



## Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11th, 2010  
7:00 p.m. Mahomet-Seymour High School

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

**Members and Attendees:** Nancy Stevens, Rebecca Richards, Pam Williams, Rich Gegg, Nadine Gleason, Fran Street

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

II. **Review and Approval of November 2009 Meeting Minutes** – The notes from the November 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction. Correction was to motion #4: seconded by Lecouris

### III. Treasurer's Report

- a. Cindy Tarrant reported the data on the November financial reports was corrected. It was explained that net income on Statement of Assets & Liabilities balanced to net income on Profit & Loss statement. However, the profit & loss statement is as of meeting date, for most current data. If the statements are run on reconciliation date, they always balance. It was agreed that she would continue to produce reports the way she has in the past.
- b. The \$2,500 CD matures in February. We have that and funds from fall fundraiser to invest. Interest rates are low on CDs right now. Cindy Tarrant will check into money market and upcoming CD special rates at bank and report her findings at the February meeting.
- c. The financial statements as of November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31, 2009 were distributed, reviewed, and approved.
- d. Attorney General filing, due on 12/31/09 was made for period of 6/30/08- 6/30/09.  
[01/11/10:01: Motion by Waddell and seconded by Caputo; motion carried.]

### IV. Old Business

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- a. **Dawgapalooza** - We have not seen the final figures for this year's event.
- b. **Bulldog Festival** - Final results from the festival were distributed.

#### V. **New Business**

- a. **Scholarships** – Barb Semeraro, scholarship committee chair, reported:
  - The check to Sissy Eustice has been written and is ready to be sent to her or her parents.
  - No one has heard from Jessica Staire. Leslie Manfredo will contact her.
  - Leslie Manfredo will contact Pat Warren to determine what documents/information pertaining to the selection of the scholarship recipients should be kept by Music Boosters.
  - Music Boosters will provide up to 2 scholarships again this school year. Barb will work with Pat Warren to ensure the scholarship is advertised through the guidance counselor office and web site. Barb will also provide scholarship information to Tammy Caputo for posting on the Music Booster web site.
  - Leslie turned in an invoice to reimburse the school district for four additional background checks. Three were reimbursed in December. Up to 10 were approved at the November meeting.
- b. **Jazz Band Dinner/Dance**
  - The dinner/dance will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Tickets are \$18.00 each.
- c. **Copy machine at the Jr. High**
  - Jill Rinkel reported that the copy machine at the Jr. High is no longer working.
  - She received a bid of \$300 from Bundy Business systems for a basic Samsung copier.
  - Motion was made to purchase a new copier for \$300 from Bundy.  
[01/11/10:02: Motion by Lecouris and seconded by Norton; motion carried.]
- d. **Space issue at Jr. High**
  - Leslie Manfredo reported that music department staff has been meeting with Jeff Starwalt and Petrece Klein to discuss the space issue with the Jr. High band/chorus room. They will be meeting again this Friday to present 3 plans:
    1. Long term (5 year plan) – Add on to the Jr. High building.
    2. Short term – Hire 1 additional staff person that would float from building to building.

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3. Temporary (next year) – Have Sue Keeble, music teacher at Sangamon, help out at the Jr. High.
- It was suggested that Music Boosters be represented at all board meetings.

## VI. Staff Reports

### a. Jill Rinkel -

- Solo & Ensemble Contest will be held at MSHS on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Junior high events will take place between noon and 4:00 p.m. Vocal events include 12 solos (8<sup>th</sup> grade only) and 9 groups, with a total participation of 62 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus students.
- The next Junior High concert is Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and features the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Chorus.
- High School formal attire is back from the cleaners (Madrigal dinner servers) and is being sorted and re-tagged, in preparation for the February 25<sup>th</sup> concert.

