

Call to order at 7:06 p.m.

Attendance: Kathy Crank, Alanda Hunt, Amy Graham, Deb Stoecker, Mark Cosner, Kevin Hying, Beth Hying, Karen Fenelon, Chris Hart, Rod Davis, Rhonda Davis, Leigh Bowen, Julie Wunning, Lisa Mack, Paul Weber, Terry Fox, David Graham, Steve Reginald, Deb Reginald, and Matt Chapman

President Chris Featherstone called for approval of last month's minutes. Motion made by Mark Cosner, second, Alanda Hunt. Motion passes.

Treasurers Report: Steve Reginald

Ending Balance from December \$77,696.87 with \$73,589.44 in the General Fund.  
\$10,000 to the good on our budget.

Motion to accept report as submitted: Deb Stoecker, second Kathy Crank, motion passes.

Trip Report: Matt Chapman

The numbers of students signed up are the same, there has been no increase. We don't want the kids to feel defeated because of the low performance level so going to cancel so that we don't go at half capacity.

We are exploring other travel possibilities for this year so they can still have travel experience and are focusing on the upcoming big trip. We want to involve the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents now in the big trip. The Wind Ensemble does have an event coming up.

Alanda Hunt asked if this the final decision. Matt says yes. There are only 50% wanting to go. It's a quality issue at this point.

Alanda pointed out that Wind Ensemble does not include all kids from marching band.

Mark Cosner suggested just a fun trip. Not a formal event thru Bob Rogers Travel. Maybe to Six Flags or another day trip. Matt said maybe we could go with the choir on their trip to Chicago. Their travel date is May 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> and we could perform at Six Flags as well. Matt pointed out that the school board has to approve so usually have to have an educational aspect involved. Mark asked if we could do it as a booster's trip and avoid having to get permission. We would go on a Saturday.

Kathy asked for feedback on why the students wanted to go or not go. Amy Graham stated that they could cover a day trip, but cost is prohibitive for a full trip. Chris Hart listed the choir trip, the German trip, and getting ready for graduation. Paul Weber listed friends not going. It was pointed out that some of the freshman are excited to show their ability.

This would be a lot of work and our third time trying to plan so we need to know how serious this is.

The question was asked if it has to be a theme park or if we should consider other options like the pizza place in St. Louis and a show.

Alanda suggested we go up to Chicago and watch the parade in Chicago and not perform. But does that really reduce the cost?

Kathy stated that we still owe \$1,000 to Bob Rogers Travel for cancelling the Indianapolis trip as a band. That is our registration for the event at the race and cannot be refunded.

Mark pointed out that we schedule things like Rolling Meadows ourselves. Can we schedule a fun trip ourselves? We don't need Bob Rogers Travel unless we are going to be involved in something. Deb Stoecker agreed with Mark that we should try to schedule it ourselves. Deb Reginald suggested we leave the trip as it is currently and just take charge ourselves and watch the parade. There are currently approximately fifty kids going. Matt to get the students input tomorrow. We don't have all of the marching students in concert band though so we will still not be getting full input.

Going to look into a day trip up and back on our own and replacing the current trip on our own.

City Museum in St. Louis was suggested as an option.

Things to be considered:

- 1) Bus per student (charter and school)
- 2) Prices of City Museum and Great America
- 3) If overnight, just what we had planned for Chicago. Parade is early in the day, dinner, show, Willis Tower and theme park the next day

It was suggested that we look into staying at the same hotel we stay at for Rolling Meadows.

Dates:

Parade trip – Same dates

Day trip – With the choir May 9<sup>th</sup>. Some kids may already be going with the choir.

School will be in session the day after Memorial Day for 5A and 5B finals.

Matt stated that the first choice should be a day trip with the choir as long as it will work.

Motion to pay Bob Rogers Travel \$1,000 for cancelling the Indianapolis trip: Alanda Hunt, second Steve Reginald, motion passes.

Kathy Crank pointed out that the money has to come from somewhere since it is not in the budget.

Jazz Night: Amy Graham

Alanda Hunt to make flyers again this year.

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Matt Chapman to contact Larry Harms about getting the ICC Jazz Train for free or cheap. Also maybe get some alumni from the Chicago area and give them gas money to come and play. The chorale is also to perform.

