

Minutes
Mahomet-Seymour Music Booster meeting
Monday, March 10, 2008
7:30 p.m. Mahomet-Seymour High School

Attendees: Karen Badger, Cindi Eustice, Kathleen Carroll, Mark Igoe, Karen Sanders, Alison Lecouris, Karen Conrad, Nancy Stevens, Norm Knicl, Leslie Knicl, Chris Johnson, Fred Heinrich, Max Guthrie, Jan Guthrie, 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 7:35 p.m.
- II. **Review and approval of February, 2008 minutes** – A motion was made (Badger), seconded (Lecouris), and carried to approve the February, 2008 minutes with corrections.
- III. **Treasurer's report** – Max and Jan Guthrie presented and discussed the treasurer's financial statement through February 29, 2008. Not much activity for the month, just interest earned.
- IV. **M-S Hawaii treasurer report** – Cindi Eustice presented the financial activity report. Students still have a chance to earn trip money through the Trivia Night IV event to be held this Saturday. The final installment amount for each student will be determined after the Trivia Night event.

Old Business

- I. **Trivia Night** (March 15th) – Leslie Knicl reported that the committee met earlier this evening to finalize plans. Twenty-five (25) tables were sold as of tonight. (Recorder's note: final count for tables sold was 38.)
- II. **Hawaii Trip update** - Michael Stevens reported that tubas and percussion instruments will be rented for the Hawaii performances. He is working with United Airlines to see what charges may be imposed for checking trombones. Also, it was suggested that students take older instrument cases due to hard handling if checked as baggage.
- III. **Jazz Band Dinner Dance** – The event was last Saturday night (March 8th). Karen Badger reported that over 270 tickets were sold. Karen thanked everyone who volunteered to help set-up, serve, clean, etc. She appreciated everyone's help. Also, Karen received a lot of favorable comments from people that night. One comment in particular was discussed: setting a second performance (perhaps dessert only). Two hundred seventy people fill the room to capacity.
- IV. **DVD repair** - Norm Knicl reported that he looked at the DVD equipment. He recommends that the system be replaced (not repaired) and to purchase an extended

warranty. Estimated cost is \$2000. It is a good model and the right size for our use.

A motion was made (Badger) and seconded (Conrad) to purchase the needed equipment and extended warranty with funds up to \$2000.

New Business

- I. **Other** - Leslie Knicl asked if the Hawaii trip fund (interest earned) or the Booster organization could underwrite the cost of the student's performance polo shirts. Shirt cost is estimated at \$1700 (\$14/shirt). The Hawaii account (interest earned) may be needed to subsidize additional room costs and package price increases not passed along to students and fans.

A motion was made (Leslie Knicl) and seconded (Eustice) to have the Booster organization purchase the music students Hawaii performance polo shirts. The motion carried.

- II. **Nominating Committee** - The committee members are Chris Johnson, Billie Waddell, Karen Badger, and Karen Conrad.

Director's Reports

- I. **Leslie Manfredo** - The solo/ensemble performances were Saturday, March 1st. Everything went well. Leslie thanked all the parent volunteers, Leslie Knicl for tallying the judging sheets, and Leslie Knicl and Karen Badger for providing food for the judges. And next year the Junior High students will participate. Tentative schedule is: High School students in the morning; Junior High School students in the afternoon.

A few comments from the students were that they missed hearing other school students perform and that would like food for sale.

This Thursday Bradley University choir will be here to work with the 2nd hour (Chamber Choir) chorus.

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)

The school district is hiring a full time teacher for the Lincoln Trail Elementary school music program. This should start with the 2008-2009 academic year. This means that current music directors will not be teaching the 4th grade general music. The directors thank everyone who has supported them.

II. **Jill Rinkel** - All Junior High School solo and ensemble chorus students received 1st place rankings. The 7th/8th grade concert is tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

III. **Michael Stevens** - There were many students who participated in solo/ensemble this year. All were very well prepared and received individual feedback from the judges.

Michael thanked Karen for another great Jazz Band dinner evening event. The kids loved it and he couldn't get them off the stage (they play another 2 songs.). The dinner concludes the jazz band season.

Results from the Western Illinois performance: won class 3A and received 5 soloists' awards. And on February 28th, the jazz band performed at the superintendents meeting.

Drumline (marching band) has started and color guard auditions are next week. Trombone King is the parade tune.

IV. **Matt Kutyllo** - Junior High solo/ensemble went extremely well. And the 7th/8th band concert is this Tuesday. The Junior High jazz band enjoyed playing at the dinner. This is their only performance and the students really enjoyed the evening.

The High School band concert went well and was a lot of fun. And the 1st hour students inventoried everything within the band room and storage. (stands, instruments, etc.). But now the students are working on the Hawaii trip performance music.

He has seen a lot of musical growth from all students over the past several months.

To conclude the meeting a vote as taken to dissolve the current organization and transfer the organizations assets to a new corporation named Mahomet-Seymour Music Boosters. Karen Badger made the motion, Cindi Eustice seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Upcoming concerts:	March 11	JH 7-8 th Grand Band & Chorus concert
	March 15	Trivia Night IV - Band performs

Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Semeraro
Secretary
2007-2008 MS Music Boosters