

**CARL SANDBURG MUSIC BOOSTERS**  
**Minutes of the September 7, 2011 Meeting**

The meeting of the Carl Sandburg Music Boosters held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Debbie Kelly, President. Board members present were:

Debbie Kelly, President  
Don Vacha, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Bill Johnson,, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Marianne Malaychuk, Treasurer  
Tammy Carmody, Sergeant at Arms  
Janet Donne, Secretary

Also in attendance were music directors Mr. Bailey, Mr. Kovach, and Ms. Sirvatka; Mr. Treasure, Assistant Principal for Student Activities/Athletics; and Mrs. Cacciato and Ms. Hardy, representing Color Guard and Winter Guard.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting were distributed and read. They were approved with no changes following a motion from Kim Silkowski, seconded by Rob Kalal.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Marianne Malaychuk reported that she has been separating Music Boosters funds into two accounts: one is the general Music Boosters account and the other is the trip account. Because of the upcoming Marching Band trip to Hawaii, the trip account has seen a lot of activity. Marianne said that she would calculate trip balances for individual Marching Band members so they know exactly how much to pay by the deadline. Various fundraisers have made this a bit complicated. The trip balance, as of the September 7 meeting date, stood at \$12,758. 54, but with deposits of \$84,354.20 in transit, it would actually be \$97,112.74. Marianne plans to make a payment of \$76,500 this week to the travel agency.

With regards to the general Music Boosters account, Marianne reported that the balance stood at \$68,530.91 as of August 31. However, this amount includes \$4,110.96 in flow-through activity, in which Music Boosters collects cash from students but pays it out immediately to a vendor. In addition, this balance includes \$7,677.42 in deposits for the current year and \$3,189.04 in outstanding checks from the prior year. When these amounts are subtracted out, the adjusted balance is \$53,553.49. Rounded down, this is the Music Boosters budget for the current year. Marianne then distributed copies of the 2011-2112 budget, which was discussed in detail. (NOTE: Copies of the budget are attached to the minutes.) One new planned item in the Hospitality budget is a cheese pump for nachos, which seemed to greatly delight committee members. They pledge to make this money back in no time. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was brought by Arlene DeHoff, seconded by Jackie Isely. A motion to approve the budget was brought by Rob Kalal and seconded by Jackie Isely. Both motions were approved unanimously.

## **DIRECTORS' NOTES**

Ms. Sirvatka reported that auditions for the Chamber Singers and Eloquence singing groups were held, and auditions for Accidentals, a male a cappella group, were coming up. Officers have been elected for each curricular choir. Ms. Sirvatka noted that she feels very positive about the talent and enthusiasm in the choirs, and she encouraged everyone to come to the fall choral concert, slated for October 19 in the Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Kovach said he was happy to be the new orchestra director at Sandburg, where people were warm and welcoming in his first weeks. Auditions have been held for honors string ensemble and quartets, and officers have been elected for each of the three orchestras. Music has already been selected for the fall orchestra concert, which is scheduled for October 27 in the PAC.

Mr. Bailey began his report by thanking the many parents who have helped out with uniform fitting, equipment moving, and the many other activities needed to get the season underway. He noted that there are 204 students in Marching Band and 215 in curricular band. Already there have been a multitude of activities, including the first football game against Andrew, which included a pep rally at dawn for the TV cameras! On the Marching Band calendar are the Tinley Park Parade; a football game against Lincoln Way Central; the Palos Park parade; a competition at Stagg High School; a Harvest Parade and competition in Dwight, Illinois; and the Marching Band festival at Sandburg, featuring Eastern Illinois. Homecoming is September 30, along with a pep rally, and the football game against Bolingbrook on October 7 will include the junior high marching bands. A huge event on the calendar is the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) auditions on October 11, hosted by Sandburg. High school music students from all over the Chicago area will be vying for a spot in the IMEA District 1 concert, which will be held in November.