Going to charge a low admission cost. Just to cover the cost of the performers. Food will also be available again this year. Want to get word out to the junior highs about the admission cost and availability of food.

Deb Stoecker asked if we have asked other schools to perform or watch. Matt Chapman stated that it is too crowded already and we don't want to keep them so late.

Next year we want to fancy it up a bit and maybe have tickets and fancier food. It is too late for it this year.

We need people to bring desserts.

Charms Renewal: Steve Reginald

\$450 every three years. \$150 annually. It is not on this year's budget. We have 44 days left. This is the third renewal.

Motion to pay Charms Renewal: Paul Weber, second Alanda Hunt, motion passes.

Handbook: Matt Chapman

Made changes for next year. Donna Daly proofed and updated the medical forms. Band camp fees stay the same. The state final picture was added. The calendar is mostly done and ready. Going to send to Paul Weber to put it on the web page.

Great Harvest: Chris Featherstone

\$88 check received.

Talent Night: Alanda Hunt

Mr. Kosinski to MC again.

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jazz band also has Dunlap Jazz Festival that weekend so Matt Chapman will try and get us on the schedule for Saturday morning.

The band usually has the admission table and will need cash for change.

Dessert donations are needed for the donation table. Cases of water and snack items are needed.

We will also need parents to work the admission table.

Alanda is going to send flyers to Paul Weber to add to the web page.

Kara Encinas is going to co-chair.

It starts at 6pm and doors open at 5:30pm.

Talked about using Sign Up Genius for donations.

No auditions or limit on the number of acts in the show. Sign ups (paper) are already available. Going to see about having it sent out school wide.

Trivia Night: Deb Stoecker

Scott Lawson will MC.

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Setup at 5:30pm and start at 6pm.

St. Edwards will be the location. Trying to get it for no cost, just the insurance. Special Event Insurance is required to have liquor. The church does have a liquor license we can use. Have to have a bar type setup.

Reality Shows is the theme.

\$10 per person or \$80 for a table of eight.

People can bring their own drinks, nonalcoholic. Discussed options for liquor. Kegs you own once you tap them. With cases you can bring a variety of different options. The church auction is the week before and last year they had leftovers. There may be left over liquor available again this year.

Food has been made available in the past.

General Board Nominations: Chris Featherstone

Rhonda Davis and Karen Terpstra are heading up nominations.

Six spots are coming available. There are eighteen board members and the director. It is a three year term on a three year cycle.

This is not a specific role, just general board. It is strongly suggested that board members chair or co-chair an event.

If a current board member is out going and wants to remain they need to be voted back in again.

Chris Hart suggested doing the executive elections sooner so new ones can shadow the previous. February board elections and March executive elections is the planned schedule for this year.

Ask other parents as well.

Uniform Update: Chris Featherstone

All of the uniforms are back and on the carts. A few pants still need to be hung, but mostly done.

Updated parade shirts will be made but the kids don't have to buy them. Going to try to keep the look the same so they can use last years.

Kroger Fundraising changes: Kathy Crank

Kroger Community Rewards Program.

It is on the Kroger web page. You search for IVC Band Boosters. Put in your Kroger Plus Card number and request your percentage go to us.

There is no set percentage. They use a formula to determine the amount given. The money goes to the band general fund rather than to individual student accounts. We will be paid quarterly.

This will not impact gas credits.

Probably going to have to do some phone calling to get people on the new program.

Civic Center: Alanda Hunt

Kara Encinas to take over scheduling and Amy Graham to take care of payments.

Have worked twelve events. There are concerts coming up.

\$600 was budgeted for tips. \$892.80 actual to date. This goes to the workers once we get over a certain amount.

\$3,844.99 total has been earned so far.

There are fifteen or sixteen people who work regularly. There are about thirty-five people on the text distribution.

We are now the Civic Centers number one go to group.

We have been filling all of the spots with the band and have not needed choir parents.

NEW BUSINESS:

Possible Fundraisers:

Walk/Run: Matt Chapman

A 5K and a walk in conjunction with Band Bash.

Working with Illinois Striders. Contacts with race gear and timing equipment is potentially available.

Would have the walk/run early the day of Band Bash or the day before.

