



# MAHOMET SEYMOUR MUSIC BOOSTERS

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 9th, 2009

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

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

**Members and Attendees:** Patty Buchanan, Barb Semeraro, Lona Ostdyke, Annalisa Cockerham, Jane Jahn

I. **Call to Order** – Billie Waddell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. **Review and Approval of October 2009 Meeting Minutes** – The notes from the October 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.  
[11/09/09:01: Motion by Conrad and seconded by Ramage; motion carried.]

### III. Treasurer's Report

- a. 10/30/09 financial statements were distributed and reviewed, but not approved. The balance reported on the statement of Assets, Liabilities & Fund Balance shown as \$23,840.72 was from the 9/30/09 balance. The corrected balance as of 10/30/09 is \$38,217.29. No adjustments were needed to the Statement of Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual. The updated treasurer reports for November will be submitted, along with December for approval at the January meeting.
- b. Finishing-up paying expenses and depositing income from Marching Bulldog Festival. Still a few loose ends to tie up, but anticipate. Contact Cindy if you need to pick-up/deliver checks for Bulldog Festival. Phone: 586-5152.
- c. Dawgapalooza – Have not yet received a check for our portion of proceeds from Dawgapalooza. Karen Conrad was going to follow up with Athletic Boosters on it.

### IV. Old Business

**Marching Bulldog Festival** - Annalisa Cockerham reported that 2009

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Marching Bulldog Festival was a success. After days of rain, the field held up well and the temperature went from chilly in the morning to a sunny blue sky by afternoon. Committee chairs did a phenomenal job and volunteers worked extremely hard. Discussed that by having the festival later in the season, we get a better turnout from participating bands, but we are more subject to volatile weather. Discussed the possibility of moving the event one week later next year to avoid other events at the high school, including the fall play. Michelle Ramage reported that there wasn't as big of a turnout on food as was expected. All agreed that the concession set-up was much better.

## V. New Business

- a. **Jazz Band** - Has begun rehearsing. Second installment of \$150 for San Antonio trip due Monday, 11/16/09
- b. **2009 Band Season DVD**: Mr. Stevens reported that the Caputos sold 92 2009 Marching Band Season DVDs, which created an income of \$1,348 for Music Boosters. It was a delightful addition to the program and a new source of fundraising for the club. Thanks Caputos!
- c. **Madrigals-**
  - a. Performances on Saturday, 12/12 (2 p.m. & 6 p.m.) and Sunday, 12/13 (2 p.m.). Tickets are \$20 and go on sale at Chorus Concert on Thursday.
  - b. Performed at Living Flag at Mahomet Christian Church.
  - c. Carolyn Carlson from ISU coming to work with them next week.
  - d. 12/3 - Madrigals going to ISU to perform.
- d. **Sr. Night Plaques** - Mr. Steven's requested \$120 to pay for Sr. Night plaques, as this an expense not covered by the school.  
[11/09/09:02: Motion by Lecouris and seconded by Conrad; motion carried.]
- e. **Background Checks** - State of Illinois is requiring that the instructors/teachers we use for private band/choral lessons be fingerprinted & have background checks. Alison Lecouris was going to check to see if some of them have already had this done through U of I. There are 10 band instructors and 4 choral instructors. This expense not covered by school. At \$69 each, cost involved would be \$966. Alison Lecouris motioned that we set aside \$1,000 to pay for this expense.  
[11/09/09:03: Motion by Lecouris and seconded by Waddell; motion carried.]
- f. **Upcoming Jazz Festivals-\$\$ Due**: Going to pay upfront expense for the cost to sign up for upcoming Jazz Festivals, as Mr. Steven's needs the funds sooner than the district can provide. He will then reimburse Music Boosters with the \$\$ with the district reimbursement.

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## VI. Staff Reports

### a. Jill Rinkel -

- The HS Choral concert is this Thursday. I appreciate the volunteers who have helped mend formal attire and who are helping distribute it the night of the concert. We could use a couple more moms to check that students have their formal attire on correctly. Students begin dressing at 6:20. Girls dress in the Chorus room and guys dress in the Band room. Windows and doors are always covered.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Chorus have a concert on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 in the HS Gym. Each choir is singing 3 songs. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus will combine to sing a final "mass" song.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade National Anthem singers will sing at the JH Veteran's Day assembly. I have a SATB group (Soprano, alto, tenor, bass) that sang acapella last week at the Boy's Basketball game. They did a terrific job!
- The IMEA District #3 Junior Chorus concert is Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at Braden Auditorium at Illinois State University. The cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. Our students will leave the HS at 7:00 a.m. that morning. I will e-mail parents with all of the information as well as give the students a hard copy of the same information. The Junior Chorus director is Emily Crocker, Director of the Milwaukee Children's Chorus.

