

## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2008 MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING

**In Attendance:** Dalia Olsauskas, Chris Chialdikas, Bob Mecozzi, Steve & Helen Makropoulos, Shawn Brown, Jean Kristufek, Brana Gallegos, Pattie Campione, Karen Lencioni, Lynda Schiappa, Denise Hyker, Margaret Kristufek, Gail Strauch, Liza Gorzin, Dan Ciametti, Dan & Linda Malone, Bell & Russ Shares.

Meeting called to order at 7:20pm.

**Previous Minutes:** Motion to approve Margaret Kristufek, seconded by Dan Ciametti.

**President's Report:** Dalia thanked all who volunteered for the Jamboree and Craft Show, especially Lynda Schiappa, Karen Lencioni, and Pattie Campione. Thanked Mr. Mecozzi for his help with both functions and for acquiring the Eastern Illinois Marching Panthers for the Jamboree. Discussed CPO (Combined Parent Organization) meeting with administration. Stagg's graduation date is the same as our May meeting (May 19<sup>th</sup>). December 4<sup>th</sup>—fund raiser, volleyball, basketball games; all proceeds going to charitable organization. Boosters donated remaining Jamboree soda/chips to this event. We raised \$589.05 selling candy/baked goods during intermission at Stagg Idol.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris C. discussed the results of the Jamboree--\$8,051.43. Admission--\$5,419; Concessions--\$1,894.75; AirGrams, 50/50 pot, patches--\$607.67, plus cash donations. Butterbraid sales approx. \$2400.

### **Director's Reports:**

***Mr. Mecozzi*** thanked all who helped with Jamboree, Craft Fair, and Stagg Idol. We could not do all this without the help of volunteers. Mr. M. announced that Jeff Byrnes and Kevin Specht were chosen to participate in the Bands of America National Honor Band. They will spend 3 days in Indiana in mid March. IMEA is this weekend. Stagg has 8 band students and several choir students. Those who make all state will participate in the All State Festival in Peoria in late January. Jazz band will perform at the Open House. As well, the Jazz band is also the pep band. Discussed the Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> fundraiser and all activities involved. Money raised goes to charity. Parents encouraged to also attend. Mr. M. mentioned that the October 2008 newsletter had a picture of him and the drum majors on the cover; administration recognized the marching band. Thank you to admin.

***Kate Alstadt:*** Winter guard tryouts held November 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be 11 girls in winter guard. Home show is Saturday, March 7. Please sign up to volunteer if you can. Most people needed from 2pm-10pm. Can sign up for certain hours/jobs.

***Mr. Moan:*** Upcoming event—Luther College Collegiate Chorale and Jazz Orchestra performing at Andrew March 14, 2008. We will be looking for hosting families for approx. 80 students Saturday evening. Stagg choir is hosting the evening meal. Looking for volunteers and suggestions for caterers for a pasta-type meal. More info will be available at the January meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

***Craft Fair***—Pattie and Karen thanked all who volunteered. Thank you to Mr. Moan and especially to Mr. Mecozzi. Next year planning to have pictures with Santa. Total raised: \$24,740.65, expenses (\$922.44); final profits \$21,436.39.

Karen read a statement of their involvement with the craft shows to answer questions raised about them being paid to run the craft shows. There was a discrepancy as to donations and the basis of their payment (i.e. bake sale, concessions, admission, etc.) It was noted that the original agreement (as verified per the April 2006 minutes) stated their commitment as being one year.

This issue needs to be revisited and voted upon each year. It was suggested that we should take a new look at the agreement with Karen and Pattie.

Patty and Karen stated they would like to be aware should someone else be interested in taking this over.

Discussion ensued regarding donations to the Craft Show. Karen L. commented that part of the disagreement involved cash donations. It is the coordinators policy not to take cash donations – they request donations of items.

Denise Hyker stated that it was unclear that donations (left from Jamboree) should go to craft show coordinators pockets for their cut. It was unclear whether the entire membership knew that 10% of profits are paid to the craft show coordinators.

Dan Malone suggested drafting a motion for presentation at the next meeting regarding “financial policy.”

A question regarding why the Boosters are unable to use the kitchen for concessions was raised. Boosters need to hire a (Stagg) kitchen employee at a cost to the organization.

**Communications**—Dan Malone is working on discs from the Jamboree. Mr. Mecozzi thanked the Pages for making 4 large collages of the Marching Band. Thank you to Chris C. for his pictures and website.

**Membership**—Nothing new to report.

**Jamboree**—Lynda Schiappa and Denise Hyker wanted to thank all those who helped, especially Jean K. with concessions. Thank you to Mr. Mecozzi, who really stepped up to the occasion. All the volunteers helped make it a success. Plans are underway for next year, with a possible date of Saturday, October 3, 2009. Save the date cards will be sent upon confirmation of the date. Due to the positive reaction to Eastern Illinois, we will continue with having an exhibition band perform. A follow up meeting was held to discuss Jamboree 2008 and what can be done to improve. Lynda and Denise agreed to coordinate for 2009.

Helen M. brought up the ad book. A discussion ensued about the 3 estimates and the printing prices, base price, art charges, etc. and time spent on the adbook. Lynda thanked Helen and Steve for all their hard work. She stated that it is good business practice to obtain three estimates for services. They will not be doing the adbook next year.

A suggestion was made by Margaret Kristufek to have Culver’s sell ice cream at the next Jamboree. They bring a cart to sell the ice cream, and donate 20% of sales to the organization. . As well, it is possible they could do a fundraiser for the marching band (similar to a “shop and share”) at the Bridgeview location on Harlem Ave.

**Uniforms**—Linda Malone stated that Heather Page offered to take over for next year. Dan Malone suggested that we check school policy to see if she can do so because she is not a “parent”. Dalia will check with Sandra Mech. The crew will be taking inventory on Dec. 1 for marching uniforms. No report for concert uniforms.

**Ways & Means**—No sales for Ted’s fall garden sales. It was noted that the location might be a reason for no sales.

**Market Day** results—48 customers this month, \$400/\$500 waiting for sales info from Oak Lawn store.

**Holiday decorations**—only 6 students participated. Pickup December 6, 10am-noon. It was stated that we need the booster website operating to reach more people with sales info.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Plant Sale**—Lynda Schiappa discussed plant sale for spring. Palos Park Service League has discontinued their plant sale, which leaves a potential opening for the boosters. They operated on a pre-sale basis, where orders were taken prior to the sale. Orders would be sorted and picked up at Stagg. Sale is usually around Mother’s Day. Need to start planning in January. Possible vendors might include Sunrise Nursery, Grant Park, Illinois. A question was raised if this would benefit student accounts or the Boosters on whole.

**Garage Sale**—No discussion, Crystal Page not present.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dalia stated there is a conflict with the May meeting date due to graduation and made a motion to change the date to Monday, May 18th. Motion to accept by Shawn Brown, seconded by Lynda Schiappa.

Braná Gallegos made a motion for Dalia O. to step down as President, seconded by Jean Kristufek because they don’t like her “tone.” Dalia stated motion is invalid due to the bylaws.

Gail Strauch discussed Walmart monies. If an employee participates/volunteers at an event, Walmart will make a donation, up to \$500/year. This could be used for educational support/scholarships. Mr. Mecozzi thanked Ms. Strauch for the current donation; he stated that perhaps these monies might be used for students attending the BOA event.

Motion to adjourn by Dalia O., seconded by Lynda Schiappa. Meeting adjourned @ 8:45pm.