Would need a separate team to be in charge of this event.

Bird Show:

Squawk. They have been on Letterman, America's Got Talent, and Animal Planet. They put on concerts.

They contacted Karen Terpstra and asked if we could host them on March 28<sup>th</sup> for one or two concerts. Dunlap is to host the other. We are looking at hosting the 3pm show.

All we would have to do is help keep the birds warm and advertise.

We would host it in the auxiliary gym.

We would need to sell tickets. Tickets are between \$15 and \$20 for a one hour show. We can also do concessions.

The show is geared towards kids and families.

It is at the beginning of spring break.

Looked into using Limelight but they declined.

Expect about 500 people normally.

We are targeting all of the schools in the area.

We get \$2 of each ticket and concessions. They provide tarps, mats, etc. All we have to do is promote it.

It is a week after Trivia Night. Postcards are going out for Trivia Night so Lisa Mack will send out flyers on this with those.

Motion to host Squawk: Deb Stoecker, second Mark Cosner, motion passes.

Wine Tasting Auction: Kathy Crank

At this type of event you give information on the wines and tasting. The wines are packaged together and auctioned off.

This is just an idea right now. This would be a more formal event. It is an idea to consider for next year. Maybe a New Year's Eve event.

Band Bash: Deb Stoecker

Deb needs to start getting with volunteers and start getting ideas. Already picking up gift items.

Want another food venue in addition to Tim and Shelly's.

Plan to have the car show again. Maybe Saturday or a cruise in on Saturday night instead of during the Band Bash. Could maybe have it in conjunction with the Run/Walk on Saturday.

We return from band camp on Friday and Band Bash is on Sunday.

It was suggested that maybe we could have motorcycles on Saturday.

It was suggested to move some of the meetings outside of Tim and Shelly's.

If the car show was on Saturday we could have other food on Saturday instead of Sunday. But the car people want more things for the kids to do.

Deb Reginald suggested bringing in the Department of Conservation, Wildlife Prairie Park, the Glen Oak Zoo, or Forest Park Nature Center to bring in animals.

Mr. C's Report:

Jazz Rehearsal on Martin Luther King Day.

Jazz 1 from 6pm – 8pm

Jazz 2 TBD

Illinois Wesleyan University and Jazz Schedules are now available.

Zach Lew and Ria Grear made ILMEA Jazz. There will be no pep band Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> so the kids can go support them at the Civic Center. They will probably go out afterwards,

probably to Steak and Shake. Meet in the lobby of the Civic Center at 7pm. The performance is at 7:30pm on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Jazz 1 has been asked to perform at the Chillicothe Methodist Church's one hundred year celebration dinner. They are talking about giving us a donation for performing.

Solo and Ensemble at Mossville is a conflict with the high school musical so it will be held the week after at the high school. We are bringing in a judge for the event.

March 15<sup>th</sup> is the concert.

February 21<sup>st</sup> is a Winter Drumline contest and the choir at Miliken University so they are working on scheduling to accommodate both.

BOA has a leadership camp. January 31<sup>st</sup> is the early registration deadline. It is a weekend event, June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This camp is not just for drum majors.

Freshman Orientation is March 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 7pm. We need some help to setup a table and talk to parents about the band.

The Wind Ensemble is to travel to McKendry University for a clinic. The cost is about \$15 a kid. This will be on Presidents Day, Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. There is no school. We will be taking school buses.

All information will be posted on the web page soon.

October 24<sup>th</sup> is BOA in Indianapolis. This is a new venue for us. October 17<sup>th</sup> is BOA in St. Louis but this is the same weekend as ISU. We would perform either Friday or Saturday. Have to have postmark by January 31<sup>st</sup> to have a say in the day. There is a \$500 cost to attend. The school covers half of the cost.

U of I is the week after on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

We have Homecoming week off this year.

Guard. Kristen Smith and Delanie Lawson are to write it this year and Rebekah Impends is coming on board. Kristen is scheduling auditions now.

The show idea for next year is ready but Mr. C wants to tell the kids first.

The music guy is on board and the drill writer may be a new guy who is about \$1,000 cheaper.

Motion to adjourn at 9:01pm Alanda Hunt, second Chris Hart. Motion passes.