Mrs. Cacciato reported that the Color Guard is off to a great start this year. There are currently 26 members, but seven of them are new, and only two of those are freshmen. She would like to recruit more underclassmen to join next year.

Ms. Hardy reported that Winter Guard is in the planning stages of looking at music and concepts. As before, Sandburg will host a Winter Guard competition on March 18. Ms. Hardy expects Winter Guard to start rehearsing in October.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Music Boosters membership is ahead of last where we were last year, according to Tammy Carmody. There are 323 family memberships, which represents 329 participating students. Unfortunately, 126 students have so far not chosen to participate. On the plus side, we have 25 non-music families who have joined Music Boosters, and we very much appreciate their support. All music families should make sure that the Boosters have their email addresses so they can be kept informed about upcoming activities and requests for volunteer help.

The Golden Opportunities fundraiser is going well, according to Don Vacha, and we currently have 50 percent participation. The fundraiser will continue through October. Jackie Isley has been looking for new fundraising opportunities, and has secured Jersey Mike's in Orland for a series of eat-and-shares. Just by mentioning Sandburg Music Boosters, the restaurant will donate 15 percent of the bill to our

organization. No flyer or coupon necessary! Proceeds on September 19 and 26 will go to the Hawaii chaperones for the Marching Band trip, while Wednesdays in October will go to the general Music Boosters fund. Jersey Mike's has potentially penciled us in for next April, when we will all be ready for more sub sandwiches. Jackie is also looking for more spring fundraisers, possibly something with prom and/or a spring flower bulb sale.

The Marching Band trip to Hawaii is coming up fast, and the Butter Braid fundraiser is ongoing, according to Don Vacha. Students should have \$2,000 in their trip accounts by now, although they will be receiving exact trip balances in the near future.

Plans for the Marching Band festival are well underway, according to Deb Kelly. T-shirts and awards are being finalized. Sandburg students will have a meal after their afternoon rehearsal, along with participating students from Eastern Illinois. Deb said she will be sending out ad forms for the program book, and half of the ad price sold by students will go into their Hawaii trip accounts.

Deb also is working on plans for the IMEA auditions on October 11. We will require many volunteers, both students and parents, for this event. The last time Sandburg hosted, which was 2008, we had approximately 5,000 participants. Deb noted that because we have so many large events requiring volunteers – such as IMEA, the Marching Band festival, Craft Fair, and Winter Guard competition – that we would take some of the proceeds and buy volunteer T-shirts. This would help the many visitors to our school readily identify volunteers.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Craft Fair – There are about 15 to 20 crafters signed up so far, according to Deb Kelly, who is looking for someone to shadow her.

DVD concert orders – Orders have been cleaned up from the prior year, and we are now gearing up for the current season.

Equipment/Trailer – Kudos to the Auto Club for taking care of getting the tractor started, according to Mike Kelly.

Formalwear – Tammy Carmody is hopeful of getting someone to help with this. Thanks to the many parents who helped fit 150 guys and 70 girls over the course of three days. The down side is that many students had missing fees, and there seems to be some confusion about varsity choir formalwear fees.

Hospitality and Concessions – Sherrie Kuchel thanked parents for contributing water and snacks. Although parents have been generous, we don't have enough for the entire season, so we will need to keep soliciting donations.

Marching Band Uniforms – Everyone is fitted and looking great, reported Kim Silkowski.

Publicity – No formal report, but Jeff and Chris Babcock are looking into some connections they may have to get additional publicity for our organization.

Security/Traffic Control – Rob Kalal noted that he is trying to get a plan together for the upcoming Marching Band festival.

Spirit Wear – The good news is that we cleared over \$1,000 selling old merchandise, mostly at schedule pick-up. Joyce Franklin is looking at new merchandise, and added that students seem to like things with the name of their group – band, orchestra, or choir.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was brought by Kim Silkowski and seconded by Mike Kelly. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Deb Kelly. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 1, at 7 p.m. in E113-115.

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Janet Donne, Secretary