



Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2009

7:00 p.m. Mahomet-Seymour High School

Board of Directors: Billie Waddell, Michelle Ramage, Tammy Caputo, Cindy Tarrant, Justin Barnish, Karen Conrad, Alison Lecouris, Jill Rinkel, Bobbie Schnitkey, Michael Stevens, Dianne Tellschow, Nancy Tolar, Debbie Vojak (absent Beth Norton, Leslie Manfredro)

Members and Attendees: Stacie Vogelsang, Annalisa Cockerham, Patty Buchanan, Fran Street, Joni Gegg, Jane Jahn, Sharon Breysprack, Rich Gegg, John Cobble, Carol Cobble

- I. **Call to Order** – Waddell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **Review and Approval of August 2009 Meeting Minutes** – The notes from the August 2009 meeting were reviewed. The following was noted:

The motion at the August 2009 meeting to purchase a new 1 year CD was seconded by a non-voting booster member. To set the record straight, the motion was brought before the board and voted on once more.

[09/14/09:01: Motion by M. Stevens and seconded by Lecouris; motion carried.]

The August 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

[09/14/09:02: Motion by Conrad and seconded by Ramage; motion carried.]

- III. **Treasurer's Report** – The financial statements as of September 13, 2009 were distributed and reviewed.
 - a. The balances of the matured 3 month and 6 month CDs were transferred back into the music booster checking account.
 - b. A new 1 year CD was purchased for the amount of \$2500 for the budget category "Future Supplies/Equip Purchases".
 - c. A one-time total cost of \$750 was paid to the IRS for filing of our not for profit status.
 - d. Individuals who donate money to the MS Music Booster Corporation

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may ask for proof that we are a not for profit organization. Have them contact Cindy Tarrant and she will provide them with a exemption letter.

IV. Old Business

- a. **Dawgapalooza** – The final figures have not been determined yet. Preliminary figures indicate a record breaking year.
- b. **Marching Bulldog Festival (October 24th)** – Annalisa Cockerham reported:
 - Volunteers are still needed. Volunteer forms have been sent out and now phone calls will be made.
 - Michael Stevens, Annalisa Cockerham, and Cindy Tarrant will email Matt Hensley about the trash situation. Last year we were charged not only for the festival trash removal, but also the high school trash removal. We don't want that to happen again this year.
 - 20 bands have signed up to participate in this year's festival.
 - The tentative festival time is 11:00 am – 5:30 pm.
 - Michael Stevens has hired an individual to digitally record the judges' comments onto CDs. In the past, cassette tapes have been used. The cost for this service is approximately \$400.
 - The Music Shoppe is sponsoring the percussion trophies this year.

V. New Business

- a. **Allerton Retreat** – Michael Stevens reported:
 - The retreat will take place on September 24th and 25th.
 - The cost per band member is \$37.
 - Two male and 4 female chaperones are still needed. Please contact Michael if you are interested. Chaperone time commitment is from 8:30 Friday evening until 7:30 Saturday morning.

VI. Staff Reports –

- a. Jill Rinkel –
 - IMEA District auditions for Junior Chorus
 - audition at Bloomington JH on Columbus day (Monday October 12)
 - 35 7th and 8th grade students auditioning (10 guys/25girls)
 - They have music and a rehearsal CD to practice with at home, as well as rehearsals every Tuesday morning at 7:30.
 - National Anthem Singers
 - 8th Grade students auditioned last week. Selected students

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are singing solos, duets, and in small groups.

- All JH choirs are off to a great start!
 - We will be starting our concert music this week. For 7th and 8th grade Jill is trying something new. She made previous homework assignments into smaller worksheets which will students will complete in the first 3-5 minutes of class. She wants to make sure that she is assessing what students learn and not how responsible they are in remembering to turn it in (although that is important trait, too).

b. Leslie Manfredo –

- Madrigals
 - already had 2 performances:
 - 2009 Preview Performance on Monday, August 17 at 6:00pm for parents to see what we have been working on all summer
 - Dawgapalooza on September 4 (singing the school song)
 - dinners are Dec. 12 and 13
 - tickets go on sale to the public Nov. 12th – the night of the choral concert
 - dinner tickets are \$20 each; guests are seated by the order in which money is received.
 - already have many invitations to sing prior to the dinners, Nov. 7/8 at Mahomet Christian Church to sing the National Anthem prior to their living flag display, Nov. 11 at the HS Veterans' Day Assembly, Nov. 24 for the Senior Citizen Dinner, December 6th at the 8:30 Service at the Lutheran Church of Mahomet and the 10:45 Service at Mahomet First Baptist Church.
- IMEA District and All-State Auditions
 - audition date is Monday, Oct. 12 at Bloomington HS
 - 17 soph, jr, sr students are planning to audition at this time
 - 1 Senior is hoping to return to All-State in January.
 - learning the music at a fast-and-furious rate; very comprehensive audition – prepare 5 complete songs to be sung a cappella along with sight-reading, singing scales and triads.
- Data Base
 - have been very busy in updating the choral data base (beginning of the year)
- Formal Attire
 - Formal attire is being fitted this week (Sept. 14th) in all choirs.

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Tomorrow all choral singers in all choirs need to have black shoes and socks (guys and girls) before they can be fitted—this is a homework assignment. Girls must have closed-toe black shoes. We provide the floor-length black skirt for girls, tux pants and vest for guys, and all wear a tux shirt with bow tie. Girls also wear matching cummerbunds. The different choirs wear different colored ties and cummerbunds.

- Music Department website
 - Leslie will try to update every Friday, so if there is something you need to have put on the website, email it to Leslie before Friday.
- Private Lessons – Private voice lessons began last week. We offer our students the opportunity to study with Master's and Doctoral voice students from the U of I. We currently have 3 teachers teaching 44 students.

c. Michael Stevens -

- The 5th grade band consists of 140 members.
- Junior high chair auditions have been taking place.
- The marching band has 20 more charts to work on.
- The next payment for the high school jazz band trip to Texas is due September 15.
- The marching band competitions this year are as follows:
 - October 3 – Olympia
 - October 10 – Effingham
 - October 17 – U of I
 - October 24 – Bulldog Festival
- The junior high school is out of space to accommodate the large number of students participating in band. Michael is looking for a solution from the junior high school principal and/or the district administrators.

d. Justin Barnish –

- He is excited to have a large number of low brass instruments in this year's 5th grade band.
- Auditions for the junior high jazz band rhythm section have begun.

The next meeting will be held on October 12, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.
[09/14/09:03: Motion by Conrad and seconded by Rinkel; motion carried.]

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy S. Caputo
Music Booster Secretary

September 14, 2009 meeting
Summary of motions approved by majority vote

09/14/09:01 Approval of purchasing a 1 year CD for \$2500
09/14/09:02 Approval of the August 2009 meeting minutes
09/14/09:03 Meeting adjourned

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