anthem singers.

Mrs. Manfredo and twenty-five music students will be attending Jersey Boys along with twenty-five from drama and Thespians for the annual Chorus/Drama Broadway trip. The trip is scheduled for October 31.

Madrigals just completed solo auditions. Soloists will be announced next week. They also had professional pictures taken by Greg Taylor Photography for Madrigal Dinner program and for the IMEA journal. Madrigals will be taping for WICD TV program "Sounds of the Season" on November

14th. And 6 students made new costumes this year, which makes 10 new costumes within the last 2 year. They are beautiful.

Upcoming concerts: Thursday, November 1: Indoor Marching Band concert
 Tuesday, November 13: 7th & 8th grade music concert
 Thursday, November 15: HS Choral concert

Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:38 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, *November 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the HS Music Department*

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Semeraro
Secretary
2007-2008 MS Music Boosters