



# MAHOMET SEYMOUR MUSIC BOOSTERS

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 8, 2010

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

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

**Members and Attendees:** Barb Semeraro, Fran Street, Jane Jahn, Nancy Stevens, Rich Gegg

I. **Call to Order** – Billie Waddell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. **Review and Approval of January 2010 Meeting Minutes** – The notes from the January 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

[02/08/10:01: Motion by Conrad and seconded by Ramage; motion carried.]

### III. Treasurer's Report

- a. The financial statements as of February 6, 2010 were distributed, reviewed, and approved.
- b. Additional personnel are in need of background checks. Music Boosters were asked to pay for 6 additional personnel background checks.

[02/08/10:02: Motion by Ramage and seconded by Conrad; motion carried.]

- c. Cindy Tarrant suggested investing money in two ways:
  1. Placing \$10,000 in a 6 month CD and,
  2. Placing \$10,000 (\$2,500 from maturing CD + \$7,500) in a Tournament Time CD.

[02/08/10:03: Motion by Tarrant and seconded by Caputo; motion carried.]

### IV. Old Business

There was no Old Business to report.

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## VI. Staff Reports

### a. Jill Rinkel –

- Solo & Ensemble rehearsals are going well. Justin and I will be sending out information to all of the parents of students involved as to what they can volunteer to help with. Parents will be scheduled so that they can see their son/daughter perform. JH performances are in the afternoon (noon- 4:00)
- The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Chorus concert is Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- HS formal attire - We have several new students who will be fitted this week for the concert on February 25<sup>th</sup>. I always welcome parents volunteers to help distribute/ and check student's formal attire the night of the concert. We will meet at 5:45. Boys will be changing in the back of the auditorium as the Band will be in the band room. Private lesson teachers must be done by 5:30.

### b. Leslie Manfredo –

- All-State took place last week over the weekend of January 28-30. We spent 3 days and 2 nights in Peoria, where the students rehearsed between 6-8 hours per day and presented a joint concert with the All-State Band and Orchestra. The concert was phenomenal; they performed very difficult music extremely well. The conductors were outstanding. It's amazing how far they come in 3 days. The finale of both the All-State and Honors' concerts was the playing and singing of America the Beautiful. Our All-State students included Julia Ross in All-State Band, Catherine Street in All-State Choir, and Stefanie Davis, Allison Gwinup, Jacob Hawk, Chelsea Martin, and Logan Moore in the All-State Honors' Chorus.
- Next week, Dr. Chet Alwes, Choral Director at the University of Illinois, will be coming to work with the Concert and Chamber Choirs in preparation for the Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> concert. Leslie tries to bring in guest clinicians to work with choirs at least twice a year. The Chamber Choir is singing an arrangement of the spiritual Didn't My Lawd Deliver Daniel by Dr. Alwes. It is always a wonderful experience for the students to work with the composer or arranger of a piece that they will perform to get the thoughts of that person as they wrote the music.
- Upcoming dates:
  - February 25 at **7:00 pm** is the Winter Band/Chorus joint concert. DVD's will be available for purchase.

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- High School Solo and Ensemble Contest is Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at M-S HS. Times will be available in a couple of weeks.
- The workshops and auditions for Madrigal Wench and Madrigal Singers are coming up in March. The workshop for Wench is Thursday, March 11 with the audition scheduled for Tues., March 16<sup>th</sup>. The Madrigal workshop will be Wednesday, March 17 and the auditions are Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The musical auditions are being held today and tomorrow. This year's musical is How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying. The performances will be April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- c. Michael Stevens –
  - Marching band:
    - Handbook forms are being returned by students.
    - Color guard workshops are going on, with tryouts at the end of the month.
    - Drum majors for the 2010 marching season are Julia Ross and Leslie Semeraro.
  - Jazz Band:
    - The band participated in a festival at Illinois Wesleyan.
    - The Eastern Illinois University competition is February 13<sup>th</sup> and Western Illinois University is February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.
    - Dinner/Dance is March 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets go on sale February 16<sup>th</sup> and are \$18.00 each.
  - Upcoming band concerts:
    - Preparations for the upcoming Jr. and Sr. high band concerts are underway.
- d. Justin Barnish –
  - Solo/Ensemble contest:
    - Emails will be distributed later this week soliciting volunteers for the Solo/Ensemble contest. Contest is March 13 with Sr. high performing in the morning and Jr. high performing in the afternoon.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tammy S. Caputo  
Music Booster Secretary

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February 8, 2010 meeting  
Summary of motions approved by majority vote

- 02/08/10:01 Approval of the January meeting minutes
- 02/08/10:02 Approval to invest \$10,000 in a 6 month CD and \$10,000 in a Tournament Time CD
- 02/08/10:03 Approval to pay for 6 additional personnel background checks

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