

**CARL SANDBURG MUSIC BOOSTERS**  
**Minutes of the October 6, 2009 Meeting**

The meeting of the Carl Sandburg Music Boosters held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mary Bragg, President. Board members present were:

Mary Bragg, President  
Debbie Kelly, Vice President  
Tammy Carmody, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Mark Wiltgen, Treasurer  
Janet Donne, Secretary  
Cathy Maher, Sergeant at Arms

Also in attendance were Mrs. Levinson, Mr. Bailey, Ms. Sarmiento, and Mrs. Grueneberg. Mrs. Levinson reminded parents that administrators are on duty during school events, and if something is amiss, administrators should be notified. In addition, we had a representative from LaBraid Fundraising (Butterbraid) who served us pie!

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 8 meeting were distributed and read. They were approved following a motion from Lori Koning, seconded by Pat McGuire.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Mark Wiltgen noted that expenditures to date are slightly over \$5,000, in line with expectations. As of September 30, our checkbook balance was \$82,048.00, although much of this is earmarked for trips. Deposits were \$26,057.01, primarily due to fundraising efforts, such as Butterbraid, Golden Opportunities books, membership fees, and Spirit Wear. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Tony DiGrispino, seconded by Tom Wiczak. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

Mrs. Grueneberg reported that 22 orchestra players are auditioning for IMEA on Oct. 13 at Hinsdale Central. Two buses are slated to leave Sandburg at 3:50 p.m. and 4:50 p.m. Chaperones for the orchestra/choir London trip are to be interviewed Oct. 15, with all chaperone applications due Oct. 9. At the Community Expo, to be held at Sandburg on Oct. 17, choir and orchestra members will run a concession stand, with all proceeds going to the trip. Students must work the event in order for funds to be directed to their accounts. The Honors String Quartet will perform in the grill on the morning of the Expo. Other upcoming dates: Honors String Quartet will perform Oct. 18 at a Ruffled Feathers dinner event; Dr. Glenn Block, orchestra director at ISU, will visit Sandburg on Oct. 19 to work with students; and the orchestra concert is scheduled for Oct. 28, with dress rehearsal Oct. 27. In addition, incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders will rehearse with the Concert Orchestra on Oct. 19 in the PAC. Pizza and drinks will be served, and volunteers are needed. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will play one piece at the upcoming concert.

Ms. Sirvatka, who was rehearsing with students at the time of the meeting, reminded parents that the choir concert was scheduled for Oct. 21. In addition, 16 choir students are planning to audition for IMEA on Oct. 13.

Mr. Bailey thanked parents for helping with the Tinley Park parade on Sept. 13, as well as the football games on Sept. 11 and Sept. 25. Sandburg won first place at the Dwight Fall Harvest Parade, although there was no field competition. Sandburg also took second place in field competition at Stagg. As many as 150 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are expected to rehearse at Sandburg in Thursday, Oct. 8, and attend the game the next evening. There will be a rehearsal Saturday, Oct. 10 for the University of Illinois competition, which is scheduled for Oct. 17. Instant Replay is scheduled for Oct. 19. On Oct. 23, members of the Marching Eagles will have the opportunity to sit in with the Northwestern Marching Band and have dinner on campus. Band concerts are scheduled for Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. at the PAC. Mr. Bailey also voiced his support for artificial turf for the football field, which is being considered by the athletic department. This would allow the band to get on the field more often for practice.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Tammy Carmody reported that the Golden Opportunity fundraiser was over, and a total of 789 books were sold. Only 735 were invoiced because the sixth book was free to students who sold five. She noted that 123 students did not participate in either the fundraiser or the buyout, which cost the Boosters about \$4,000 in fundraising dollars.

Debbie Kelly said that Carol Geary offered to help out with Spirit Wear. Music Boosters is still looking for someone to help with choir chaperoning and telephoning and band formalwear.

Cathy Maher reported on an opportunity to sell colored decals that are personalized with the students' names. Tammy Carmody suggested offering them at concerts, and possibly inserting a form in the program.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tammy Carmody, who is keeping a spreadsheet with names of students and membership status, said that we have 324 paid memberships. Although we have 452 music students, some of these are family members. Tammy felt that our membership drive was reasonably successful, although 82 individuals and six families have thus far not joined.

Tammy also reported on a recent Combined Parent Advisory meeting, attended by Music Boosters, Athletic Boosters, and PFSA. All of these groups are experiencing shortages of volunteers, although on a positive note, PFSA is having great success with its new Spirit Wear line. The administration is very happy with the newly designed parking lot, and kids are respecting the speed limits and directional arrows. (Parents, not so much.) Induction into National Honor Society is scheduled for Oct. 20, and the S4 summit (successful schools, successful students) is planned for Nov. 5.

Information will go out shortly on the annual wreath sale, with orders due back Nov. 3 and pickup scheduled for Nov. 21. The first two wreaths sold will go to general Music Boosters profit, but each additional order will add \$5 to the student's trip account.

Fundraising requirements for students interested in scholarships are still being discussed, but currently, guidelines call for students to participate in the Golden Opportunities and the wreath fundraisers, to be a member of Music Boosters, and to work a shift at the spring craft show. Music Booster members are encouraged to bring their feedback to the next meeting.

Mark Wiltgen suggested that we make two changes in the budget for the current year. The Party 2010 committee is short on funds because the previous year's committee did not leave sufficient money. Because Music Boosters always donates money to this event, Mark recommended that we make our donation now rather than later so the committee has some start-up money. A motion to donate \$500 now was made by Lori Koning, seconded by Pat McGuire. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mark also suggested that unused money earmarked for a marching band intern be moved to the directors discretionary fund. A motion to transfer the funds was made by John Sinnott, seconded by Nancy Graben. All were in favor and the motion carried.

In additional news business, it was suggested that Tony DiGrispino build a new shelf in the uniform room, which is jammed with all sorts of other things. This would have to be cleared with the administration. Shop and Share dates are Nov. 2-4, December 7-9, and December 28-30.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Marching Band uniforms – Cathy Maher says that all uniforms are dry and stored.

Color Guard uniforms – These are also in the uniform room.

Formalwear – Tammy Carmody reports that 23 students have not yet paid for their uniforms and 76 have not yet turned in forms. Dresses that needed alterations have come back in, and tuxedos are to be delivered.

Hospitality and Concessions – Senior Night is Oct. 16, which is a big event. Senior parents will be unable to work concessions that evening.

Publicity – Deb Feingold is still trying to get bids for the Craft Fair signs. She also is seeking recognition for the Marching Eagles Inauguration Day participation, although she learned that the sign at 131<sup>st</sup> and LaGrange road is only for IHSA activities.

Craft Fair – Deb Kelly says all is well and we are getting crafters.

Spirit Wear – Items are available all year on the website, and the entire collection will be available during the holiday concerts on Dec. 12.

Security/Traffic Control – There have been some issues with people parking near the entrance on 131<sup>st</sup> St., which made it difficult to get the tractor through.

Equipment Moving – The screwjacks to all three trailers were damaged going over speed bumps at Stagg, but everything is operational.

Telephoning – No report.

Candlelight Bowl – Deb Kelly reports that she is working on dates.

Alumni Group – Thanks to Betsy Karlson, a framed collage of former Marching Eagles in their college marching band uniforms was presented to Mr. Bailey.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The date of the next formal meeting is yet to be determined since there is a conflict with the band concerts on Nov. 3. The meeting date will be put on the website. A motion to adjourn was made by Kim Silkowski and seconded by Mark Sinnott. All were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. by Mary Bragg.

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Janet Donne, Secretary