

CARL SANDBURG MUSIC BOOSTERS

Minutes of the November 4, 2008 Meeting

The meeting of the Carl Sandburg Music Boosters held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, (Election Day) was called to order at 7:02 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 Ms. Sarmiento and Mrs. Grueneberg.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting were distributed and read. They were approved following a motion from Mark Wiltgen, seconded by Nancy Graben.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Jim Sneed. The balance forward from September 30, 2008 is \$24,749.72. Total deposits and credits for October amounted to \$18,715.18. Checks and charges in October were \$7,913.76, including a 6-month CD deposit in the amount of \$40,000. The current checkbook balance as of October 31, 2008 is \$35,551.14. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Elvira Ryan and seconded by Chip Burnett. All were in favor and the motion carried.

DIRECTORS' NOTES

Mrs. Grueneberg – Several orchestra students qualified for the IMEA District 1 festival: Katie Beberman, Colin Burnett, Laura Desch, Charlie Donne, Jacinto Fragoso, Madalyn Frigo, Sonia Mantell, Rebecca Schieber, and Abbey Wolfensen. The festival concert is scheduled for Nov. 22 at Downers Grove South High School. Thanks to all the parents who helped out at the IMEA auditions at Sandburg. Mrs. Grueneberg reported receiving complaints of students talking, playing with cell phones, etc. during the recent orchestra concert. A review of concert etiquette would be in order; any other ideas are welcome.

Ms. Sarmiento – The Sandburg marching band was successful at the University of Illinois competition on Oct. 25, with both the color guard and the drumline taking third place. She extended thanks to all the parents for helping at IMEA auditions and noted that she had received many compliments from participating schools. Eighth grade band students will play at the Nov. 5 band concert. Two Sandburg students – Tim Lyen and Mike O'Malley – will participate in the IMEA jazz festival on Nov. 15. At the District 1

festival on Nov. 22, Tim Lyen, Won Bin Kim, and Victoria Zibell all qualified. For the choir, Sandburg will be represented by Liz Banaszak, Alicia Davids, Alex Earhart, Tasia Malliaras, Nicholas Smit, Kelly Taylor, Melissa Trentacoste, Petra Wasilkoff, and Jennifer Zhou.

OLD BUSINESS

Marching Band festival – According to Chris Daniels and Cathy Maher, there were many positive comments, and both would like to keep this festival going in future years.

Orders are still being taken for DVDs of the festival. Raising the price of the program to \$6 from \$5 helped with profits. Next year, they recommend raising the entry fee for participating high schools to \$200 from \$175.

IMEA – The concession stand raised about \$1,000 in profits. About 200 students and 100 parents helped Sandburg run this event, which attracted students from 79 schools.

Wreath sale – The deadline for accepting orders is Nov. 5.

Borders fundraiser – Scheduled dates to wrap presents are Dec. 6, 7, 22, and 23rd. Sue Lyen encouraged students to help out and get community service hours. Other fundraisers are still ongoing, including blankets, spirit wear, concert DVDs (instead of CDs), and a limited number of cookbooks.

Membership drive – Families and Sandburg alumni can join any time, although Oct. 31 was the cut-off date for students who are interested in Music Booster scholarships. Calls and letters by the secretary did encourage some seniors to join in time.

NEW BUSINESS

Winter holiday concerts – The concerts are scheduled on Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. for all Sandburg music groups. Students will receive tickets from their directors.

Donations – District 135 donated a box of pins to thank parents for helping to fit uniforms at Orland Junior High. Music Boosters received a thank-you for a \$500 contribution to Winter Guard this year. In addition, Betscher Cleaners made a \$200 contribution to the jazz band. This business is owned by the family of Jessica Lee, a saxophone player and Sandburg alum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alumni Group – No report.

Awards for spring banquet – No report.

DVD concert orders – Brenda Walden said that orders are taking off.

Chaperones – No report.

Color Guard – No report.

Craft Fair – Deb Kelly and Joanne Harms said the goal is to sell all 217 vendor spaces, and we still have 194 left. Once the holiday craft shows are over, we should see more activity. Vendor applications are on the web site. There was a discussion about possibly scaling back on the concession stand menu and including vendors such as Pampered Chef and Tastefully Simple. Deb and Joanne plan to visit the Fall Craft Fair at Sandburg.

Trailer Maintenance and Equipment Moving – No report.

Formalwear – Tammy Carmody reported only minor problems, but all is fine.

Fundraising – Linda Ferguson said there was good participation in the wreath fundraiser, but she will tally up the final numbers after the band concert on Nov. 5.

Hospitality & Concessions – No report.

Marching Band Uniforms – Cathy Maher reported that uniforms are back in the closet.

Publicity – Deb Feingold asked to be notified when it was time to publicize the craft fair.

Security/Traffic Control – Mark Wiltgen reported a few glitches during IMEA. Even though shifts were scheduled to overlap, there were still some gaps. In addition, kids were dropped off for swimming lessons, which contributed to the congestion, and some school buses arrived at 3:20 p.m., ahead of schedule.

Spiritwear – No report.

Telephoning – No report.

Website – Our printroom account is set to expire, although Annette Kirscher donated the fee to keep it open through year end.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday, January 5, 2009, at 7 p.m. in Room 113-115. A motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Wiltgen and seconded by Tammy Carmody. All were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned by Sue Lyen.

Janet Donne, Secretary