

**CARL SANDBURG MUSIC BOOSTERS**  
**Minutes of the April 6, 2010 Meeting**

The meeting of the Carl Sandburg Music Boosters held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mary Bragg, President. Board members present were:

Mary Bragg, President

Debbie Kelly, Vice President

Tammy Carmody, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Mark Wiltgen, Treasurer

Janet Donne, Secretary

Also in attendance were Mr. Bailey, Ms. Grueneberg, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Cacciato.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 2 meeting were distributed and read. They were approved following a motion from Kim Silkowski, seconded by Mike Kelly.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Mark Wiltgen had good news because the IRS has decided to waive penalties that could have cost Music Boosters up to \$3,600. This charge was related to an inadvertent late filing. There is still one more letter from the IRS that hasn't yet been addressed, and they have requested additional information, which we provided. Mark is hopeful that these penalties also will be waived. Funds recently moved to the Accounting and Tax Preparation category will be left there until this issue is completely resolved. (These funds were moved earlier from the awards category, which includes such things as plaques, chenille numbers, chevrons, etc. We have extra awards left over from last year.)

Recent activity included moving more than \$25,000 in fundraising money from the new Palos Bank account to Vanguard to pay for the Texas trip. In addition, we had a few payments to clinicians, a late bill from the U of I band trip, and mailing expenses related to scholarships. The checking account balance as of March 31 was \$79,948.42. Looking ahead, our biggest expense will be senior scholarships and camp scholarships, but Mark expects there to be about \$50,000 left in the budget, which positions us in good shape for next year. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Linda Ferguson, seconded by John Sinott. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**DIRECTORS' NOTES**

Mrs. Grueneberg reported that the orchestra Master Works concert in March went well, featuring senior soloists Sonia Mantell and Madalyn Frigo. A meeting for students planning to go to England is scheduled for April 22. Mrs. Grueneberg is sending a check to Witte Travel for fundraising, which will help reduce students' final payments. The Honors String Quartet will perform April 23, along with a small ensemble to accompany senior soloist and violinist Abbey Wolfenson. The Orchestra Spring Pops concert is scheduled for May 6, and, in keeping with tradition, the senior girls wear their prom dresses. Mrs. Grueneberg also noted that May 13 is the last orchestra concert for Tom Dorner, the long-time orchestra director at Orland Junior High. Alumni of the OJ program and friends are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Bailey introduced student teacher, Stacy Gritz, a trombonist from the University of Illinois. He added that 141 band students had a great time on the Texas trip and did exceptionally well in the San Antonio Heritage Festival, bringing back five plaques and five trophies. Sophomore percussionist Noel Henninger earned an “outstanding musician” award – one of only six such awards that were presented out of 950 participants in San Antonio! Symphonic Bands I and II will compete April 10 at the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival at Hersey High School. The spring Jazz Concert is scheduled for April 21, but prior to that, Jazz Ensemble I will open at Moraine Valley Community College for the Northern Illinois jazz band. The spring band concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4.

Ms. Hardy reported that Winter Guard placed 8<sup>th</sup> at the championship, which was a great showing. A year-end banquet is scheduled for April 18 at Papa Joe’s. Sandburg was chosen to host a circuit meeting on Saturday, May 8. Sandburg could also host a competition next year, which could make from \$5,000 to \$9,000. The school would first have to pay a circuit fee of \$1,500. Stagg High School, which has experience in these events, offered to coach Sandburg for the competition.

Ms. Cacciato reported that auditions for Color Guard captains will be held April 24, and full guard selections will be made by the end of May. Fundraising will begin immediately to help defray the cost of the Smith-Walbridge Leadership Clinic. Because Sandburg has sent its entire Color Guard to the camp, Smith-Walbridge has offered a 10 percent to Sandburg attendees.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Craft Fair netted almost \$25,000, and Deb Kelly and Joanne Harms called it a great success. It’s difficult to compare with last year because proceeds of \$26,000 also included expenses. A committee made up of next year’s seniors presented a report on ways to improve the Craft Fair in 2011. Committee members include Julie Friend, Erin Silkowski, Zach Doman, Lauren Mehalek, and Sara Harms. The committee came up with great ideas to publicize the event, make it run more smoothly, and better utilize student volunteers. Thanks, students, for your thoughtful and practical suggestions!

The nominating committee has come up with a slate of candidates for next year’s Music Booster board. The slate includes Deb Kelly, president; Tammy Carmody, vice president; and Mark Wiltgen, treasurer. All of these parents hold positions on the current board. We do not have candidates yet for secretary or sergeant of arms. Carol Geary offered to head up the spirit wear committee (with lots of help!), and Jeff Dubrowski also offered to help out where needed.

Regarding senior scholarships, the committee has verified eligibility for seniors and sent the list to the directors for their selection. Winners will be announced at Senior Scholarship Night on April 20, and Kim Silkowski and Tammy Carmody will present the awards. The deadline to apply for a summer camp scholarship is May 3. Camp scholarships will be presented at the annual Music Department Awards Banquet to be held May 13 at the Riviera Country Club. The event runs from 6 to 10 p.m. and the \$20

ticket covers dinner, a soda bar, and dancing. As always, parents are welcome to attend the awards ceremony and may purchase a ticket for dinner if they wish.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The nominating committee will finalize a slate of candidates for the Booster board so that members can vote at the May meeting.

A discussion ensued about ways to better communicate with parents about music events and how to get more parents to participate. Most agreed that email and MyD230 are excellent tools.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Marching Band uniforms – No report.

Color Guard uniforms – No report.

Formalwear – Tammy Carmody is looking for volunteers for the upcoming spring concerts. Boys are required to turn in their tuxedos.

Hospitality and Concessions – No report.

Publicity – No report.

Craft Fair – Already reported.

Spirit Wear – Already reported.

Security/Traffic Control – No report.

Equipment Moving – No report.

Telephoning – No report.

Alumni Group – No report.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The date of the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2010. A motion to adjourn was made by Kim Silkowski and seconded by Don Vacha. All were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by Mary Bragg.

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Janet Donne, Secretary