

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008 STAGG MUSTIC BOOSTER MEETING

In Attendance: Ismadi Wooten, Chris Chialdikas, Dan Ciametti, Crystal Page, Kawal Chhabra, Gina Kearns, Linda Campbell, Dan and Linda Malone, Janice Recio, Margaret Kristufek, Jean Kristufek, Steven Makropoulos, Bill Rice, Karen Lencioni, Colleen Jahn, Lynda Schiappa, Bob Meccozi, Sandra Mech.

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm.

Previous Minutes: Motion to approve by Margaret Kristufek, second Bill Rice.

President's Report: Ismadi Wooten read the president's report. Thank you to Jean Kristufek who manned our table at the Back to School Night. Thank you to all parents who volunteered at the Jr. High night. We had close to 300 students. Marching band had a beautiful day for the Worth Days Parade. Thank you to all who volunteered and marched with the students.

The following Friday was the football game vs. Sandburg. The MC performed their half-time show in the rain. They deserve a hand for their performance in adverse conditions. The next morning brought them back to school for the Lake Park Lancer Joust, which was cancelled due to the weather.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped Friday night, during the terrible conditions: Tom, Crystal, and Heather Page, and Jean Kristufek. Thanks for taking the reins in the uniform dept. and seeing that the kids were protected.

Thank you to all who helped with the kids and with the pit that night: Chris Chialdikas, Dan Ciametti, Bill Rice, Mike Oblak, Brian Szott, Sharon Berg, Janice Recio Juan Gallegos, Jean Kristufek and the Page Family. It was a challenging evening and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you and much appreciation for all you do.

Lake Park Joust: Thank you to all who came in the morning and helped with chaperoning, loading the equipment and buses, handing out our show shirts, and feeding our kids before we left. Every volunteer job is important and makes a difference.

Thanks to Jean Kristufek, Chris Chialdikas, Brian Szott, Tom, Crystal and Heather Page, Cathy Watt, Karen Kettering, Pat Burns, Toby and Martha Motycka, and Bill Popp.

I am grateful to all our volunteers, as are our students and Directors. Thank you.

Also, thank you to our photographers: Dan Malone, Chris Chialdikas, and Brian Szott. One, two or all take photos at each of our events. Chris will let you know about his website for this in his report.

Lastly, keep in mind we have several major fundraisers coming up. Chairs will be explaining. I hope you will consider helping with these events.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Steve M. to accept, second by Dan Malone.

Director's Reports:

Mr. Meccozi stated that at the Friday night game he checked to make sure the field was okay to march. Mr. Lewis said it was okay, or he would not have had pit come out. In spite of the weather they did a great job. They were sent in at half time.

Saturday, Lake Park Joust—Mr. Mecozzi called several times to check on the status of the joust before leaving Stagg. There was no official notice of a cancellation. It was a good experience for our own Jamboree. Students were great—very proud of our group.

Busy Jr. High night went very well. Worth stated it was very kind of us to invite them. Ideas for improvement next time; such as, getting the music to the Jr. Highs ahead of time.

Discussed the Palos Park Parade itinerary. Call at 9:30, buses at 10am, parade at 11am. Bus problems from last year resolved. Mr. M. stated that he is trying to email parents with itinerary.

October 3 is Homecoming. We will be performing with drama. Theme is The Dark Knight. Performing “Incredibles” music

Discussed ISU football game. Marching band will perform post game. Working on feeding us. Metamora competition the next day. Looking for a school to practice.

Downers Grove competition out; Mahomet Seymour in.

Jamboree News—Mr. Mecozzi has acquired the Eastern Illinois Marching Band to perform. As of today there are 5 bands signed up. It is okay to keep small. We can expand next year. He contacted bands from Lake Park Joust to see if they might come to our Jamboree.

October 5—District 230 Foundation Gala of the Arts. Tickets available from Sandra Mech.

Kate Alstadt—not much new to report since there was no competition this weekend. Her last practice was Monday, Sept. 15. Missy Pietruszynski has started the transition to take over. She will be with the guard for the rest of the season. She is a 2004 graduate of Stagg and has been on staff with us for 3 years.

