

CARL SANDBURG MUSIC BOOSTERS
Minutes of the March 2, 2010 Meeting

The meeting of the Carl Sandburg Music Boosters held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Mary Bragg, President. Board members present were:

Mary Bragg, President
Debbie Kelly, Vice President
Tammy Carmody, 2nd Vice President
Mark Wiltgen, Treasurer
Janet Donne, Secretary

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 2 meeting were distributed and read. They were approved following a motion from Joanne Harms, seconded by Linda Ferguson.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Mary Bragg noted that the executive board had a special meeting on February 22 to discuss the budget. Cathy Maher presented her resignation as Sergeant of Arms, although she will continue to do committee work. The board thanks Cathy for her service, along with countless hours of volunteer work!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mark Wiltgen said that Music Boosters is moving its account from Marquette Bank to Palos Bank. The new bank allows for on-line banking and it also has fewer service charges. Mark also reported on the special executive board meeting on Feb. 22. Since it's possible we may have to pay a penalty to the IRS because of an inadvertent late filing, we needed to have extra money in the Accounting and Tax Preparation category. We did not want to take funds from camp scholarships and senior scholarships. Consequently, we cut \$6,000 from the awards category, which originally was \$12,000. We moved approximately \$3,000 to Accounting and Tax Preparation and approximately \$3,000 to Directors' Discretionary. Previously, we had taken money from Directors' Discretionary to pay unexpected dry cleaning bills for the marching band uniforms.

Among February expenses are dinners for judges involved in the band solo & ensemble contests, as well as competition fees. As of February 28, our combined checkbook balance from both Marquette and Palos banks was \$81,461.21, which Mark says is on track for the year. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mike Kelly, seconded by Tony DiGrispino. All were in favor and the motion carried.

DIRECTORS' NOTES

Ms. Sirvatka reported that March is a very busy month for the choir. The winter concert is slated for March 3 in the Performing Arts Center, and on March 13, Varsity Singers will go to Wheaton Warrenville South to compete in a choral festival. On March 16,

choir will hold solo & ensemble, with 36 students scheduled to participate. This event is structured as a master class, with the judges giving immediate feedback to the students. On March 17, Varsity Singers will participate in the SWSC festival, to be held during the day at Lockport High School. On March 30, District 230 will hold a choral festival at Andrew, and the Mixed Choir will attend. Senior solo auditions will be held March 31. Cookie dough that was sold to support the London trip will be delivered on March 29.

Mrs. Grueneberg reported that the orchestra Master Works concert is scheduled for March 11, with a dress rehearsal planned for the previous day. Flowers will be needed for the two senior soloists: Sonia Mantell and Madalyn Frigo. Solo & ensemble for strings is scheduled for March 15. As with the choir, this event is in a master class format. Rehearsals are planned with the two accompanists. Orchestra students are encouraged to volunteer for the upcoming Craft Fair. The first rehearsal for the London trip has been held and went well. Students should be preparing the music. Students can still participate in the Watkins online fundraiser until April, and the cookie dough fundraiser is now complete. Mrs. Daum is keeping track of the amounts in student trip accounts. Her e-mail address is listed in a note on MyD230.

Ms. Sarmiento reported that pep band closed out the season with the last home basketball game. As many as 100 band students, on average, turned out per game, which is a huge increase over the previous year. The pep band has gotten many positive e-mails about their performance. Ms. Sarmiento noted that Jazz Ensemble II attended the Jazz Festival at New Trier High School and had a chance to hear professional and college jazz musicians.

Mr. Bailey reported that a recent Play-a-thon helped raise money for the Texas Trip. There is a mandatory parent meeting on March 15 for all those attending. A group 141 students plus chaperones will leave for Texas on March 22 and return on March 28. Mr. Bailey also said that three Sandburg bands –Symphonic Bands I and II and Jazz Ensemble I – earned superior ratings at the Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival and the Midwest Music Festival. Both of these events took place on Feb. 27, which was an exceptionally busy day. In addition, both percussion bands participated in a Percussion Festival at Lincoln-Way Central on February 13. Winter band concerts were held on February 24, and Percuss-o-rama is scheduled for March 16.

OLD BUSINESS

The Craft Fair is slated for March 13-14, and Deb Kelly and Joanne Harms said the number of crafters has already exceeded last year's total. Unlike last year, we will not be using Sandburg's kitchen; instead, we will set up in the grill and serve pizza from Big Jim's and sandwiches from Jimmy John's, using a warming oven from Athletic Boosters. We also will be doing a split the pot this year. In addition, we are holding a raffle for crafters who applied early, and the winner will get their fee back for renting the space. Winter Guard will set up a table and sell candy to help defray costs for a competition. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available at tonight's meeting, along with yard signs.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mary Bragg noted that parents of seniors would like to see their students in the spring concerts, so it would be appreciated if other parents could help out at the concerts.
- Deb Kelly said she would work on the nominating committee for people to volunteer for Music Boosters next year, and Janet Donne offered to help.
- Senior scholarship applications are due March 30. The directors promised to give these a quick turnaround since they will be presented at the scholarship night on April 20.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marching Band uniforms – No report

Color Guard uniforms – The uniforms are on hangers.

Formalwear – Tammy Carmody is looking for volunteers for the March 11 concert.

Hospitality and Concessions – They are getting ready for the Craft Fair.

Publicity – Posters and signs are ready to advertise the Craft Fair.

Craft Fair – Already reported.

Spirit Wear – We need chair people for next year.

Security/Traffic Control – Swimmers will be dropped off at the Sandburg pool on the same day as the Craft Fair, so we have to watch for them. Golf carts might not be ready, due to the weather. Mark Wiltgen is looking for traffic cones.

Equipment Moving – Tony DiGrispino said the trailers will get a pre-trip checkout so they are ready for Texas.

Telephoning – They will be busy filling available spots for the Craft Fair.

Candlelight Bowl – Canceled due to lack of interest. Any other ideas are welcome.

Alumni Group – No report.

ADJOURNMENT

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, April 6, 2010. A motion to adjourn was made by Jeannie Cacciato and seconded by Joanne Harms. All were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. by Mary Bragg.

Janet Donne, Secretary