



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 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, Alison Lecouris, Leslie Manfredo, Jill Rinkel, Michael Stevens, Nancy Tolar, Debbie Vojak (Absent: Beth Norton, Bobbie Schnitkey, Dianne Tellschow)

Members and Attendees: Barb Semeraro, Fran Street, Jane Jahn, Nadine Gleason

- I. **Call to Order** – Billie Waddell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. **Review and Approval of February 2010 Meeting Minutes** – The notes from the February 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.
[03/08/10:01: Motion by Rinkel and seconded by Ramage; motion carried.]
- III. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. The financial statements as of March 6, 2010 were distributed, reviewed, and approved.
[03/08/10:02: Motion by Ramage and seconded by Caputo; motion carried.]
 - b. Two CDs were purchased:
 1. \$10,000 in a 6 month CD at 1% interest and,
 2. \$10,000 in a 10 month CD at 1.5%
 - c. The Illinois Annual report was filed with Fred Heinrich continuing to be our registered agent. Cost was \$150 plus and additional \$10 fee for filing the Change to Registered Agent form due to Fred changing law firms.
 - d. Bobbie Schnitkey and Mary Tollakson have agreed to audit the books this summer.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - a. The jazz band dinner/dance went well. The commons was packed with people enjoying the great music and food.
 - b. The jazz band trip to San Antonio is taking place over spring break.
 - c. The Solo/Ensemble Contest is March 13.

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1. The final schedule has been posted on the Music Department website. All participating MS students have been given a copy of the schedule and parents have been emailed a copy.
2. Jill Rinkel and Justin Barnish are organizing volunteers. Please let them know if you would like to help with this event.

V. New Business

- a. Barb Semeraro reported on the Music Booster Scholarship.
 1. Pat Warren, guidance counselor, suggested consistency with the MS Music Booster scholarships and others as follows:
 - The application deadline will be March 31
 - Completed applications will go to Pat Warren and she will forward them to the MS Music Booster scholarship committee.
 2. Posters were made to advertise the scholarship.
 3. Barb asked for volunteers to be on the MS Music Booster scholarship committee.
- b. The nominating committee for the 2010-2011 school year are starting to fill spots on the MS Music Booster Board of Directors. Please let Billie Waddell know if you are interested in serving.
- c. There is a new director of bands at the U of I and as a result, changes are being made to the U of I Marching Band Festival. Michael Stevens suggests we register now to ensure we have a spot. He anticipates the changes to the festival will attract more bands this fall.

VI. Staff Reports

- a. Jill Rinkel –
 1. Solo & Ensemble Contest is this Saturday, March 13. JH events are from 12:10-3:30. Vocalists will warm-up and run through their songs at 11:00-noon in room A-8. Performance schedules, helpful hints, and the volunteer 'job' schedules have been sent out with instructions. I will be making labels for all the volunteers.
 2. JH Band & Chorus Concert is Thursday, March 18th at 7:30 p.m. Out of the last 6 chorus rehearsals, 5 of them have been shortened periods (8th grade chorus-30 minutes and only 23 minutes for 7th Grade Chorus). This is due to the ISAT schedule and late start day next Tuesday, March 16.
- b. Leslie Manfredo –
 1. **Solo and Ensemble Contest:** Once again, we will be holding our solo and ensemble contest this Saturday, March 13th at the High School. This will be the fourth year that we have held our

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own contest at the high school level and the second year at the junior high level. Maroa-Forsythe and Uni will join us all day, and Tri-Valley Middle School will join us in the afternoon. Music Boosters will be providing breakfast and lunch for the judges and directors and will also be selling food and snack items to contest participants throughout the day.

- High School events will run from 8:30-11:45 with 15-minute time slots that will allow the judge to give verbal feedback and to work with the soloist or members of the ensemble.
 - Junior High events will run from 12:10-3:30 in 10-minute time slots.
 - There are 186 events that are scheduled into 7 rooms: 3 instrumental, 3 vocal, 1 piano/string.
 - At the High School level, the Band and Chorus Honors' students will be presenting a PowerPoint containing information about their song before they perform. This is the part of our contest that we dovetail with the Honors' requirements.
 - We are looking forward to a great musical and educational experience for our students.
2. **February 25 joint Band/Chorus Concert:** The concert went well; all groups performed a wide variety of literature very well.
 3. **Monday, March 15th is Bulldog Pride Night** here at the High School, which is an evening in which classes will showcase the various curricular things that go on in the classroom. We will have instrumental and vocal performances throughout the evening in the chorus room. The evening runs from 6-8 pm and is being coordinated with the 8th Grade orientation. So this will be a great opportunity for incoming freshmen to see what goes on in High School classes.
 4. **Madrigals:** Workshops and auditions are coming up over the next few weeks.
 - A workshop for those interested in being the wench will take place on Thursday, March 11 at 3:30 with the audition for wench taking place on Tuesday, March 16th beginning at 3:30.
 - The Madrigal workshop will be held Wednesday, March 17th at 3:30, with the audition on Wednesday following Spring Break, March 31st. All students auditioning must have attended the workshop. Everyone must re-audition for Madrigals—no one is automatically back in the group except for Colin Ramage, our returning jester.

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5. **We have already begun the medley for the May 20th Pops Concert—this year we are singing songs by the great American composer, George Gershwin.** The Pops Concert will feature both the Jr. High and Sr. High Combined Choirs in the same evening, along with choral awards being presented.
- c. Michael Stevens –
 1. Thanks to MS Music Boosters and Billie Waddell for all of their work on the jazz band dinner/dance.
 2. The color guard auditions were held 2 weeks ago. 21 girls will make up the 2010 color guard.
 3. Around 146 students will be participating in marching band this fall.
 4. The jazz band has been practicing in preparation for the Texas trip performance.
 5. The Jr. High band is preparing for the upcoming pops concert.
 - d. Justin Barnish –
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The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 12th at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy S. Caputo
Music Booster Secretary

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

- 03/08/10:01 Approval of the February meeting minutes
03/08/10:02 Approval of the financial reports

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