

Minutes
Mahomet-Seymour Music Booster meeting
Monday, January 14, 2008
7:00 p.m. Mahomet-Seymour High School

Attendees: Jan and Max Guthrie, Karen Badger, Mark Igoe, Billie Waddell, Bob and Karen Conrad, Cindi Eustice, Leslie Knicl, Tammy Caputo, Nancy Tolar, Diane Klock, Diane Tellschow, Rich Gegg, Alison Lecouris, Barbara Semeraro

Music Directors: Michael Stevens, Matt Kutyllo, Jill Rinkel, Leslie Manfredo

- I. **Call to Order** – Karen Badger, Booster Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **Review and approval of November, 2007 minutes** – A motion was made (Eustice), seconded (Caputo), and carried to approve the November, 2007 minutes as presented.
- III. **Treasurer's report** – Max and Jan Guthrie presented and discussed the treasurer's financial statement through December 31, 2007. This is a combined two (2) month statement for November and December activity. A motion was made (Eustice), seconded (Klock), and carried to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

We do not expect to receive any of the parade prize money for participating and placing in the Lion's 4th of July parade.

Since 2005, the books have reported \$85.98 receivable from the band activity fund. In reviewing previous treasurer's report, it seems the money is due from the Jazz band trip. Since we do not expect to be reimbursed for a past trip, a motion was made (Max Guthrie) and seconded (Knicl) to charge off this expense to Booster Discretionary account. The motion passed.

- IV. **M-S Hawaii treasurer report** – Cindi Eustice distributed the Hawaii 2008 Treasurer's report. All expenses for the Luau and Trivia Night have been received and recorded. Also the "Drop Money for Chaperones" line item reflects the \$200 non-refundable fee for those students or fans who are no-longer going on the music trip. This amount will be used to cover the chaperone fees.

Old Business

- I. **Trivia Night** – Leslie Knicl reported that the committee would meet later this month. The next Trivia Night is scheduled for March 15th.
- II. **Hawaii Trip update** - Michael Stevens reported that we have extended the deadline for the next fan and/or student installment payment. Payment is now due by February 4, 2008. Final balance payment is still due around April 1, 2008.

Also, Leslie Manfredo was informed that United Airlines would impose the fuel surcharge per passenger. The surcharge is \$72.00. The fundraising committee met

prior to the Booster meeting and is considering additional fundraising events to help with the additional costs. They are currently looking at holding a Family Fun in (March) with a 50/50 raffle.

- III. **Incorporation Discussion** - Jan Guthrie reported that the committee met on November 18, 2007 to review the proposed by-laws drafted by Fred Henrichs. Our suggested revisions were submitted to Mr. Henrichs on November 26, 2007. Mr. Henrichs agreed to our changes and updated the by-laws to reflect those changes. The committee asked the group - what is the definition of a member of the organization? Max Guthrie provided the group with five (5) statements of membership. The group decided that statement five (5) best reflects our current practice of who is a member of the Booster organization.

"The corporation shall have one class of members. The class and the qualifications of the members of such class shall be as follows: any person with a child participating in any music program from grades five through twelve in the Mahomet-Seymour Community Unit School District No.3, or any person who has an interest in furthering Musical Arts from grades five through twelve in the Mahomet-Seymour Community Unite School District No. 3, shall be a member of the Mahomet-Seymour Music Boosters."

Tentatively - Fred Henrichs will attend the next Booster meeting to oversee the closing of the existing Booster organization, and the opening of the new Incorporated Booster organization.

New Business

- I. **Jazz Band Dinner Dance** – The event is scheduled for March 2008. Probably with a black/white and pearls theme. Avanti's to cater.
- II. **Other** - Michael Stevens reported that the DVD burner is broken and needs to be replaced. He has contacted the manufacturer for a replacement/repair quote. He will present a request for replacement/repair at a future meeting.

Director's Reports

- I. **Leslie Manfredo** - the chorus performed for the Chamber of Commerce tonight. The next 8 weeks are busy for the High School Choirs in terms of performances.

All-State Convention: Preparations for the All-State Convention are in full swing. The Convention is January 31st - Feb. 2 in Peoria.

This year we have 15 All-State singers, 9 in the Honors' Chorus:

Liz Colravy-alto 1, Tim Eustice-bass 2, Kale Ewing-bass 2, Sissy Eustice-soprano 1, Aubree Henderson-Alto 2, Taylor Martin-alto 2, Anika Giles, alto 2, Bryce Shilts-bass 1, Jeremy Schmitz-bass 1)
and 6 in the All-State Chorus: Caitlin Rinkel-soprano 2, Heather Hodge-alto 1, Jared Fritz-tenor 1, Lucas Guthrie-tenor 1, Tyler Gegg-bass 1, Woody Boero-bass 2.

