

## MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2009 STAGG MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING

In Attendance: Dalia Olsauskas, Chris Chialdikas, Ismadi Wooten, Sandra Mech, Colleen Jahn, Missy Pietruszynski, Dan Ciamenti, Tom & Monika Wehmeier, Stephen Maier, Diane Jania, Dean Diaz, Laura Bennett, Karen Lencioni, Melissa Gracias, Dan & Linda Malone, Linda Campbell, Kate Alstadt, Bell Shares, Gail Strauch, Lisa Conzini, Margaret Kristufek, Steven Makropoulos.

Meeting called to order at 7:18pm.

Previous Minutes: Motion to approve Dan Malone, second Colleen Jahn.

President's Report: Dalia thanked Karen and Pattie for their work on the craft show, and to Crystal and Heather Page for coordinating concessions. Also thanked Rolf Moan and Bob Mecozzi for all their work on Grease- it was electrifying! Marching Band Informational Meeting is April 27 in PAC. Our final meeting is Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm.

Treasurer's Report: Chris reported there is \$65,385.92 in the account. Spring Craft Fair brought in \$14,065.27, concessions--\$821.23

### Director's Reports:

Mr. Mecozzi—Kevin Specht and Jeff Byrnes performed in the Bands of America National Honor Band in Indianapolis, and did a great job!

-Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Spring Craft Show. In addition, the jazz band should be able to perform at next year's event.

-Jazz band performed at '20s night, held in the Performing Arts Center. Very well received!

-Musical is this week-April 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. Congratulations to the pit orchestra on an outstanding performance this weekend at the Spring Musical, Grease. This year's pit consisted of Kelsey Kobza, Steve Shewchuk, Joe Cunningham, Pat Podolak, Matas Olsauskas, Jesse Kearns, and Ron Altman. Each of the four performances was terrific, and I couldn't have been prouder of them. Great work pit!!!

-Section Leaders/ Drum Major tryouts next week. Results will be posted by the end of the week.

-April 25<sup>th</sup>-Wind Symphony to Plainfield Concert Band Invitational. Performing at 3:45 pm; returning to school by 5:30 PM.

-April 27<sup>th</sup>-Marching Band Informational Meeting 7 PM PAC; Awards Banquet May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **-RECITAL DATES**

-Brass (minus French Horns)-Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>-7:00 in the PAC

-Percussion-Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> (this is the same day as Relay for Life, trying to move the time up)

-Woodwinds (plus French Horns) Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>-Time TBD

-Finale Band Concert May 12<sup>th</sup> 7 PM; WS performs at graduation 5/19

-Drum Clinics for Marching Band: 4/30, 5/20, 5/26, 5/27, and 6/1 from 6-9 p.m.

Attendance is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** for all of them, required for two.

Kate Alstadt—Winter guard is over, and did very well. WG came in 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 9 in Scholastic AA class.

Tryouts for next year have started, with four new students. Thanks to Dalia for coordinating/hanging flyers for Palos South. Still looking for ideas on how to get kids in the program; word of mouth seems to work best. Four graduating seniors this year. Would like to recognize Kate's mom for making guard flags for the past 12 years for free, but she refuses! Kate stated that she is retiring. Our new Director of Guard will be Missy P. Kate will mentor for another season, and still design costumes and choreography.

Choir – No report.

### Administrator's Report:

Sandra Mech stated that Rolf Moan is retiring after 36 years. Kate asked if something could be done at the Music Banquet. Something special is planned for the final choir concert on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Interviews are complete

for the new choir director. Mr. Daeschler is not returning; his resignation has been accepted. Approval of the new Band Dir. will be made at the next Board Mtg.

Committee Reports:

**External Communications**—Dan Malone completed disks from Jamboree and gave to Mr. M. Chris C. stated that senior video is almost complete, and is working with R. Wooten on sound.

**Scholarship**—Melissa Gracias stated there were two qualified applicants. Scholarships will be awarded to Jeff Byrnes and Vince Olsauskas.

**Membership**—no report.

**Marching Uniforms**—Linda Malone reported that all uniforms have been returned. One is still not cleaned. She will take it to the cleaners and Mr. M. will charge the student's account \$10.

**Concert Uniforms**—Linda Campbell reported no payments from Treble Choir. \$1,500 outstanding. Suggestion made to try to collect outstanding monies at Music Banquet. Linda suggested that order forms be ready the first week of school, along with a list of choir/band students. More time is needed to get uniforms ordered for the first concert, and wants all orders in the first week of school. Students keep shirt, tie and cummerbund. Rented skirts, pants and jackets to be returned cleaned with cleaner's tag and student name.

**Ways & Means**—Spring Craft Fair—Karen Lencioni stated Patti apologies for not attending. Thank you to Mr. M. Rolf, Sandy and all who volunteered and donated. Discussed craft show money breakdown and comparison to previous years. Looking for advertising ideas. Suggestions included advertising at senior centers, hospital gift shops, and The Children's Center/Farm. Also suggested some form of entertainment to draw people (students performing).

Fall Craft Show scheduled for November 14-15, 2009. Planning pictures with Santa – need Santa suit. Karen suggested making student help at craft shows mandatory, since it is difficult to get volunteers for set-up (6am-9am Sat.) and clean up (3pm-5pm Sunday). Also suggested mandatory volunteering for Jamboree or Craft Shows for parents. Discussion ensued re: mandatory "voluntary" participation. Thank you to Crystal and Heather Page for taking over concessions.

Market Day—Sales were down in March due to spring break.

Plant Sale—Bell stated that the Ted's Greenhouse plant sale is May 15-June 15, with 20% of sales to student accounts. Last spring there was zero participation, and if not better this year, we discontinue.

Music Banquet—Ismadi stated banquet is May 4 @ Lexington House, door open at 6:30pm, dinner at 7pm. Student account funds can be used to pay for banquet. Ismadi has coordinated banquet for the past 10 years. Not all students included in senior video. Suggest sending a letter to senior parents; this might be included with other senior mailing by administration.

Nominating Committee—Colleen Jahn presented the slate: President - Bill Popp, Vice President - Monika Wehmeier, Treasurer – Stephen Maier, and Secretary – Laura Bennett.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Senior Party**—Melissa Gracias proposed that the Music Boosters sponsor and run the "Guitar Hero/Dance Revolution room at a cost of \$400. Boosters would be responsible for providing volunteers to decorate, set up, run and clean up. Motion by Isamdi to approve, second Bell Shares. Dan Malone asked if there was money available; Chris C. said yes. Vote taken; all in favor. Motion passed. Thank you from Melissa.

**Website Management**—Lynda Schiappa will take on this job, and has spoken with Sandy Mech.

**Craft Fair Contract**—A signed contract between Boosters and Karen Lencioni and Patti Campione needs to be signed and on file for each future craft fair. The ladies were thanked for all their hard work for the craft show.

#### NO NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn by Dan Malone, second by Monika Wehmeier. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.