



## Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 12, 2010

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

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

**Members and Attendees:** Barb Semeraro, Fran Street, Karen Bidner, Lona Oostdyk, Mary Smith

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

II. **Review and Approval of March 2010 Meeting Minutes** – The notes from the March 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.  
[04/12/10:01: Motion by Caputo and seconded by Rinkel; motion carried.]

### III. Treasurer's Report

- a. The financial statements as of April 11, 2010 were distributed and reviewed.

### IV. Old Business

- a. **Solo/Ensemble Contest** - Leslie Manfredo reported that the contest went very well. She expressed how much more important the educational experience is than the score the student receives.
- b. **Guard auditions** - Michael Stevens reported that the guard auditions are complete. A total of 21 students will make up the 2010-2011 marching band guard. Jennifer Stewart helped with the auditions.
- c. **Madrigal auditions** - Leslie Manfredo reported that Madrigal auditions are complete. A total of 20 students will make up the 2010-2011 Madrigals. Approximately ½ of the students are returning Madrigals and the other ½ are new.
- d. **2010-2011 budget** - Cindy Tarrant presented the proposed 2010-2011 budget. There was discussion. The 2010-2011 budget will be voted on at the next booster meeting.
- e. **Scholarship committee** - Barb Semeraro reported that the Scholarship committee met and decided on the recipients of this year's

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scholarships. The winners will be announced at the Senior Awards Day Ceremony.

1. The committee recommends modifying the criteria for future application to allow any student who participates in a music activity to apply for a scholarship. In doing so, more students will be able to apply. In the selection process, music majors will have an advantage over non-music majors.

[04/12/10:02: Motion by Caputo and seconded by Tarrant; motion carried.]

## V. New Business

- a. **Marching band uniforms** - Michael Stevens reported that the district will guarantee \$27,000 from the capital outlay fund toward the purchase of new marching band uniforms. Michael anticipates the total cost of new uniforms to be approximately \$35,000 and asked the MS Music Boosters for \$8,000 to cover the rest of the cost. There was some discussion. More discussion will take place at the next booster meeting when the proposed 2010-2011 budget is presented and voted on.
- b. **Grand piano** – Jill Rinkel and Leslie Manfredo reported that extensive repairs were made to the high school's grand piano to *try* to extend its life. Because of internal problems, it is impossible to keep in tune. Purchasing a new one at this time is not feasible however they are open to the idea of a piano being donated. The cost of rebuilding an older grand piano is much cheaper than purchasing a new one.
- c. **Lincoln Trail Music Teacher** – Leslie reported that Andrea O'Neal, the music teacher at Lincoln Trail, has resigned. Her husband has taken a job elsewhere. Applications for the position have been received and are being reviewed.

## VI. Staff Reports

- a. Jill Rinkel –
  1. Six 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students sang their solos from contest at Barnes & Noble "Books by the Bushel" this past Saturday.
  2. Next Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade National Anthem singers will sing the Star-Spangled Banner for the opening ceremony for Celebrate Art.
  3. Junior High Choruses: 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are preparing for their concert on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are learning a medley from 'Grease' for their concert on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Men's Chorus started this morning and they are singing a fun song called 'Kate' from Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. They

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will also join the High School guys in the singing of “Manly Men” from the TV show “Two and a Half Men”.

4. Formal attire is back from the cleaners and is being re-tagged and put away.
  5. I am making arrangements for next year’s 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus to sing in Springfield in the rotunda of the State Capitol.
- b. Leslie Manfredo –
1. We are in the midst of preparing for the upcoming Pops’ Concert on May 20<sup>th</sup>. This year, we are singing a medley consisting of the songs of American composer George Gershwin. It will be choreographed and will utilize many soloists. The HS Choral Awards Presentation will follow the Junior High and High School Choral Pops Concert.
  2. Madrigal auditions have come and gone – next year’s group consists of 20 singers, with 9 new members and 11 returning singers. Next year’s dinners are scheduled for December 11 and 12, 2010. There will be 2 performances on Saturday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, a dessert performance at 2:00 and a full dinner performance at 6:00 and a full dinner performance on Sunday at 2:00. Our first rehearsal for the new Madrigal group is the last day of school, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We rehearse all summer on Mondays from 1-2:30.
  3. The musical, How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying, is coming along very well. It opens two weeks from Thursday, on April 29<sup>th</sup> and will run through Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Evening performances begin at 7:30 pm and the Sunday afternoon matinee is at 2:00 pm.
  4. The music calendar is set for next year. It will be loaded onto the website by the end of the week.
  5. Music and the other Fine Arts teachers will be presenting a PowerPoint to the School Board for a Study Session on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Jr. High Band/Chorus Room. We are excited about the opportunity to inform the Board about all that the students learn and perform in music in the MS District.
- c. Justin Barnish –
1. The Jr. High school band is preparing for the upcoming Pops Concert with musical selections from ‘West Side Story’ and Michael Jackson’s ‘Thriller’. The Pops Concert will be held May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  2. The High school band preparing for the upcoming Pops Concert as well and will be performing musical selections by Chicago and the song ‘Voodoo’.
  3. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade band is preparing for their spring concert, which will be held May 13<sup>th</sup>.
  4. Drum line auditions were held last week.
- d. Michael Stevens –

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1. The jazz band trip to San Antonio was a great success. The bus ride was a little too long though. The band received a Silver rating at their performance with a score of 87.5. They needed a 90 to receive Gold rating.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy S. Caputo  
Music Booster Secretary

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April 12, 2010 meeting  
Summary of motions approved by majority vote

- 04/12/10:01 Approval of the March meeting minutes  
04/12/10:02 Approval to change scholarship application criteria

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