We are very proud of their hard work. This is the most singers we have had in the last 8 years. We will leave for Peoria on Thursday morning, Jan. 31st. They rehearse all day for two and a half days with a guest conductor and give their concerts on Sat., Feb. 2 at 1:00 for the All-State groups and 3:15 for the Honors' groups. We will be staying at the Pere Marquette Hotel downtown.

The Madrigals, along with Madrigal Brass and Litter Bearers, will be performing at the All-State Convention on Thursday, Jan. 31st at 7:15-8:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. Mrs. Manfredo and Mrs. Watkins will also be giving a clinic along with the Madrigal performance. The clinic/performance is entitled "25 Years in the Making—Establishing and Maintaining a Madrigal Dinner Tradition." It is an honor for the Madrigals to be chosen to perform at the State music conference. Dr. Holmes from Millikin will be here to rehearse the Madrigals on Wednesday.

On February 10 and 11, several students will be selected to participate in the Millikin University Vocal Festival – we should receive the list very soon. We do stay overnight in Decatur.

The next concert is Feb. 21st and is a joint concert with high school bands and choirs. We are very excited to be preparing a joint piece with all bands and choirs, The Battle Hymn of the Republic

Solo and Ensemble Contest: High School Solo & Ensemble Contest is Saturday, March 1st at Mahomet-Seymour High School (our own in-house contest). The choral department has 86 singers participating in contest in 27 events and Madrigals. All the groups and soloists have selected music, so we are really starting this week and have 7 weeks to prepare. Uni High School has been invited to join us this year.

Again, we will need the assistance of MANY parents since we are running our own contest this year. Will need door monitors, runners, tabulators, set-up & clean-up (to move furniture and pianos).

- No food will be served.
- Will begin at 8:00 and run until 12:00.
- One room will just be for Honors' performances – they will be giving their PowerPoint presentation before they perform their piece (part of the requirement for the 3rd quarter Honors' Band/Chorus Class option).
- Each room will have a judge who will write a score on the IHSA adjudication sheet, but will also make taped comments on a cassette tape for each event.

Events will be scheduled 15 minutes apart so that the judge has a few minutes to give feedback to the solo or ensemble.

- II. **Jill Rinkel** - Junior High School solo and ensemble is February 23rd. There are eight (8) solos and 11 group performances.

We have a student teacher this semester. Her name is Sarah Jankiewicz and she is working with all the choirs at the JH and 5th Grade Chorus at Lincoln Trail, as well as assisting Jill with Solo & Ensemble groups.

And, the trip T-shirt order is in and will be distributed soon. Jill requested suggestions for a company to make the trip polo shirts.

- III. **Michael Stevens** - Last December, four (4) High School band students attend the EIU band festival. Students were Katelynn Tarrant, Melissa Sibley, Katherine Schultz, and Lauren Semeraro. Dr. Holsinger was the guest composer and conductor.

The HS Jazz band will attend the Illinois Wesleyan festival and perform at 9:40 am. Ticket for the Jazz Band Dinner Dance will go on sale on February 7th.

Megan Musselman has been selected for All-State. This is the second year in a row for Megan.

For solo and ensemble contest, there are 15 8th grade Junior High performances, and 12-15 High School performances.

Latter this week, Mr. Manfredo will be working with the Wind Ensemble and taping the group. Mr. Manfredo is developing coursework materials.

- IV. **Matt Kutyllo** - There are a lot of 7th grade Junior High student performances for the solo and ensemble contest. Junior high jazz band has started.

The 2008 Marching band performance is to Pandora's Box. Four movements have been selected and the music is with the field show designer.

Upcoming concerts:	January 26	Illinois Wesleyan Jazz festival
	January 31	Madrigals performance at All-State
	Jan 31-Feb 2	HS IMEA All-State Convention
	February 9	HS EIU Jazz Competition
	February 10/11	HS Millikin Vocal Festival
	February 16	HS WIU Jazz Competition

Meeting was **adjourned**.

Next scheduled meeting: Monday, *February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the HS Music Department.*
Please note: The next meeting time maybe changed. Music Directors and parents are attending an all-day event at Millikin University. Within the February meeting - the by-laws will be a major item of discussion and the closing and opening of the organizations is planned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Semeraro
Secretary
2007-2008 MS Music Boosters