### b. Leslie Manfredo –

- This is another busy semester for the High School choirs.
  1. Preparations for the **All-State Convention** are in full swing. The Convention is January 28-30<sup>th</sup> in Peoria.
  2. This year we have 6 All-State singers, 5 in the Honors' Chorus (Stefanie Davis-Soprano 1, Logan Moore-Soprano 2, Chelsea Martin-Alto 1, Allison Gwinup-Alto 2, and Jacob Hawk-tenor 1) and 1 in the All-State Chorus (Catherine Street-Soprano 1). We are very proud of their hard work. We will leave for Peoria on Thursday morning, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. They rehearse all day for two and a half days with a guest conductor and give their concerts on Sat., Jan. 30 at 1:00 for the All-State groups and 3:15 for the Honors' groups. We will be staying at the Pere Marquette Hotel downtown.
  3. The next **concert** is Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and is a joint concert with high school bands and choirs.
- **Madrigal Dinners 2009.**
  1. The Madrigal Dinner performances took place the weekend of December 12 and 13—the singers did a wonderful job with high-quality musical performances. We thank Mr. Barnish and the Madrigal Brass and Mrs. Keeble and the Madrigal recorders for lending to the festivities. In total 85 students were involved in this year's Madrigal Dinner performances as musicians, servers, or special jobs. We had a tremendous amount of help from many, many students and parents.

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2. This year there was one dessert performance on Saturday at 2:00, followed by a full dinner performance on Saturday night at 6:00pm and a dinner performance on Sunday afternoon at 2:00. We served 305 dinners and nearly 100 desserts, which was slightly down from previous years.
  3. In addition to the 3 dinner performances, the singers have performed 12 additional times since August. They recorded a television program which aired on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, "Sounds of the Season," and appeared live on the Morning Show on our first day of Christmas vacation.
  4. Unbelievably, we will be discussing Madrigal auditions soon. Five seniors will be graduating this year, but I would like to increase the number in the group slightly. And we will be auditioning for a new wench. Auditions will take place right after Spring Break.
  5. A very BIG THANK-YOU to the Music Boosters for the WONDERFUL new stage steps. They are wonderful and stay in place, so we didn't have to worry about performers slipping when going up and down the stairs. We donated the old ones to the High school for graduation.
- **Solo and Ensemble Contest:** High School Solo & Ensemble Contest is Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Mahomet-Seymour High School (our own in-house contest). The choral department has 85 singers participating in contest in 18 events, 12 ensembles, 5 solos, and Madrigals. All the groups and soloists are in the process of selecting music this week and are beginning 7 weeks of preparation.
    1. Two things for this year's contest:
      - The high school portion of the contest will be in the morning and the junior high groups will participate in the afternoon.
      - We are excited and pleased to have a couple of guest schools again this year: Uni HS in Urbana will be joining us in both the morning and afternoon sessions. In addition, Tri-Valley (Downs) will be joining us for the junior high portion of the contest in the afternoon.
    2. Again, we will need the assistance of MANY parents since we are running our own contest this year.
    3. Will need door monitors, runners, tabulators, set-up & clean-up (to move furniture and pianos).
    4. Food will be served again this year.

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5. High school portion will run from about 8:30-11:30 and the Jr. High portion will run from 12-4:00. Specific times will depend on how many entries there will be at each level.
  6. One room will include Honors' performances – they will be giving their powerpoint presentation before they perform their piece (part of the requirement for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Honors' Band/Chorus Class option).
  7. Each room will have a judge who will write a score on the IHSA adjudication sheet. High School events will be scheduled 15 minutes apart so that the judge has a few minutes to give feedback to the solo or ensemble; Jr. High events will be scheduled every 10 minutes.
- **Chamber Choir/Wind Ensemble Auditions:** We will begin auditioning band and chorus students next week who are interested in moving on to the Advanced Chamber Choir and Wind Ensemble. They have to prepare a concert song excerpt and do a sight-singing exercise for the audition. Then I also consider their work ethic and understanding of musical concepts. Michael, Justin, and I then work together and discuss the personnel, especially if they are in both groups.
- c. Michael Stevens –
    - The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade December concerts went well.
    - Jazz Band competitions at Illinois Wesleyan on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Eastern Illinois University on February 13<sup>th</sup> and Western Illinois University on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.
    - Over Spring Break, Jazz Band is going to San Antonio, TX.
    - Drum Major workshops and auditions will be held later in January.
    - Next year's marching band show is "Latin Sketches".
  - d. Justin Barnish –
    - Jr. High Jazz Band has been meeting.
    - Madrigal Brass performed for the Chamber of Commerce this evening.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tammy S. Caputo  
Music Booster Secretary

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Summary of motions approved by majority vote

- 01/11/10:01 Approval of the treasurer's report  
01/11/10:02 Approval to purchase new copier for Jr. High for \$300

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