

CARL SANDBURG MUSIC BOOSTERS
Minutes of the September 8, 2009 Meeting

The meeting of the Carl Sandburg Music Boosters held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, was called to order at 7:06 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, Ms. Sirvatka, and Amy Lewis, a student teacher from DePaul University.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 4 meeting were distributed and read. They were approved with one change following a motion from Linda Ferguson, seconded by Deb Feingold.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mark Wiltgen noted that the Music Boosters' fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30, and we always have expenses during the month of August before school opens. In August 2009, we incurred \$686.29 in expenses related to summer mailings and office supplies, as well as \$489.54 in director's discretionary funds for summer marching band expenses. As of August 31, our checkbook balance was \$58,381.48. Thus far, we have collected about \$11,000 in fundraising. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Deb Feingold, seconded by Nancy Graben. All were in favor and the motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Mrs. Grueneberg reported that members of the Honors String Quartet I and II have been selected, while wind, brass and percussion players recently auditioned to be part of the orchestra. IMEA pre-auditions were just held, and auditions for District 1 will take place Oct. 13 at Hinsdale Central. Students are required to submit a \$7 fee for the auditions. Eighth grade orchestra students from feeder schools are invited to a step-up event at Sandburg on Oct. 19 and will then play with the freshmen orchestra at the concert on Oct. 28. Any parents interested in being part of a fundraising committee for the orchestra/choir trip to England next June are encouraged to sign up.

Ms. Sirvatka said that members have been chosen for Eloquence and Chamber Singers, which practice Tuesday afternoons and evenings, respectively. She is holding IMEA rehearsals for interested students, noting that the music is difficult this year. The fall choir concert is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Mr. Bailey thanked parents for helping to fit uniforms, especially Cathy Maher and Joanne Harms. For students planning to go on the Texas trip, a \$200 payment is due soon. Students will need \$350 in their trip accounts by Sept. 9. Mr. Bailey is hoping to

secure a hotel on the Riverwalk in San Antonio. The Butterbraid fundraiser is wrapping up, and delivery will be made on Sept. 28. Mr. Bailey is looking for parent help for the home game Sept. 11 against Homewood-Flossmoor. The marching band will participate in the Tinley Park Parade on Sept. 13, which steps off from Central Middle School. Other key dates are: picture day for the marching band on Sept. 15, pre-auditions for IMEA on Sept. 16, a dress rehearsal for the Dwight Fall Harvest Parade on Sept. 19, the Dwight parade itself on Sept. 20, a marching band pep rally with fireworks on Sept. 24, and homecoming on Sept. 26 against Lincoln Way-Central. Junior high students will attend a step-up event at Sandburg on Oct. 9 and have a chance to attend the football game. Ms. Sarmiento thanked parents for sewing color guard flags.

OLD BUSINESS

Tammy Carmody reported that of 800 Golden Opportunity books, only 53 were left. However, interest seems to be dwindling, although students can still get additional books. As of now, 139 students did not participate in the fundraiser.

Debbie Kelly said that Music Boosters was looking for someone to take on color guard uniforms, and Kim Silkowski and Carol Geary volunteered. We are still looking for additional help with Spirit Wear.

NEW BUSINESS

Tammy Carmody is keeping a spreadsheet with names of all students and whether they have joined Music Boosters. Membership is a requirement for scholarship eligibility. In total, there are 461 music students – 373 individuals and 43 families. As of this date, we have 271 paid memberships, meaning a significant number have not yet joined.

Tammy also reported on a recent District 230 Parent Advisory meeting, at which the importance of two-way communication between parents and administrators was stressed. The district is planning an S4 summit, which is an opportunity to discuss “successful schools, successful students.” In regards to safety, a lockdown drill is scheduled for Sept. 24, which follows bus and fire drills. When parents visit District 230 schools, they must have an appointment, and IDs will be run through the system. No boundary changes are planned for the immediate future. This group will meet again in November, and a Sandburg combined parent organization meeting is scheduled for Sept. 28.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marching Band uniforms – Cathy Maher says that all students have a uniform, although they might not all be perfect fits!

Color Guard uniforms – all of them have been fitted.

Formalwear – Tammy Carmody reports that all girls have been measured, and the guys in the orchestra and Varsity Choir will be fitted for their tuxes later this week.

Fundraising – Paperwork for the annual wreath fundraiser will be mailed out in October and will be due back in November. As usual, pickup is a week before Thanksgiving. The first two items will represent profit for Music Boosters, while any additional wreaths will generate \$5 each for the student’s trip account.

Hospitality and Concessions – No report.

Publicity – Deb Feingold says it would be helpful for her to know call times for events so that she can publicize them in local newspapers. She also would like to get generic “Craft Fair This Weekend” signs that we can keep reusing. Deb is hoping to get a co-chair from the western part of Orland Park who would be knowledgeable about where to put up signs, etc. One more note on signs – Deb is trying to get the village to put up a sign that denotes Orland Park as the home of the Sandburg Eagles 2009 Inaugural Parade.

Craft Fair – Deb Kelly says we already have a few crafters, although we are looking for more. We need to have the sign repaired, and we will have new maps and spacing for crafters at the event. Another change is to hold the Craft Fair at the time both Saturday and Sunday instead of having different hours, which was confusing.

Spirit Wear – Sales went well in August, and we have several new items, including tie-dye T-shirts.

Security/Traffic Control – Nothing new, although Mark Wiltgen says we have bought bright-colored vests and lights to help move the band on and off the field.

Equipment Moving – No report, other than Mark Wiltgen says everything is fine.

Telephoning – No report.

Candlelight Bowl – Deb Kelly reports that lots of people have volunteered to help, although we don’t yet have a date. It will probably be in February.

Alumni Group – Betsy Karlson is looking for photos of former Marching Eagles in their new college marching band uniforms.

ADJOURNMENT

The next formal meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in Room 113-115. A motion to adjourn was made by Jill Fragoso and seconded by Nancy Graben. All were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Mary Bragg.

Janet Donne, Secretary