

Music Booster Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2009

In Attendance: Bill Popp, Monica Wehmeier, Colleen Jahn, Stephen Maier, Laura Bennett, Mr. Mecozzi, Mr. Betz, Kawaljeet Chhabra, Gina Kearns, Cathy Maier, Jan Brown, Pat Campione, Karen Lencioni, Janice Recio, Karen Gruns, Margaret Kristufek, Dale Kristufek, Lisa Gonzini, Dean Diaz, Dalia Olsauskas, Thomas Page, Crystal Page, Heather Page, Elizabeth Norden, Jean Carey, Lynda Schiappa.

Call to order: 7:18p.m.

President's report: A warm welcome was given to the Music Booster's by the new President Mr. Bill Popp. Bill gave a summary of his background that has included working with groups, fundraising, and public relations. He verbalized great enthusiasm for the new year. The first executive board meeting was held on 8/15/09 and it lasted 4.5hours. Dalia Olsauskas was present to help the new board answer any questions and to pass on information. Thank-you Dalia.

Vice-president's report: Monica is waiting to meet with last years V.P. on this upcoming Thursday, 08/20/09.

Membership report: Currently signed up are 78 members that include Band, Choir and Guard. A new form has been created for membership sign up. It will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's report: Steve handed out a current budget report beginning June 1, 2009. He also informed Boosters there will be a reissuing of a check to **Black Tie Formalwear** that was lost. The check was voided by Stagg in May 2009. This will only affect last year's budget.

Previous Minutes: Steve asked for an amendment of the minutes from May 2009 to include last years approved budget amounts. Motion made: Laura Bennett, seconded by Dalia Olsauskas. Vote approved. **Band \$28,112.85 Guard \$ 12,815.00 Choir \$3,250.00 After Season Party \$375.00.**

Director's Report: Band: *Matt Baca* received the Outstanding Drum Major Award and Drum First Class. *Kat Scarim* received the Golder Whistle Award. Both of these awards were from Smith Drum Major Camp. *Gabby Ciametti* performed at Chicago Theatre with the professional singer Bernard LaChance in a 500 piece choir. Band camp began July 28th for section leaders, July 29th for new members, and home camp went through August 10th. Band camp was a wonderful experience and the band is in great shape for the fall. Parent Performance night went very well, thank you to all for the support and thank you to Ms. Mech who was in attendance. **Upcoming:** Band photo day is on Friday 08/21/09 at 6pm. Arrive at 5:15pm in full marching band uniform. Packets for photos went home today and return filled out by Friday, Sept. 4th: First football game, Sept. 11th,

JH Night, Sept. 12th, Lake Park High School (time TBA), and Sept. 13th, Worth Day Parade at 10am. **Poster idea:** Christian Ponte is going to make a movie size poster of the Marching Band Theme with pictures of the seniors on it. The hope is to have them made every year and sold to the students if there is an interest. One would be framed and placed in the band room. A wall of the framed poster would start, with this year being the first one. The cost is being looked into; fundraising for this would be needed. Mr. Mecozzi will ask the students what they think of this idea and would they be interested in purchasing one. **Athletic program idea:** It was suggested that the Marching Band have a picture in the program, Mr. Mecozzi voiced he will check with the Athletic Director on this idea. **July 4th, 2010 invitation to Washington D. C. :** Illinois State recommended Stagg Band to participate in a parade in Washington D. C. . There is an application fee of \$1500.00, a video will need to be sent. The trip would be approx. \$603.00 per person; the seniors that graduated that year will be eligible to participate. It is a Disney year, and summer band camp would have to be moved. If the school is not chosen the application fee is refunded. Transportation would be Coach Buses. The trip would be 4 days long. Mr. Mecozzi will look further into this as it is a great opportunity for the students.

Guard: No one present.

Choir: Welcome to Chris Betz. Chris was previously at Conrady Jr. High for 2 years. Chris reported that there are approx.2300 kids at Stagg and choir has 60 members. He visions this number growing and to include 5 choirs during the day. A future goal would be to have a Men's, Women's, Concert, Varsity, Madrigal or Ovation that would be selected from the varsity choir. **Future Ideas** also included a pop acapella group that would go on the road and would consist of 7-16 members. He hopes to be able to have a district wide festival. Fundraising will be needed as these ideas and goals unfold. Chris has been actively going to the lunch tables talking with the kids and encouraging them to join one of the choirs. Chris will look into the possibility of more Zero Hours' opening up for the students , to encourage more kids to take the choirs and bands in their schedule.

Administrative's Report: (Mr. Mecozzi reported for Sandy Mech) , please give Marge a break during the first week of school to let her gets settled in.

Committee Report's:

Marching Band reported by DaliaOlsauskas - The issue of uncompleted paperwork continues to exist and still needs to be worked on. Section leader camp , Rookie camp, and Home camp all went very well. Thank you to all the parents who helped volunteer at all of the camps. Allerton was very successful with few issues of heat, stomach aches and one broken wrist. The Senior BBQ, and dance went well. The vases used for this will be stored in the Booster closet for next year. Dalia brought up the topic of looking into changing the bus company next year for band camp. There is a sign up sheet to help for the upcoming JR. High Night at Stagg. Mr. Page asked for 3 more people to help him with the conductor podiums. **Bill Popp** thanked Dalia for all of her hard work.

Concert Uniforms reported by Gina Kearns-Forms are now going home the day the student is fitted. This is a new procedure on hope for the better return of all forms. The Choir may be changing uniforms this year.

Jamboree reported by Lynda Schiappa- Volunteer sign up is going well. Carolyn Baca has offered to be the volunteer coordinator, Kathy Maier will be creating the ad book, and there is still an **opening for a concession stand coordinator**. Currently 9 bands have signed up to perform and the goal is 18. Lynda expressed she would like to email new members to help volunteer. Bill Popp will look into the school policy on emailing parents.

Marching Uniforms and Robes reported by Crystal/Heather Page- Uniforms will be kept upstairs this year. A cleaning schedule for the uniforms has been created. Penalty points are being given this year if the student does not follow the cleaning schedule and points toward their grade will be lost. The points currently are 3point deductions. There are 78 members this year.

Membership reported by Colleen Jahn- WE NEED A CHOIR LIASON!!!

External Communications reported by Bill Popp- This position is currently open. Bill has future ideas to create an incentive program to win prizes (“Best Booster’s Contest”). Discussed that this may alienate members also.

Website reported by Lynda Schiappa- Please send any information that you want on the website to Lynda electronically at *schiaply29@yahoo.com*

Ways and Means Committee is an open position

Market day- no one present

Craft show reported by Karen Lencione, and Patty Campione-This years dates are November 14th and 15th, 37crafters have signed up so far, September 1st, is the cut off for personnel checks. This year they would like to have Santa pictures available, they are looking for a Santa suit and someone with the skills to take the pictures. It was suggested to check with the photography dept.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Open positions include 1) **Chair of Ways and Means** 2) **Planning** 3) **External Communications** 4) **Assistance and Scholarships** 5) **Choir liaison/representative**

ISU needs bus money of \$4000.00 for the Jamboree. Fundraising is needed. Bill Popp spoke of a Block Party idea.

Mr. Mecozzi informed the group that the Fall Band Showcase has been moved from October 29th to October 20th, consideration should be given to move the next Booster’s meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Minutes typed by Laura Bennett