



# MAHOMET SEYMOUR MUSIC BOOSTERS

## Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 10, 2010

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

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

**Members and Attendees:** Barb Semeraro, Fran Street, Karen Bidner, Mary Smith, Debbie Cawley

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

II. **Review and Approval of March 2010 Meeting Minutes** – The notes from the April 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.  
[05/10/10:01: Motion by Caputo and seconded by Tarrant; motion carried.]

### III. Special Business

- a. Leslie Manfredo announced a special opportunity for choral students. Mr. Mark Hayes, writer/composer/arranger, has offered to come to Mahomet on March 3-4, 2011 to hold a workshop. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and high school choirs would participate. Leslie asked the MS Music Booster organization to pay Mr. Hayes' fees.

There was discussion as to whether the budget could be adjusted to accommodate Leslie's request. It was decided that adjustments to the budget could be made for MS Music Boosters to pay \$1500 towards Mr. Hayes' fees.

[05/10/10:02: Motion by Waddell and seconded by Lecouris; motion carried.]

### IV. Old Business

- a. **2010-2011 Budget** – Cindy Tarrant presented the proposed 2010-2011. There was discussion. The budget was approved.  
[05/10/10:03: Motion by Waddell and seconded by Conrad; motion carried.]

### V. New Business

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- a. **Bulldog Festival** – Deb Cawley reported that most chair positions for the 2010 Bulldog Festival have been filled. She is still in need of chairs for: facilities, grounds, advertising, and Denise Lowry needs a person to ‘shadow’ her job.
- b. **Presentation of 2010-2011 Officers and Board** – Billie Waddell presented the appointees for officers and board members as follows:
  - President** – Michelle Ramage
  - Vice-President** – Tina Rothery
  - Secretary** – Tammy Caputo
  - Treasurer** – Bobbie Schnitkey
  - Board Members** – Leslie Manfredo, Jill Rinkel, Michael Stevens, Justin Barnish, Alison Lecouris, Karen Conrad, Dianne Telschow, Nancy Tolar

All appointees were approved.

[05/10/10:04: Motion by Tarrant and seconded by Waddell; motion carried.]

- c. The 2009-2010 MS Music Booster officers and board members were thanked for their service then dismissed from duty.

## VI. Staff Reports

- a. Jill Rinkel –
  1. 6th Grade Chorus- Concert this Thursday at 7:45 p.m. We are singing Alexanders Ragtime Band (Irving Berlin), I Am A Small Part of the World, Folk Song Handjive and In Flanders Fields. Emma Vallee and Griffin Megeff are playing the piano, Alivia Hay is accompanying on her flute, 8 students are singing in 2 solo groups, and 6 students are narrators to introduce each piece.
  2. 7th & 8th Grade Chorus will combine to sing a medley of songs from 'Grease' for their 'POPS' concert on Thursday, May 20th. This medley features lots of 8th graders singing solos, and everyone singing with choreography. They will perform 'Grease' for the Lincoln Trail 5th Graders on May 25th to encourage participation in 6th Grade Chorus.
  3. 8th Grade National Anthem singers will sing for 8th Grade Promotion on Friday, May 28th at 5:00 p.m. Recently, a small group of them sang for 2 HS soccer games.
- b. Leslie Manfredo –
  1. **Choral Pops Concert on Thursday, May 20th beginning at 7:00 pm.** Joint with the Junior High Choirs. Following the JH medley, JH men, HS men, and HS medley of songs written by the great American composer George Gershwin, we will distribute the Senior

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Choral Awards. Cross-curricular projects will be displayed that evening for people to look at prior to the concert.

2. **Voice Recital** – Tuesday, May 26 at 7pm in the high school chorus room. Each year we hold a voice recital for any of our voice students who are studying privately to give them the opportunity to showcase their studies by performing a piece they have been working on. We are excited that nearly 50 students elected to study privately during the course of this school year.
3. **Summer Schedule:** Summer lessons will be scheduled on Monday and Tuesday from 10-5. Lesson prices are \$14.00 per half hour. Lessons will begin until June 7<sup>th</sup> and will continue through the summer. I am currently in the process of seeing who is available to teach over the summer. Information will be posted on the music website.
4. **2010 Madrigals:** will begin rehearsing on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11-3.
5. **District folders:** will be available for “purchase” of \$22 beginning on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Students can get a jump on learning the audition music for the District/All-State audition on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Lincoln Trail Music Position:** We will be interviewing candidates for the LT music job, which includes 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade general music and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus this Friday. We have many well-qualified candidates.
7. **Presentation to the School Board** Last Monday evening, all the M-S District Fine Arts’ staff in Drama, Visual Art and Music presented information to the School Board about what it is we do in the Fine Arts. We used the format of a PowerPoint, with videos and pictures to share our passion for teaching in the Fine Arts with the Board members. They were very complimentary, interested, receptive, and appreciative in what we do in our classrooms on a daily basis. With recent budget cuts, the district Fine Arts staff appreciated the opportunity to inform the Board about our programs.
8. **Next year’s Chorus/Drama trip** to Chicago to see a Broadway show will be on Wed., Nov. 17 to see The Lion King.
9. **Mark Hayes:** I am working on getting Mark Hayes, a famous choral composer and arranger (who arranged the piece Swingin’ with the Saints that we sang as a combined piece to close the February concert) to come to Mahomet to work with our students. He is a family friend of Fran Street and contacted him. We have a tentative date set for Thursday and Friday, March 3-4. Jill and I are thinking about including the 7/8 grade combined choirs, in addition to the combined high school choirs in a one-day “festival” style

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performance where he would work with the students during the day on Thursday and present an evening concert.

10. We are just in the preliminary stages of contacting him and don't know, at this time, how much it would cost for us to bring him here. He has already contracted to a gig in Chatham on March 5-6, which is why we are looking at March 3-4. I will share more information with the Music Boosters in the fall and probably ask that the Boosters assist in paying his fee and travel expenses. This is a wonderful unique musical opportunity for our students!

c. Michael Stevens –

1. The bands have been preparing for their upcoming concerts.

d. Justin Barnish –

1. 90 junior high school students signed up for jazz band next. As a result, there will be two junior high school jazz bands.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy S. Caputo  
Music Booster Secretary

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May 10, 2010 meeting  
Summary of motions approved by majority vote

05/10/10:01 Approval of the April meeting minutes  
05/10/10:02 Approval to adjust proposed budget to pay fees for Mr. Mark Hayes  
05/10/10:03 Approval of the 2010-2011 budget  
05/10/10:04 Approval of appointment of 2010-2011 officers and board members

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