

CARL SANDBURG MUSIC BOOSTERS
Minutes of the October 4, 2011 Meeting

The meeting of the Carl Sandburg Music Boosters of Tuesday, October 4, 2011, was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Debbie Kelly, President. Board members present were:

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

Also in attendance were music directors Mr. Bailey, Ms. Sarmiento; and Mr. Treasure, Assistant Principal for Student Activities/Athletics.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 7, 2011 meeting were distributed, read, and approved with no changes following a motion from Mike Kelly, seconded by Rob Kalal.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Marianne Malaychuk presented a report detailing the activities of the previous three months up through September 30, 2011. Much of the activity was related to Marching Band, which is in its peak season, although there have been numerous cash deposits from sales of spirit wear, memberships, buyouts, etc. Marianne says that she plans to identify buyouts separately, so we know how much this option contributes to fundraising proceeds. She also noted that Music Boosters was passed a counterfeit \$20 bill, which the bank subsequently identified. It is likely the person didn't realize the bill was counterfeit, but in any case, we will now have to check \$20 bills when we collect cash. As of September 30, the main Booster account showed a balance of \$79,044.38, following disbursements of \$13,925.53 and deposits of \$29,203.93. Separately, the trip account showed significant deposit activity. The final payment for the Marching Band Hawaii trip will be completed by October 7.

According to preliminary results, the Marching Band festival, held September 24, generated \$447.28, plus \$600 still to be received from participating schools. We had hoped to make more money from this event, but the festival was successful in many respects. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was brought by Chris Babcock and seconded by Arlene DeHoff. It was approved unanimously.

DIRECTORS' NOTES

Mr. Bailey noted that the junior high students recently participated in a rehearsal at Sandburg and will join with the Marching Band at the October 7 football game. Jerling, Orland Junior High, Century, and Central Middle School will all participate. Mr. Bailey thanked all of the parents who have helped out during such a busy time.

Volunteers, both students and parents, will also be needed for the District 1 IMEA auditions, which Sandburg is hosting on Tuesday, October 11. Seventy-five schools – representing 2,400 auditions in band, choir and orchestra – will descend on Sandburg

between 4 and 7 p.m. District 1 includes the city of Chicago, southwest suburbs, some western suburbs, and some of DuPage County. It is considered an honor to host IMEA, and as a bonus, Music Boosters expects to make money from concessions.

The Marching Band season is still in full swing, with the Sandwich parade and competition scheduled for Sunday, October 16; the Instant Replay concert for October 17; and the University of Illinois trip on Saturday, October 22. In addition, Senior Night is slated for Friday, October 21, which is a non-attendance day for students. If the Sandburg football makes the playoffs, the Marching Band hopes to travel with the team. Jazz Band tryouts have been pushed back, but rehearsals are planned for the week of October 24, along with Hawaii rehearsals. The Marching Band will also visit District 135 junior high schools on Tuesday, October 25, although students will return to school for lunch. Finally, the fall band concerts are scheduled for Tuesday, November 8 at 7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. The junior high schools will perform at the later concert.

Mr. Kovach, Ms. Sirvatka, Mrs. Cacciato, and Ms. Hardy were not present and did not submit a report.

OLD BUSINESS

Families are welcome to join Music Boosters at any time, and membership to date is ahead of last year's pace, according to Tammy Carmody. The \$55 buyout option is still available to parents, although they can also choose to participate in the Golden Opportunity fundraiser and the wreath sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Vacha reported on the District 230 Parent Advisory Meeting, held on September 26. The regular meetings are led by Dr. James Gay, superintendent, as well as principals from all three high schools. One of the highlights of the meeting is a video that administrators are putting together to help parents through the college admission process. The video will focus on 12 colleges and universities that are well attended by District 230 graduates and will feature interviews with admissions officers. Dr. Gay also reported that a stricter tardy policy is making a big difference at all three schools. He noted that he and Mrs. Boniface, Sandburg's principal, are meeting with local police to review school safety and keep communication lines open.

Debbie Kelly added to Mr. Bailey's report on IMEA that she has requested more than 100 parent volunteers. In addition to concessions, parents and students are needed as hallway monitors. One goal is to make the judge's dinners less chaotic since it's a challenge to deliver the right meal to the right person on time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Craft Fair – No report, other than Deb Kelly is still looking for someone to shadow her.

DVD concert orders – No report.

Equipment/Trailer – We were fortunate that Lisa Thomas, which has a race team, donated the use of its trailer to Music Boosters, according to Mike Kelly. The trailer is actually bigger than ours, and they were nice enough to donate their vehicle to haul the trailer, along with a gas card.

Formalwear – Tammy Carmody is expecting a Fed Ex delivery for last-minute dresses and shirts. The girls will need to hem the dresses, and hopefully, everyone will be looking good for the upcoming fall concerts.

Fundraising – The Jersey Mike’s Hawaii fundraiser netted \$40.24 in September, according to Jackie Isely, and the sub shop will continue to run “Spirit Nights” every Wednesday in October, with 15 percent of the proceeds going to Music Boosters. Jackie has lined up a Shop and Share event at Front Porch in Mokena on Sunday, November 6 and November 20. When shoppers bring in a flyer, the coffee shop will donate 20 percent back to Music Boosters. Jackie is also looking into Eat and Share events at Sam Maguires and Ruby Tuesday, which could be tied into holiday shopping at the mall. She also showed us a blue fleece scarf that can be monogrammed with the name of the music group and even the student’s name. Scarves will sell for \$12 at our concerts, and Holly Acklin, who is a band and choir parent, will donate \$3 back to our organization per scarf.

Hospitality and Concessions – Sherrie Kuchel reported that we are looking for additional donations of water. We expect to have 175-200 junior high students participating at the October 7 football game. Sherrie is also lining up food purchases for IMEA, but she will discuss this after the meeting.

Marching Band Uniforms – The uniforms are fine, although the drum major uniforms needed to be cleaned, reported Kim Silkowski.

Publicity – Chris Babcock reported that the Southtown Star is planning an article on the Marching Band’s Hawaii trip.

Security/Traffic Control – Rob Kalal reported that there was great turnout for the Marching Band festival, with many of the dads staying all day. He is hoping for a similar turnout for IMEA auditions.

Spirit Wear – New clothing will be coming soon, and Anne Hayes reported that the committee is looking at additional items, such as Christmas ornaments and decals. She considered mugs, but since we have to order at least 72, that did not seem like a good option. There is a lot of enthusiasm for the fleece scarves that Jackie Isely proposed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was brought by Kim Silkowski and seconded by Rob Kalal. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. by Deb Kelly. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 1, at 7 p.m. in E113-115.

Janet Donne, Secretary