

General Music Booster Meeting  
December 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by President Tom McKay at 7:39pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: November booster minutes were sent to the board for approval on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Revisions needed to be made and were done so on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Minutes were resent to the board and approved and posted on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Nothing to report this month.

TREASURER REPORT: Mike Albert reported that wreath sale IBA's had not been posted to date and will post within the next few days. Bill Geary reported ending balance for the month of November was (26,348.32). \$4000.00 from previous years marching griffin travel expenses was collected during this month, and we are avidly pursuing the collection of remaining monies due. The Home Field Show was profitable, and we will be splitting \$21,037.89 with LWC. Thanks to the efforts of Trish Zanelli and all her helpers, the Fall Fest netted \$9284.51.

Motion to approve finances by Kim Bennett and seconded by: Barb Malm

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT: DJ Wells will be sending out a "save the date" notice soon as January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 will be the date of the Midnight Bowl fundraiser at Thunderbowl in Mokena. This is a social end of the year gathering and a fundraiser, which will include raffles and auctions. Costs will be advised at a later date. Volunteers are needed to call SIAM businesses for donations for the raffles and auctions. This is a family event, so please mark your calendars and get your group together.

The annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Fri. Apr. 2nd, 2010 and Trish Zanelli will chair this event.

The Winterguard show will be held on Sun. Mar. 21st, 2010 and Tammy Cantu will chair this event. Volunteers are needed to chaperone guards, run concessions and assist judges. According to Tom McKay, SIAM is in it's final phase for this year. Hallmark was our biggest seller. WE are going back to two consecutive August Sunday sales days for next year, as back to back sale dates this year were too crazy and exhausting. Tammy Cantu will chair this event in 2010.

According to Erin Beebe, chair for Market Day, December sales went very well, however there was a miscommunication regarding volunteers assisting in checking and reboxing orders. She really had no help this month, due to Madrigal scheduling conflicts.

The June 2010 Car Wash is still in need of a chairperson. This event will only be held at LWE.

The Jazz Showcase fundraiser will be held either on Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> or May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Clif

Smith is looking to secure a venue for 200-250 people and is looking into establishments in surrounding communities (Tinley Park, Orland Park, Mokena) for this event. Approximate cost will be about \$40.00-\$45.00 per person, and will include dinner, cash bar, dancing, 2 bands, vocalists and silent auctions. Costs and actual date will be confirmed as soon as possible. We are looking for volunteers to solicit SIAM businesses for donations for the silent auctions.

The Drum-A-Thon is scheduled for Sat. Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 8:00pm thru Sun. Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> till 8:00am. This is an IBA fundraiser and kids are to obtain pledges. Other activities included will be an open gym, movies and video games, during this lockdown at LWE.

TUXES AND GOWNS: Jen Bumba reported that all bands and choirs are outfitted.

UNIFORMS: Barb Malm is requesting Marching Griffin uniforms be turned in in January, right after the panoramic band photo is taken. Date will be forthcoming. Band members who wish to keep their plume, will be allowed to do so, AFTER all outstanding marching band balances are PAID IN FULL.

No Exceptions!!

BEAST MASTER: We are still looking for a person to shadow Tom Stanker as a driver in 2010. A Class C license is required.

CHAPERONES: Nothing to report.

STAFF COMMENTS, NON-MARCHING RELATED: Clif reported that the Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Holiday Concert went VERY well.

All Madrigal performances were sold out, to date.

Mark your calendars for the Kaleidoscope concert on Thurs. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm \*Note time change. There is no admittance fee, however donations of new mittens/hats/scarves would be GREATLY appreciated.

The LWE Madrigal Singers will be performing with the IPO at LWE on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Admission costs are involved.

The IPO will also be performing on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at LWN. Winterguard is going very well.

Clif discussed the subject of District 210 budget cuts (also posted on the LW website) and reviewed possible schedule options, as currently zero hour will be eliminated, along with some teachers, including retirees, maternity leaves, and teachers leaving the school for other prospects. Some custodial and lunch personnel will also be cut. Music, art and language electives along with some of the trades classes will be revised also. The music department may lose potential junior high school kids who are undecided about their commitments to band or choir, as the music department requires incoming freshman to participate in a

music/band class.

Mrs. Aimee Feerhery, Assistance Principal of Curriculum, sat on this booster meeting and answered various questions from the audience, including questions regarding summer school programs, of which will include 3 semester cycles, instead of the previous years, 2 semester cycles. No honors courses will be offered due to the rigorous summer school schedules. This course of action will be implemented for the 2010/11 school year and reviewed, each year as needed.

STAFF COMMENTS, MARCHING: Clif will be working on reviewing costs for travel expenses for the 2010 band season. A budget status will be mailed out, as soon as possible.

A final note: Mike Albert stressed to all to review ALL facts involved with these cuts, as in previous times, some facts were misunderstood, and people perceived the information incorrectly.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mike Albert, seconded by: Dean Lindeman at 8:55pm

Respectively submitted,  
Cathy Petrone  
Secretary