

LINCOLN-WAY EAST MUSIC BOOSTERS
MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Jean Stanker.

REPORTS

Secretary Report - (Barbara Spain) No report, minutes are available on the web site after approved by the membership. Meeting minutes from July 23rd, were approved. (Cindy Heath moved to approve, Wendy Miller seconded the motion).

Communications Report - (Bonnie Blomarz) Communications are going well in general. We must update the meetings on the web site. Cary Ruklic volunteered.

Treasurer Report - (Mike Albert) Financial Statements for July, 2008, were reviewed. A question was raised at the last minute if the numbers reflect the split in totals from East to North. The answer is no. We will need to communicate with parents to keep payments current if possible. The Financial Statements were approved.

Ways & Means - (Eugene Simpkins) Cookie dough and butter braid IBA fund raiser materials were distributed after band camp and are due on August 26th. Jean Smith is the chair of this fundraiser. We will uniformly charge \$11.00 for each item in this fundraiser. If any marching band member has not received this fundraiser, please let Eugene Simpkins know.

Car Raffle - We will be selling tickets for the car raffle at each home football game. Each student will be required to sell 10 tickets. We are looking for a different kind of car this year to bring more visibility to the car raffle.

Wreath Sale - Evergreen wreaths will be sold from the middle of October to the middle of November in time for display around Thanksgiving.

Joliet Speedway - Sue Ann Del Vicario is in charge of the volunteer parents for this IBA fundraiser. A race is scheduled for September 6 and 7. Parents should contact Sue Ann for more information.

Picateers - The Picateers are a group that operates a web site for purchase of pictures of marching band events throughout the year. We will receive 50% of the monies collected.

Miscellaneous Other Ideas - we are also thinking of Halloween candy sales; a silent auction with contributions of items from our members, friends or the community; Oberweis gift cards, Culver's, McDonalds, Buffalo Wild Wings, Aurelio's, and Giordano's Shop and Share. There are already Shop and Share events set up in September and November at Jewel, and Barbara Malm reminded us of this at the meeting.

Dunk Tank - We will have a dunk tank at the Frankfort Fest in addition to the Brat Booth sponsored by the Music Boosters at North and East. We will try to encourage some of our directors of the music program to volunteer to be in the tank.

SIAM - Drivers are still needed for both September 7 and 14. Tom and Karen McKay are the chairpersons for this fundraiser. Sign up sheets are available at this meeting.

Props Used in the Field Show (Mr. Smith) Six more people signed up to help build the stage at the Stankers' home. We need more "roadies" to set up and break down props at each performance. Bonnie Blomarz will continue to email the membership regarding this.

IPO Concessions- (Cindy Heath) Cindy will chair the concession sales. She will probably need a minimal amount of volunteers. Jean Stanker and Sue Ann Del Vicario will discuss the staffing and split of the profits at the concerts.

Spirit Wear - (Wendy Miller) Wendy stated that 330 shirt orders were placed. We should have these for the Lake Park on September 13th. We will send out forms for spirit wear in October for Christmas gift purchases.

Chaperones for Football Games - (Jean Stanker) We need additional chaperones for the home football games for water, hot chocolate and clean up. We also need a chairperson. If anyone is interested, talk to Jean Stanker.

Chaperones for Competitions - (Jean Stanker) We need additional chaperones for almost all the competitions. We should have at least (10) chaperones for each competition. A sign up sheet is available tonight. Parents do not need to chaperone each competition - one competition would even be very helpful.

Membership for Music Boosters at Registration - (Jean Stanker) This went very well. We had a large number of membership sales, even from parents without students in the program.

Steering Committee Meeting - Central, East, and North - (Jean Stanker) A meeting will be held before the end of August to discuss issues relating to the SIAM fundraiser. If anyone has any ideas of issues to be discussed, please bring those to the attention of Jean Stanker.

Band Camp - (Mike Albert) Band Camp went extremely well. A SPECIAL THANKS TO CARYN DE HART FOR ALL HER EFFORTS IN BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL IN GETTING THE PICTURES UPLOADED TO THE WEB SITE! THEY LOOK GREAT!

Directors' Comments (Mr. Smith) - Madrigal Camp went extremely well.

Lincoln-Way North has already had their Ice Cream Social and ours is planned for August 14th. This is a thank you to the community for tolerating the loud music throughout the summer. A request was made to run through the field show twice if possible. Mr. Smith will consider that request if we have time. We participated in two parades in Momence for their Glad Festival. There was a very poignant moment at the end of the Saturday parade when the East band stayed around to see the North band finish with hugs and tears all around. East and North Joint Events - Saturday, August 16th is the joint picnic with North. If any dads would like to cook, please contact Mr. Smith. We may be Tailgating at Illinois State this year with North. This is not a final decision yet. At the football game on Sept. 5th, North and East will play the National Anthem together.

Jazz - Ben Clark will be directing this with Cliff Smith. Mr. Clark is a Band Master Jazz Trumpet player from DePaul University. This should be a great season for the students.

Chorale - Jeremy Landig will be in charge.

Marching Band Rehearsals - Stadium rehearsal time is a better environment for the marching band. We will be changing some of the practice times to get more stadium time. Calendars will be updated on the web site.

Illinois State Competition - We will compete at the state championship at Illinois State University again this year. Because our numbers of marching band members are smaller, we will be competing in class 5A this year.

The next meeting will be held on September 2, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Spalla and seconded by Cindy Heath. The meeting adjournment was at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Spain, Secretary