

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

**Board of Directors:** Chris Johnson, Karen Badger, Nancy Stevens, Karen Conrad, Alison Lecouris, Billie Waddell, Michael Stevens, Matt Kutyllo, Jill Rinkel, Leslie Manfredo, Barbara Semeraro (absent Tammy Caputo, Jan Guthrie)

**Members and Attendees:** Max Guthrie, Bob Conrad, Cindi Eustice, Mark Igoe, Nancy Tolar, Leslie Knicl

A quorum of the board of directors was present for the meeting. Therefore, official actions by the Board may be taken. Any ratified amendments to the bylaws take effect immediately.

Also, within the corporation directors mean the corporation's board of directors, not the MS Music Department staff members (which are sometimes referred to as directors.). To clarify the notes: Directors mean the corporation's board of directors. MS Music Department staff will be referred to as MS staff.

**I. Call to Order** – Chris Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**II. Review and Approval of March, 2008 minutes** – The notes of the March 2008 Music Booster Corporation meeting were distributed, reviewed, and approved with corrections. [04/14/2008:01 Motion by Badger and second Conrad; motion carried.]

*Action by Semeraro.*

**III. Treasurer's Report** – Max Guthrie, Assistant Treasurer, provided the Music Booster Corporation Treasurer's report. The banking accounts for the previous organization were closed and the new Corporation accounts were opened. Also the Jazz Band Dinner Dance financial activity will be handled through the Mahomet-Seymour School District accounts. March 2008 expenditures were \$104.75 to set up the Corporation and \$1,932.50 DVD replacement/repair. [04/14/2008:02 Motion by Kutyllo and seconded by Conrad; motion carried to approve the Treasurer's report.]

**IV. M-S Hawaii Report** – Cindi Eustice distributed the March 2008 financial report. The students earned \$12.90/hour (outstanding!).

**Old Business**

**I. Hawaii Trip Update** – Leslie Manfredo reported that two (2) general meetings are scheduled: May 6/June 5. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) representative will be at the May 5 meeting. The June 5 meeting is mandatory for anyone traveling with the group. The chaperone list will be distributed and procedures for the June 9 departure will be discussed.

**II. Thank you** – Chris Johnson expressed her personal thanks to Jan and Max Guthrie for the numerous hours working with the Booster members to assure that the new corporation would meet the needs of the members. Chris also asked the Board to approve a thank you gift up to \$100 for Fred Heinrich. [04/14/08:03 Motion by Karen Badger and seconded by

Leslie Manfredo; motion carried.]

### **New Business**

- I. Proposed 2008-2009 Board** – The Nominations Committee recommended the 2008-2009 slate of candidates:  
President: Karen Badger  
Vice President: Billie Waddell  
Secretary: Barb Semeraro  
Treasurer: Open  
Cindi Eustice, Nancy Tolar, Karen Conrad, Alison Lecouris, Dianne Tellschow, Matt Kutyllo, Jill Rinkel, Leslie Manfredo, and Michael Stevens.

Elections will be held at the May 2008 Board meeting. Suggestions for the Treasurer's position should be directed to Chris Johnson or Karen Badger.

- II. Additional Treasury Items** – The current budget includes \$91.38 in the DVD fund. At the last meeting it was decided that all sales of performance DVD's should remain with the Mahomet-Seymour Music Department. We are currently holding \$91.38 in funds for performance DVD's. It was decided to transfer these funds to the Mahomet-Seymour Music Department. [04/14/08:04 Motion by Karen Conrad, seconded by Billie Waddell; motion carried.]

With the opening of new financial accounts, the board was asked whether or not we should have checks with a logo. The Board considered the request and decided against. This action was decided by majority agreement; no official motion was made.

Forms to file: Register the corporation with the Illinois Department of Revenue, register with the Illinois Attorney General under the Illinois Charitable Trust Act, and file an application to request tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)3. It is anticipated that these forms will be filed by the May 2008 meeting.

*Action by Guthrie.*

The Board also requested the 2008-2009 budget be presented at the May 2008 meeting.

*Action by Guthrie.*

### **III. Additional Items –**

**Scholarships** – The Board was asked to consider offering two yearly \$500 scholarships. A scholarship for vocal performance, a scholarship for instrument performance. Scholarship purpose, application and selection process need to be drafted.

**Trivia Night** – There is interest in holding this event yearly. The funds raised could be used for the scholarship program or seed money for future band/chorus trips. The Board asked Michael Stevens to check with Keith Oates on whether or not we can hold this type of event on non-trip years.

*Action by Stevens.*

### **Staff Reports**

**I. Matt Kutyllo** – All bands are working on the music for their final performances. For the Hawaii performances, the Hawaii Youth Symphony has offered the use of their percussion for our performances.

**II. Michael Stevens** – Matt and Michael are considering a junior high wind ensemble program. Students interested in the wind ensemble would meet once a week, before school (probably from November through April). The ensemble would take one trip/competition.

The 2008-2009 academic school year high school marching band program is set. The Board may be asked to underwrite some of the program costs.

**III. Jill Rinkel** – Jill introduced Sarah Jankiewicz. Sarah is a student instructor in the junior high chorus program, along with 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The junior high chorus pops theme is “60’s” With a Twist.” Also Jill is considering a junior high chorus trip next year to Springfield, Illinois to perform at the Capital Rotunda. Tentative trip date: March 19, 2009.

**IV. Leslie Manfredo** — We are in the midst of preparing for the upcoming Pops’ Concert on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This year, we are singing a Broadway medley of songs by the American collaboration team of Rodgers and Hammerstein. It will be choreographed and will utilize many soloists. The HS Choral Awards Presentation will follow the Junior High and High School Choral Pops Concert. Rodgers and Hammerstein’s musicals also conveniently fall into the category for acceptable literature for the Pearl Harbor performance.

Madrigal try-outs took place on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We have a very fine group for next year. The group consists of 16 singers, a few less than this year, 10 of whom are new to the group. Next year’s group has 10 seniors, 4 juniors and 2 sophomores. At this time, I have selected all of the music. Next year’s dinners are scheduled for December 13 and 14, 2008. There will be 2 performances on Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, a dessert performance at 2:00 and a full dinner performance at 6:00 and a full dinner performance on Sunday at 2:00. We will not have a Sunday evening performance. Our first rehearsal for the new Madrigal group is the last day of school, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We rehearse all summer on Mondays from 1-2:30.

The musical, West Side Story, is coming along very well. It opens two weeks from Thursday, on May 1<sup>st</sup> and will run through Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Evening performances begin at 7:30 pm and the Sunday afternoon matinee is at 2:00 pm.

The Mahomet-Seymour school district Board of Education has appropriated funds to hire a

full-time general music instructor for the Lincoln Trail Elementary School. Michael and Matt will now focus on 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade bands. Leslie and Jill will now focus on the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade chorus.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Semeraro  
Meeting Secretary

April 14, 2008 summary of motions. Approved by majority vote.

- 04/14/08: 01 Approved March 2008 minutes with corrections.
- 04/14/08:02 Approved March 2008 Treasurer's report.
- 04/14/08:03 Approve the expenditure of \$100.00 for a gift card as a thank you gift.
- 04/14/08:04 Approve the transfer of \$91.38 to the Music Department.