### b. Leslie Manfredo –

- Busy time of year. The High School Choral Concert will take place on Thursday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. DVD's will be available for purchase for \$10. The choirs are really sounding awesome. Two weeks ago, Dr. Chet Alwes from the U of I was here to work with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> hours, and Professor Brent Talbot came last Tuesday to work with Treble Choir. We will wear our formal attire for the concert and have a picture taken of the mass choir just prior to the beginning of the performance on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday morning at 7:15am, we will have our one and only mass rehearsal for all the choirs. Also, we will remind students to bring black shoes and black socks when they report in the evening to dress for the concert at 6:20 pm. All concert information can be found on the Music Department website.
- District Festival is Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. Fourteen sophomores, juniors, and seniors auditioned for the District Chorus. Out of the 14, all 14 made it. And three of our Junior/Senior students were first in their rooms, which means that they will be auditioning to sing the National Anthem at the State Basketball Finals. Our number one

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students were Logan Moore in the Soprano 2 room, Chelsea Martin in the Alto 1 room, and Jacob Hawk in the Tenor 2 room. We will find out about All-State students in about a month, about the second week of December. Another successful audition.

- Madrigals are really coming along. The dinners are scheduled for the second weekend of December, the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. This year we are celebrating the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner performances. We will again have the Saturday afternoon dessert performance, at which only desserts and beverages will be served, on Saturday at 2:00 pm. Full dinner performances will be at the Saturday evening performance at 6:00 pm. and the Sunday afternoon performance at 2:00 pm. There is no Sunday night performance again this year. Tickets will go on sale to the public on Thursday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at the High School Chorus Concert. Seating is based upon when the order, with money, is received. All tickets are sold in advance—no tickets are sold at the door. Tickets are \$10 for the Dessert Performance on Saturday afternoon and \$20 for the full meal in addition to the entertainment by the Madrigal singers, Madrigal recorders, and the Madrigal Brass. Within the dinner, the singers sing three sets of music, the first set including most of the “traditional” parts of the dinner including the wassail bowl and toast, the boar’s head, and the blessing of the food. The second set contains the more light-hearted and fun music and actual madrigal music. The third set includes some beautiful seasonal Christmas music.
- The Madrigals have begun their performance season already. They sang the National Anthem at the Living Flag performances at the Mahomet Christian Church over the weekend and will record for the WICD-TV special, “Sounds of the Season” next week. On Wednesday, they will again sing the National Anthem at the Veterans’ Day Assembly at the High School. Thirteen other performances are scheduled throughout November and December. Also Wednesday, Dr. Karyl Carlson, ISU Madrigal director, worked with the Madrigals. This is always a wonderful opportunity for the students to go to the next musical level.
- For the Veterans’ Day Assembly on Wednesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, not only are the Madrigals singing the National Anthem, but the combined High School Choirs will sing one of the Mass songs that they will sing at Thursday’s concert. The song is entitled Homeland, and its message is very appropriate for honoring our Veterans on Veterans’ Day. The students must meet at school at 7:45 am for warm-up on Wednesday.

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c. Michael Stevens –

- Preparing for concert season. High School Chorus & Band concert on February 25th, Wind Ensemble is performing Leonard Bernstein's October.
- Jazz Band competitions at Illinois Wesleyan on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Eastern on February 13<sup>th</sup> and Western on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, Jazz Band Dinner Dance is on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Over Spring Break, Jazz Band is going to San Antonio, TX.
- Mr. Stevens expressed a thank you to volunteers.
- He is excited about the show that was selected for next year. The show is a Latin sketch theme includes pieces including "Pegasus" and "Spain".
- Two students made it to Jazz Districts, Matthew McQue and Alex Berry.
- IMEA District Music Festival (Concert band districts) are on 11/21 at ISU. Seven junior high students and five high school students are attending.
- EIU Honor band is December 5<sup>th</sup> this year with Dr. Allen, Director of Bands, Barry Houser, Associate Director of Bands and Richard Saucedo, an internationally recognized composer. The kids pay 1/2 of the \$40 entry fee. Mr. Stevens requested that Music Boosters sponsor the other half of the fee, which would be \$20 for 14 kids (\$280).

Barb Semeraro suggested that this come out of the music camp budget. All agreed.

[11/09/09:04: Motion by Norton and seconded by Lecouris; motion carried.]

d. Justin Barnish –

- Jr. High Band and Chorus concert is this Tues, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Jr. High Jazz Band just had their first rehearsal.
- Madrigal Brass is getting ready for all three performances.
- Kids are having fun with district music, which includes complementing music with crystal glasses.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Tarrant, sitting in for Tammy S. Caputo  
Music Booster Secretary

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November 9, 2009 meeting  
Summary of motions approved by majority vote

- 11/09/09:01 Approval of the October 2009 meeting minutes
- 11/09/09:02 Approval to pay \$120 for Senior Night plaques
- 11/09/09:03 Approval to set aside \$1000 for fingerprinting/background checks
- 11/09/09:04 Approval to pay \$280 toward EIU Honor Band fee for 14 students

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