

CARL SANDBURG MUSIC BOOSTERS

Minutes of the March 1, 2011 Meeting

The meeting of Carl Sandburg Music Boosters held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 was called to order at 7:04pm by Debbie Kelly, President. Other board members present were: Tammy Carmody, 1st Vice President, Don Vacha, 2nd Vice President, Mark Wiltgen, Treasurer, Marianne Malaychuk, Secretary, and Cathy Maher, Sergeant at Arms. Ms. Sirvatka, Choir Director and Mrs. Levinson, Associate Principal for Student Services, were also in attendance; Mrs. Gruenberg, Ms. Hardy and Mr. Bailey could not attend but sent reports.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Booster meeting held on February 8, 2011 were distributed and read. They were approved by Rob Kalal, and seconded by Kim Silkowski.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark Wiltgen reported February was very active financially and March will be as well. This month's activity included Solo & Ensemble, Clinician and other Fees. Main Booster account currently has a balance of \$64,785. Trip account balance is \$65,977. Golden Opportunity Book Sales and Wreath Sale Credits for Trip/Private Lesson Accounts have been transferred out of the Main account into the Trip account. So far no major Budget problems are anticipated and we continue to be on track for this year. Fundraising numbers look good so far which is encouraging as this sets our budget for next year. The report was approved by Sally Kowalczyk and seconded by Dawn Friend.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mrs. Levinson reminded us Sandburg's new annual residency check for all families continues through April. Booster parents can bring paperwork early to our next meeting beginning at 6:30pm to take care of this if they wish. Originals along with photocopies of required forms are appreciated but we can also photocopy forms if necessary. Requirements are available on Sandburg's website.

Also, the list of Scholarship Award Winners needs to be back to Administration the week after Spring break so there is time to prepare for Senior Night. Debbie Kelly said applications are due back by March 15 and will be given to the directors in time to meet this due date.

DIRECTORS' NEWS

Ms. Sirvatka reported Choir is busy in March. Sandburg concert is March 2nd. March 8th is the District 230 Choir Festival at Stagg; Varsity Singers will be going and working with a paid clinician and guest conductor. March 15th is Solo & Ensemble and March 17th is SWSC Festival at Lincoln Way North featuring Bel Canto, our girls' audition level class. Rehearsals for Spring Musical, *The Phantom of the Opera*, are well underway and the students are phenomenal! Be sure to come and see this amazing production on April 14, 15, and 16.

Mrs. Grueneberg was unable to attend but sent her report. Orchestra Masterworks concert is here at Sandburg March 10th. Two senior soloists will be featured and flowers are requested. Cookie dough pick up is also March 10th. Orchestra Solo/Ensemble Day is March 16th; 2 parent room monitors are requested for 4:15-6:15pm and another 2 for 6:15-8:00pm. On March 17th the students will have a recording session and there will be a special rehearsal for all groups on March 11th. This recording session will be featured on a CD Yearbook from Legacy Productions the students can purchase for \$20. It is a professional, retail quality CD and all orchestra students and the band members included in orchestra are encouraged to purchase this CD either via order form or on the internet.

Mr. Bailey was unable to attend but sent his report thanking the parents for helping at so many of the recent band events. Our various bands have enjoyed and learned from guest clinicians from DePaul University, Northwestern University, Western Illinois University and Elmhurst College. Percussion Bands have their Percuss-O-Rama Concert on March 15.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CRAFT FAIR: Debbie Kelly thanked Kim Silkowski who has stepped up to help her chair the Craft Fair. We currently have 18 open spaces which we expect to fill and meet our goal of 150 crafters. Yard signs have been distributed and should be put out no sooner than March 7th. The show dates will be on the marquee sign in front of Sandburg and our large wooden sign will be put in front the week before. Caren Mossman sent her **PUBLICITY** report, she has done an amazing job. Announcements have been sent to over 120 churches, 5 retirement homes, 2000 flyers were distributed at District 146 and District 135 received on line copies. It is scrolling on the local cable station and on slides at the Sportsplex and on local marquees as well. Jr. high booster clubs received info as did various news stations and papers. Posters were placed throughout the community, thank you Mr. Piper for printing the posters for us. We shared all this info also with the crafters so they know how aggressively we promote the Spring Craft Fair. Andrew held their Craft Fair last weekend and reports are excellent which historically translates to a good show for us as well. **CONCESSIONS** is working with outside vendors and finalizing the menu. A few volunteer slots still need to be filled, especially in Traffic.

WINTER GUARD COMPETITION: Cathy Maher reported for Michelle Hardy that plans are coming along nicely for the Competition. The program booklet copy is completed and we are extending the date to accept more ads; so far we have received 9 but more have recently come in. Denise Egan is keeping track of this as well as any trip credit if students sell more than \$100 in ads. The Concession menu is needed ASAP as it will be printed in the ad book; it is being finalized and will be forthcoming. Stagg recently held their Winterguard Competition and graciously shared their information which we will use as our guide. We have over 30 groups in our Competition coming from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. It is exciting! We still need more volunteers, especially for traffic as we have a specific traffic pattern. Spectators will enter in the back doors, and the guards will unload in the front and side of the building. Thank you to Mr. Franklin for donating candy for the winners' treat bags, and to Mr. Piper for signs for us to hang up in school to label the areas and direct the performers to the various reporting areas.

FUNDRAISING: Don Vacha reported we were approached by Just Dogs, a local vendor in the Mall about a fundraiser for the Hawaii trip/private lesson account. They make all natural dog treats and sent samples; these were shared with the group. They are also proposing various incentives to students based on volume of sales. We agreed this looked worth pursuing and will discuss further with the company, possibly as a Spring/Easter fundraiser. Next, Tammy Carmody reported she has contacted the Village about the 5K run proposed by Mr. Bailey to help with the Hawaii trip, and tentatively we have a date of Sunday, August 14th with an 8 am start. There is a \$90 cost for the event permit and other costs are expected to be minimal. Each runner would pay a registration fee and the Band will set up and play at various points on the run. Food would be simple and included with the registration fee; hopefully featuring donated items like fruit and bagels to eliminate need for health permit/inspection and additional fees. A certificate of insurance will be required and Mrs. Levinson will check for us if the school can help with this.

DVD/CD CONCERT ORDERS: Going well; **EQUIPMENT/TRAILER:** No problems; **FORMALWEAR:** All good; **AWARDS BANQUET:** Date is **Sunday, May 15th, 2011** at Silver Lakes Country Club. Parents are invited to stay for dinner or just attend award presentation. **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP** forms are available and due back no later than March 15th; **SPIRITWEAR/WEBSITE** both going well; **TRAFFIC/SECURITY** still need volunteers for our March events.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was approved by Rob Kalal, and seconded by Mike Kelly. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm by Debbie Kelly.