

CARL SANDBURG MUSIC BOOSTERS
Minutes of the January 5, 2009 Meeting

The meeting of the Carl Sandburg Music Boosters held on Monday, January 5, 2009, called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Sue Lyen, President. Board members present were:

Sue Lyen, President
Chris Daniels, Vice President
Mary Bragg, Vice President
Jim Sneed, Treasurer
Janet Donne, Secretary
Cathy Maher, Sergeant at Arms

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the Nov. 4 meeting were distributed and read. They were approved following a motion from Tammy Carmody, seconded by Lisa Blaszak.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jim Sneed reported that the checkbook balance as of Oct. 31, 2008, was \$30,611.74. Total deposits and credits in November were \$11,441.57. Checks and charges in November were \$13,454.67. The checkbook balance as of Nov. 30 was \$26,455.62. A certificate of deposit in the amount of \$40,000 came due Jan. 3, but it will be renewed. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Elvira Ryan, seconded by Mark Wiltgen. All were in favor and the motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Ms. Sirvatka said a meeting was scheduled Jan. 9 for the spring musical, which will be "Crazy for You." Auditions are planned for Jan. 15. Because this is Ms. George's last year, she plans to go out with a bang – there will be lots of tap dancing! The varsity choir is slated to go to Wheaton Warrenville for a choral festival on March 14. The Chamber Singers are planning a trip to University of Illinois on Feb. 27-28 for a choral workshop and performance. Ms. Sirvatka also noted that four choir students qualified for the IMEA All-State Conference in Peoria: Alicia Davids, Alex Earhart, Tasia Malliaras, and Jen Zhou. Auditions and rehearsals are Jan. 29-30, culminating in the concert on Jan. 31.

Mr. Bailey noted the Jazz Concert slated for Jan. 6 will also feature a performance by Century Junior High's jazz band. Tryouts for the pit orchestra accompanying "Crazy for You" will be held in late January or early February. The SWSC festival is scheduled for Feb. 12 during the school day. Looking ahead, a trip is planned to San Antonio and Austin, Texas, during next year's spring break. The trip is open to all students enrolled in a curricular band, including incoming freshmen. Meanwhile, all 152 members of the marching band have the opportunity to attend the Inaugural Parade on Jan. 20 in Washington, D.C. Thanks to all who attended the play-a-thon on Sunday, Jan. 4 in the PAC foyer to help raise funds for the trip. Mr. Bailey also congratulated Tim Lyen (trumpet) and Won Bin Kim (clarinet) on qualifying for the IMEA All-State Orchestra.

Orchestra students who qualified for IMEA include Katie Beberman (violin), Colin Burnett (viola), Charlie Donne (viola), Madalyn Frigo (violin), and Sonia Mantell (cello).

OLD BUSINESS

The holiday concerts on Dec. 13 were great, as usual. Sue Lyen reported that a total of \$1,804.96 was raised through gift-wrapping at Borders on six occasions. Because fundraising for the Inaugural Parade has been successful, the Borders money will go into the general fund.

NEW BUSINESS

At the Sandburg CPO meeting on Dec. 3, transitioning to Sandburg was discussed, according to Chris Daniels. Curriculum night for incoming freshmen is Jan. 27, and registration is Feb. 7. The curriculum fair for existing Sandburg students is Jan. 9, with registration following for juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, in that order. Feb. 23 is senior honors night.

Chris Daniels also attended the D230 Parent Advisory Meeting on Nov. 17, which is attended by representatives from all three high schools. Andrew's marching band placed 39th in the Grand Nationals. Chris also noted that unlike Sandburg, Andrew's two craft shows both benefit Music Boosters. At Stagg, students are planning to attend a marching band jamboree. In other news, District 230 is currently looking into satellite parking locations for graduation ceremonies, which this year will be held at the schools.

Sue Lyen noted that senior scholarship letters will be mailed by Feb. 1 and should be returned by March 1. Band, orchestra, and choir parents who do not have a senior are needed to help with the scholarship review process.

Many people have generously stepped forward to help with fundraising for the marching band's DC trip, Sue Lyen said. Thus far, \$175 has been deposited into the accounts of each of the 152 students. More money has been promised, so this total will almost certainly increase. Collections at two basketball games yielded \$247, while \$751 was collected at the winter concerts. "Drumming for Dollars," which took place at area grocery stores over winter break, generated \$9,743 – thanks to those who stood out in the cold! The play-a-thon, which cost just \$150, netted profits of \$5,345.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alumni Group – No report

Awards – No report

Chaperones – No report

Color Guard – No report

Craft Fair – Deb Kelly said only 42 tables have so far been booked for the event, which is slated for March 14-15.

DVD/Concert orders – Brenda Walden was not present, but quite a few DVDs sold from both the Marching Band Festival and the holiday concerts.

Equipment/Trailer – The trailer is looking good; it's polished, buffed, and all ready for the trip.

Formalwear – No report

Fundraising – Linda Ferguson reported profits from the wreath sale were about \$3,000.

Hospitality and Concessions – No plans now that the play-a-thon is over.

Marching Band Uniforms – Uniforms have all been cleaned, according to Cathy Maher, and Norman's Cleaners was nice enough to loan garment bags to put them in.

Publicity – Deb Feingold has been successful in getting local coverage for the marching band trip to D.C., and added her thanks to Jim Harmening for helping get TV coverage.

Security/Traffic Control – No report

Spiritwear – No report

Telephoning – No report

Website – No report

OPEN DISCUSSION

Dates for the Candlelight Bowl were discussed, and it was agreed that Friday, Feb. 20 would be the day with the least number of conflicts. At Orland Bowl, the cost is \$16 per head, including food but not shoes. Ticket prices will be \$48 per couple or \$26 for single bowlers

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in Room 113-115. A motion to adjourn was made by Cindy Taylor and seconded by Nancy Wiltgen. All were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Sue Lyen.

Janet Donne, Secretary