Administrator’s Report:

Sandra Mech—discussed the weather situation at Friday night game. Next time we will rethink when kids go inside. Good feedback from teachers and students on how good the band sounds.

Ms. Mech discussed the Foundation Gala. All proceeds to directly back to students. Teachers apply for grants from the foundation. Festival of the Arts is October 5 at Andrew and will include: a silent auction, raffles, dinner, performances from all three high schools, U of I male vocal group, DePaul jazz ensemble, and Paul Vallas as MC. Tickets are \$25 and available from Sandra M.

There was a question on how Stagg students were picked for the performance. Mr. Mecozzi stated that it was first-come, first-serve basis from the Wind Symphony.

She stated that there is a mandatory code of conduct meeting scheduled for Sept. 23 in the PAC. Students will be pulled from practice to attend. Must have a form signed by parent and student. Also must sign a release for photo consent form.

Committee Reports:

Concert Uniforms—students measured on Monday, dresses ordered. Will take 2 weeks. About half of concert attire has not been returned. This is necessary for inventory purposes. If not returned, new items will have to be ordered. All should be outfitted one week before the concert.

External Communications—Chris C. stated that he has a website up and running www.ccphotogallery.com. You can download pictures from this site. If you want a higher resolution, just email him and he will send it to you.

Membership—107 have not joined yet. Sent out letters last year, and only 9 joined from the mailing. May not do a mailing this year. May give letter to Mr. Mecozzi to give to children. Dalia will think about suggestion to put out at hospitality table at each concert. Suggestion was made to put out a list of all who did not join at the October 22 concert. Colleen said she wants to be careful not to hurt feelings or shame parents. We will find a way to reach out.

Uniforms—Linda Malone asked for help washing the parkas for Marching Band. She will have a sign up list available after the meeting. She is asking people to take 10/20 parkas home to wash and return by September 25. Thanked those who helped to assure that uniforms and hats were dried after the rainy football game.

Ways and Means—Ismadi stated that the butterbraids order forms will be available on the Booster website. This year all orders must be in on time. Each student will earn \$4.40 for each butterbraid. Once again pick up will be coordinated with Market Day. Ted's Greenhouse fundraiser will continue until October 15 with 20% going to students. Market Day orders are due Thursday, September 18. As of today only 22 orders were placed.

Jamboree—Lynda Schiappa stated that there are 5 bands so far; would like at least 4 more. Discussed some expenses; such as judges; 9 @ \$300/each. Entrance fee will be \$10. Because of the experience with Lake Park, suggestion to add wording to our contract regarding inclement weather (reimbursement??). She is calling more schools; trying to get 15 bands. She hasn't called volunteers yet. Eastern Illinois Marching Band is confirmed. Because of the late date, and possible cold weather, suggestion to have more hot items for concessions; like hot chocolate and chili. Mr. Mecozzi and Lynda S. were thanked for all their hard work for the Jamboree.

Jamboree Ads—Steve contacted three printers for estimates based on 52 pages with the exact same cover as last year. Park Printing cheapest. Cutting down on welcome letters to save money. Because of the economic times and this not being a trip year, sold 1/3 of ads from last year. The goal is to make 60-75% for students. October 1 is the deadline for ads. Steve was thanked for all his efforts.

Craft Fair—Karen Lencioni stated that 55 of 65 booths sold. Craft Fair is November 15-16, with set up on November 14. New idea: pictures with Santa. Need Santa and access to Polaroid. Jim Corbet suggested for Santa. Asked that Dan Malone and Chris C. put heads together for pictures and printing. Time would be 11am-2pm for pictures. They will check cost of printer paper, size, etc. She needs someone to put out large wood signs. Please make sure Palos Heights sign is in the correct spot. She needs donation of copy paper—5000 sheets. Sign up sheets are available for concessions. Asked for volunteers to take flyers to local businesses. Suggestion to have a large screen TV for men, and possibly a babysitting area. Must check liability with regard to babysitting. Suggestion to use Room 602, movie room. Mr. Mecozzi will check on this. She stated that some crafters did not sign up this fall because they are still angry because of the room changes from last year.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Malone, second by Jean Kristufek. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.