

CARL SANDBURG MUSIC BOOSTERS
Minutes of the January 6, 2010 Meeting

The meeting of the Carl Sandburg Music Boosters held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mary Bragg, President. Board members present were:

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

Also in attendance were Mrs. Levinson. Mr. Bailey, Ms. Sarmiento, Mrs. Grueneberg, and Mrs. Cacciato.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 4 meeting were distributed and read. They were approved following a motion from Diane Kalal, seconded by Mary Kennedy.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mark Wiltgen noted that he has not received a December statement yet because of the holidays, but we are on target with the budget through December 31. Our biggest expenses in December were paying for the wreaths and fees for various competitions. As of November 30, our checkbook balance was \$75,625.19. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Tony DiGrispino, seconded by Joanne Harms. All were in favor and the motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Mrs. Grueneberg reported that auditions were underway for the Symphonic Orchestra and senior solos. Dates for second-semester sectionals have been posted, and the honors string quartet is starting rehearsals again. The first rehearsal for students planning to go on the London trip is scheduled for January 25, and rehearsals will be held monthly until May, when they will become more frequent. A cookie dough fundraiser is in the works, along with Watkins products. A total of 79 students and chaperones are planning to go on the trip in June. Several orchestra students will represent Sandburg at the IMEA All-State Conference January 27-30: Sonia Mantell, cello; Madalyn Frigo, Elizabeth Na, Abbey Wolfenson, violin; Daniela Tomas and Joe Hacker, viola.

Ms. Sirvatka was not present but reported that the choir is actively recruiting new members for next year. Varsity Singers expects to participate this March in the Wheaton Warrenville South choral competition. Chamber Singers had a fantastic December, and an overnight trip with a performance may be in the works during second semester. Representing Sandburg at IMEA will be Charlie Donne (bass) and Tasia Malliaris (soprano) in the Honors Chorus and Melissa Trentacoste (alto) in the All-State Chorus.

Mr. Bailey reported that the bands are “back in the saddle” for second semester. Chaperone interest and “buddy” forms are due at the end of this week for the Texas trip, and so far, 148 students have signed up. A jazz concert will be held Monday, January 12, and along with Jazz Ensembles I and II, Century Jr. High will be performing. On Saturday, Jan. 23, the jazz ensembles will participate in the North Shore Jazz Festival at Glenbrook South High School. Also on the calendar is the Jazz Festival at New Trier High School on Feb. 6. The percussion bands will be performing Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Percussion Festival at Lincoln-Way Central. Regarding the spring musical, Mr. Bailey has the music for the pit orchestra, and auditions will be held soon. He also noted that Olivia Harmening would be attending IMEA for the Future Music Educators Seminar. Ms. Sarmiento added that many students have joined the Basketball Pep Band, and 80 kids attended a game Jan. 5, the day before classes were to begin. To thank these students for interrupting their winter breaks, she had a pizza party.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary Bragg reported the wreath sale was the best we’ve had since 1997; in fact, the supplier called her to make sure the numbers were correct. The sale took in \$5,231, including \$1,090 to trip accounts. Thanks again to the Helms family for providing a place for the wreath pick-up and even providing chili!

Cathy Maher reported that the shelf request for the uniform room has been approved, and this was confirmed by Mrs. Levinson. Tony Di Grispino is on board to build this shelf, which will help give us some much-needed additional space.

Jeanie Cacciato invited Music Boosters to attend the Winter Guard show on January 17, and requested that volunteers help pass out programs. Another need is help with the tarps since each group has its own tarp and they are quite heavy.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming fundraiser events include the Candlelight Bowl, which is slated for Friday, Feb. 12 at Orland Bowl. Debbie Kelly says we are still looking for donations for prizes. A flyer will be going out shortly, and information will be posted on the website.

Debbie Kelly also reported that more crafters are signing up the Craft Fair, scheduled March 13-14. So far we have 55 crafters, three of them vendors.

Mary Bragg mentioned that several active Music Booster members are parents of seniors, so we need to get more parents of younger students involved. Deb Kelly volunteered to bring a list of openings next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marching Band uniforms – Cathy Maher says that the manufacturer of the uniforms is making some needed repairs; specifically, metal buckles on the pants and shoulders pads that bunched up after cleaning.

Color Guard uniforms – No report.

Formalwear – No report.

Hospitality and Concessions – There is an outstanding bill for punch from the winter concerts.

Publicity – Deb Feingold reported that she is still getting quotes for sign for the craft fair. These would be signs similar to those used for elections that would say: Craft Fair This Weekend. We could use these signs every year. She is also looking into doing flyers for students at districts 135 and 146.

Craft Fair – Deb Kelly says so far, so good.

Spirit Wear – No report.

Security/Traffic Control – No report.

Equipment Moving – No report.

Telephoning – No report.

Candlelight Bowl – Already reported.

Alumni Group – No report.

Open Discussion:

Mary Bragg reported that Music Boosters made over \$300 at two gift-wrapping events, one at Borders and one held at Sandburg. A request was made to Mrs. Levinson that music students attending IMEA All-State in Peoria be recognized on the Sandburg sign on LaGrange Road.

ADJOURNMENT

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, February 2, 2010. A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Kennedy and seconded by Joanne Harms. All were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. by Mary Bragg.

Janet Donne, Secretary