

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2009 STAGG MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING

In Attendance: Dalia Olsauskas, Chris Chialdikas, Ismadi Wooten, Bob Mecozzi, Dan Ciametti, Crystal Page, Dan and Linda Malone, Gina Kearns, Linda Campbell, Sandra Mech, Melissa Gracias and Lynda Schiappa.

Meeting called to order at 7:16pm.

Previous Minutes: Motion to approve by Dan Ciametti, second Chris C.

President's Report: There is a prom meeting on February 18th. The May booster meeting is changed to May 18th due to graduation on Tuesday, May 19th at 7pm. District 230 Legacy Dinner is April 3rd at Silver Lakes Country Club. Sandy M. is selling tickets. Eight Stagg teachers will be recognized.

Melissa Gracias spoke regarding the PFSO (Parent Faculty Student Organization) and getting it back on track. Need 20/25 volunteers to re-establish and get organization off the ground.

Treasurer's Report: Profit up \$6,400 since June of last year. Last month's discrepancy corrected on this report. Fall craft fair total was \$19,793.77. Got a 1099, need to talk with Dan M. Discussed donation for Senior Party; Chris will check what Boosters donated last year and will report at the next meeting. Dan Malone had a question on report, page 2, line Misc. Chris C replied that this was payment for receipts received. Linda Campbell asked if we are breaking even on choir wear payment/rentals. Asked where the line item for this was. Chris will have to check.

Administrator's Report: *Sandra Mech* discussed the handling of money. All monies are to be handled by the treasurer who will take money from booster functions and lockup at his house. Locking the monies in the school safe, as previously mentioned, is not always an option at each event. Dan M. asked if that was a written policy of the school. Dan asked if our treasurer could be bonded under the school's policy.

Director's Reports:

Mr. Mecozzi thanked all who came to Hackney's for the Jazz Ensemble performance. Last weekend was IMEA and Christian Busta, Ashley Shares, Kevin Specht, and Chris Rice competed. Kevin Specht received special award. Mr. Mecozzi discussed all the upcoming events for the bands. The Winter Concert is March 10. Also discussed the food drive competition with other teachers. The pit for the musical is very small this year; only requires 8 people.

Kate Alstadt

Kate sent a volunteer list for the guard contest. The jobs highlighted in a peach color are for students. Help still needed; there is a sign up sheet on the band room door. Adults are still needed as well.

We have had two contests already this season. Their score went up 12 1/2 points between the first one and the second one. We have another show this Saturday at Lake Central H.S. in St. John, Indiana. Then our home show is March 7th. After that, all we have is Circuit Championships in LaPorte the weekend of March 28-29. Things are moving along with only 6 weeks left in the season. Then we have tryouts in April for next year's fall guard. If anyone has some good ideas on how we can recruit more 8th graders to try out, please let me know.

Mr. Moan—The Luther College Jazz Band and choir will be in concert at Andrew H.S. on March 14 at 7pm. Looking for homes to house visiting students. Contact Mr. Moan if you can help.

Committee Reports

External Communications—Chris C. will be working on the senior video for the Music Banquet; Robert Wooten will add the music. Each senior should submit 8 pictures including one infant or less than 1 yr. Please mark all photos so they can be returned, and submit in an envelope to the Booster mailbox in band room. Deadline is March 13th, 2009. Ismadi Wooten will compile and distribute letters to the senior parents.

Scholarship—The committee is Melissa Gracias, Martha Motycka and Cathy Maier. Applications available in the band and choir rooms. Applicants must be music majors. Deadline is April 8, 2009.

Melissa discussed the Senior Party, and asked for a monetary donation. She stated that there would be a raffle to raise money. Included in the raffle would be (1) two tickets to the prom and (2) six tickets to graduation and VIP parking.

Membership—Colleen Jahn making phone calls to bake for the Pops Concert and Band Concert on March 10th.

Jamboree—Mr. Mecozzi is getting a letter ready to send out to bands to “save the date”. As of this date there is no co-coordinator. Lynda Schiappa stated that we could use a better line of communication between the Boosters and District regarding payments. Suggested some type of form for proof of payment. Linda questioned why the Boosters are not a 501-C3. Dan Malone stated that this was voted down last year due to the extra costs to the organization including getting our own insurance.

Marching Uniforms—no report.

Concert Uniforms—Linda Campbell has some money to give to Chris, and still has money outstanding for Treble Choir.

Spring Craft Fair—A sign-up sheet was distributed for volunteers. Dan Malone and Jim Wolz will put out the wooden signs for the fair. Boosters will handle concessions. Crystal Page was asked to coordinate.

Band Banquet—Scheduled for May 4th at Lexington House. Kate Alstadt will create the flyer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussed Craft Fair Contract. It is an agreement will be made much like that of an independent contractor.

NO NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn by Chris C., seconded by Lynda Schiappa. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.