



MAHOMET SEYMOUR MUSIC BOOSTERS

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 12, 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, Nancy Tolar, Debbie Vojak
(absent Beth Norton, Leslie Manfredo, Dianne Tellschow)

Members and Attendees: Patty Buchanan, Barb Semeraro, Fran Street, Jane Jahn, Pam Williams, Rich Gegg, Rebecca Richardson, Debbie Cawley, Annalisa Cockerham

- I. **Call to Order** – Billie Waddell called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- II. **Review and Approval of September 2009 Meeting Minutes** – The notes from the September 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.
[10/12/09:01: Motion by Conrad and seconded by Waddell; motion carried.]
- III. **Treasurer's Report** –
 - a. Music Boosters tax-exempt status was approved by the IRS. Anyone (business or individual with a desire to make a donation can officially do so and deduct it on their tax return. Even when purchasing an ad on a program, purchaser will now ask for us to sign a W9. The IRS exemption letter can be presented in lieu of a W9. Cindy is giving copies to band/choral directors or you can contact Cindy.
 - b. Organizational expenses for this school year total \$765.00 (\$315 attorney general fee & \$450 second half of IRS exemption filing fee). Both expenses were not included in the budget.
 - c. Show t-shirts & sweatshirts resulted in a profit of \$770.50 for club.
 - d. Contact Cindy if you need to pick-up/deliver checks for Bulldog Festival. Phone: 586-5152.
 - e. The financial statements as of September 30, 2009 were distributed, reviewed, and approved.
[10/12/09:02: Motion by Caputo and seconded by Ramage; motion carried.]

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IV. Old Business

- a. **Allerton Retreat (September 25th/26th)** – Michael Stevens reported that it was a good weekend, but bad food.
- b. **Junior/Senior High District Auditions (October 12th)** – Two buses full of junior and senior high school students went to Bloomington for the day. The kids did very well. Audition results should be known by the end of this week. Mahomet-Seymour band/chorus directors participated as judges.
- c. **Marching Bulldog Festival (October 24th)** – Annalisa Cockerham reported:
 - A meeting of committee chairs was held just prior to the Music Booster meeting this evening. Everyone is ready to go and hoping for no rain.
 - Rich Gegg is in charge of parking and asked that festival volunteers park in the neighborhood just west of the high school. He also pointed out that there is limited parking for spectators due to Super Saturday at Lincoln Trail and soccer games at the Junior High.
 - Michael Stevens suggested that it would be nice to provide directors with a recording of their field show. He asked if anyone was interested and if anyone had either a video camcorder or a video camera that directly records onto a CD. No one responded.

V. New Business

- a. **U of I Marching Band Festival (October 17th)** – Michael Stevens reported:
 - Our parade time is 10:18 am and our field show time is 1:36 pm. There is not enough time between performances to return to Mahomet.
 - There are 10 less bands competing this year.
 - Awards are at 6:30. The festival will end earlier than usual this year because a wedding reception is being held in the stadium skybox area.
- b. **Other**
 - Rich Gegg reported that the vent cap on the trailer is missing and needs to be replaced. Replacement cost is approximately \$40. Rich will see that it gets replaced. Approval was granted to replace the vent cap.
[10/12/09:03: Motion by Rinkel and seconded by Lecouris; motion carried.]

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VI. Staff Reports –

a. Jill Rinkel –

- 33 JH students auditioned for the IMEA District #3 Chorus today. Results will be sent via e-mail. I will post the results on the JH Chorus room door. I'm thrilled that so many students were interested in auditioning, as this is an enrichment opportunity. A big thank you to Karen Badger, Sue Rochnowski, and Kate Smith for chaperoning students.
- The JH Choruses are preparing repertoire for their upcoming concerts. The 7th & 8th Grade Concert in Tuesday, Nov. 17th. The 7th Grade Chorus will be singing 3 part mixed music for the first time and are doing very well. 8th Grade Chorus is phenomenal. They are doing SATB music and picking it so quickly, especially the boys. The 6th graders love to sing. They listen and follow directions and are just soaking up everything skill and concept presented. Their concert is in December.
- Many HS Moms volunteered to help with fitting and mending HS formal attire. Students have been fitted and items to be mended have been sent to the wonderful mending moms. I am truly grateful for their willingness to help in this way.
- I chaperoned 7 HS students to the Millikin Vocal Festival. Jacob Hawk was one of 3 students selected to sing a solo at the final concert, as well as receiving a cash prize. Stefanie Davis, Catherine Street, and Logan Moore were selected as finalists and received a certificate. All of our students found the festival to be educational and enjoyable. They especially enjoyed working with the various Millikin Choral Directors, and getting to see Sissy Eustice, Jessica Staire, Kale Ewing, and Woody Boero perform in the various Millikin Choirs.

b. Leslie Manfredo –

- District Auditions were today at Bloomington HS – 14 sophomore, junior, and senior choral students participated in the auditions. These are also the auditions used to determine All-State singers for Juniors and Seniors. We should get the District results in about a week. The District Festival is Sat., Nov. 21st at ISU.
- Guest Conductors coming to work with choirs:
 - Karyl Carlson, director of the ISU Madrigals, will be coming to work with the Madrigals November 11th.

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- Chet Alwes, choral director from University of Illinois will be coming to work with the Concert and Chamber Choirs on Wednesday, Oct. 27th in preparation for the Nov. 12th concert.
- Several concerts are coming up in November: Tuesday, Nov. 17th is the 7th/8th Grade Music Concert. Thursday, Nov. 12th is the HS Choral Concert.
- The Choral Department recently completed auditions for National Anthem singers at home volleyball, wrestling, boys' basketball, and girls' basketball games, 9 students were selected as soloists and 7 ensembles were selected to sing the National Anthem.
- Madrigals:
 - Madrigals are completing the memorization of 22 songs for the 09 dinners coming up on Dec. 12/13.
 - The Madrigals are already scheduled for 10 performances, beginning Nov. 7th, in addition to the Dinner performances on Dec. 12/13.
 - Madrigal tickets go on sale to musicians on Nov. 5th and to the general public on Nov. 12th.
 - Performances are
 - Sat., Dec. 12: 2:00 dessert performance, cost \$10
 - Sat., Dec. 12: 6:00 full dinner performance, cost \$20
 - Sun., Dec. 13: 2:00 full dinner performance, cost \$20
 - Madrigal pictures for the program were taken last Monday, Oct. 5th.

c. Michael Stevens –

- At the Olympia Marching Band Festival the marching band, drum majors, and guard placed first in their class.
- At the Effingham Marching Band Festival the marching band, drum majors, and guard placed first in their class. The band received the highest points for music of all participating bands and placed 3rd overall.

d. Justin Barnish –

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- The madrigal brass are rehearsing in preparation for the upcoming madrigal performances.
- The junior high school jazz band rhythm section has started practicing. The rest of the jazz band will start practicing soon.

The next meeting will be held on November 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy S. Caputo
Music Booster Secretary

October 12, 2009 meeting
Summary of motions approved by majority vote

- 10/12/09:01 Approval of the September 2009 meeting minutes
10/12/09:02 Approval of the treasurer's report
10/12/09:03 Approval to replace the vent cap on the trailer

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