

Minutes
Mahomet-Seymour Music Booster meeting
Monday, February 11, 2008
7:30 p.m. Mahomet-Seymour High School

Attendees: Jan and Max Guthrie, Alison Lecouris, Chris Johnson, Mark Igoe, Diane Klock, Nancy Tolar, Billie Waddell, Karen Badger, Bob and Karen Conrad, Barbara Semeraro

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

- I. **Call to Order** – Chris Johnson, Booster President, called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.
- II. **Review and approval of January, 2008 minutes** – A motion was made (Manfredo), seconded (Waddell), and carried to approve the January, 2008 minutes as presented.
- III. **Treasurer's report** – Max and Jan Guthrie presented and discussed the treasurer's financial statement through January 31, 2008. Not much activity for the month and final numbers for the Bulldog Festival. A motion was made (Semeraro), seconded (Karen Conrad), and passed to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.
- IV. **M-S Hawaii treasurer report** – Cindi Eustice could not attend the meeting. Manfredo reported that 203 people are going on the trip. One hundred ninety (190) purchased the complete trip. Thirteen (13) purchased land only packages.

Old Business

- I. **Trivia Night** (March 15th) – Leslie Knicl reported that the committee met earlier this month and will meet again on March 4th to finalize plans. Registration forms are available and were distributed to students today. The band will perform at this event.
- II. **Hawaii Trip update** - Manfredo reported that the trip itinerary is being finalized. Performances are planned for June 11 (Pearl Harbor - tentative), June 12 (Polynesian Village), and June 13.

Also it should be noted that United Airlines might have a new checked baggage policy. This policy might affect students that have to check instruments. The policy states that a second check bag fee is \$50; third check bag fee is \$100; along with a weight restriction. Every trip has had a different checked baggage policy.

Also, no person or organization is making money by assisting the Music Department with the trip (except for the travel agency). Everyone working on the event is a volunteer and as such is contributing their own time and talents to ensure the students have a safe trip.

Incorporation Discussion - Jan Guthrie reported that Jan and Max are working with Fred Heinrich on a couple of residual issues with the by-laws. Before the next meeting,

the proposed by-laws for the new organization will be distributed to the Board for review. At the March 2008 meeting, Fred Heinrich will attend to oversee and help with the closing of the existing corporation and the opening of the new organization.

New Business

- I. **Jazz Band Dinner Dance** – The event is scheduled for March 2008. The cost is \$15.00 per person and tickets will go on sale soon. Karen needs volunteers to help serve. Please contact Karen if you can help.
- II. **Other** - Michael Stevens reported that it is estimated to cost between \$300-\$400 to repair the DVD burner. He is exploring other options so no funds are needed right now.
- III. **H.S. Solo/Ensemble** (March 1)- Manfredo reported that University High School can not attend this year due to another commitment. We will have five rooms for judging, and the Honors Room will have equipment for the student's PowerPoint presentations (part of the course requirement). Volunteers are needed to monitor rooms. Please contact Leslie if you can help.

Director's Reports

- I. **Michael Stevens** - The HS Jazz band attended the Illinois Wesleyan Festival on January 26th. Nicki Johnson and Kyle Ewing received All Stars recognition. Also Nicki Johnson received the highest honor - being selected as Player of the Day.

The HS Jazz band attended Eastern Illinois University festival on February 9th. They received 1st Division rating.

The next Jazz band event is at Western Illinois University on Saturday, February 16th. 10:00 am performance time.

Megan Musselman attended All-State and was #15 in the Honors Band. 12-15 High School performances.

- II. **Matt Kutyllo** - The Junior High students are getting ready for their solo/ensemble performances. And the Junior High jazz band has started practices and will perform at the Dinner dance.

High School is busy with Drum Major workshops and tryouts are Thursday. And Guards Workshop (March 19) with Auditions (March 20).

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

III. **Leslie Manfredo** - Leslie went with 9 of our students who were selected to the Millikin Vocal Festival. They went yesterday and stayed overnight. Students rehearsed yesterday and today and presented a concert tonight. They were selected based upon an application, which they filled out and listed their musical accomplishments. Students selected were Sissy Eustice, Tim Eustice, Jessica Staire, Alex Miller, Lucas Guthrie, Aubree Henderson, Jeremy Schmitz, Liz Colravy, and Eric Badger.

Also, the Madrigals were one of two featured choirs invited to perform on the Sunday evening concert. They performed for about 300 high school students and did a great job.

All-State took place two weeks ago over the weekend of January 31-Feb. 2. We spent 3 days and 2 nights in Peoria, where the students rehearsed between 6-8 hours per day and presented a joint concert with the All-State Band and Orchestra. The concert was phenomenal; they performed very difficult music extremely well. The conductors were outstanding. It's amazing how far they come in 3 days. The finale of both the All-State and Honors' concerts was the playing and singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

The Madrigals also performed at All-State. However, only the 13 All-State Madrigals were able to perform. Because of the bad weather, the rest of the singers and the Madrigal Brass could not join them in the performance. They did an outstanding job for over 100 music educators. Many teachers remarked that they couldn't believe that was only a part of the group.

Wednesday Dr. Chet Alwes, Choral Director at the University of Illinois, will be coming to work with the Chamber Choir in preparation for the Feb. 21st concert. Leslie tries to bring in guest clinicians to work with choirs at least twice a year. Dr. Brad Holmes, choral director at Millikin University, was in a couple of weeks ago to work with the Madrigals before their performance at IMEA.

The musical auditions were held last Monday. This year's musical is West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein. The performances will be May 1-4.

Workshop and auditions dates and times for Madrigals are posted.

Jester/Wench	Workshop (March 5)	Audition (March 10)
Madrigals	Workshop (March 12)	Audition (March 19)

IV. **Jill Rinkel** - Junior High School solo and ensemble is February 23rd. Performance rooms and times are now known.

Jill gave a big Thank-you to everyone for their help with the chorus formal attire. Anyone

wishing to help for the upcoming concert, please contact Jill.

Upcoming concerts:	February 16	HS WIU Jazz Competition
	February 21	HS Band & Chorus concert
	February 23	JH Solo/ensemble
	March 1	HS Solo/ensemble
	March 8	HS Jazz Band dinner dance
	March 11	JH 7-8 th Grand Band & Chorus concert
	March 15	Trivia Night IV - Band performs

Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Semeraro
Secretary
2007-2008 MS Music Boosters