

Those in Attendance: Shirl Gaskin, Amy Daly, Michele Butz, Michelle Worthington, Cindy Fraser, Bill & Pam Gilbert, Renee Hellyer, Kathy Marty, Maria Murrey, Valerie Larusso, Chris Carpenter, Angie Turney, Margo Lindner, Jim & Lanette Yingling, Kenn Hintzsche, Becky Cantrell, Dee Emerson, Yvonne Roller

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Previous month's meeting minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Worthington

- Ending balance \$14,192.20.
- Michelle W. presented the new reimbursement forms and expressed the importance of record-keeping accuracy.

President's Report - Shirl Gaskin

- IRS situation. The EIN (tax exempt ID #) numbers that Citizen's had on file did not match anything to do with us. The number that we had on file is the correct number but is inactive. The Castle Bank account does have the correct information. Citizen will not allow any changes (i.e. name change, opening or closing of accounts, etc) until we get this straightened out. Shirl needed Becky C. and Michelle W. to sign the minutes from the April, 2010, meeting where we officially voted the new name into place. This is the first step toward straightening this out. Any time there is an officer change, we have to be diligent to update the records at the bank. This has not been the case in the past.
- Shirl met with Duy's about the Musicfest sweatshirts. They had strong opinions about why they do not wish to change the sweatshirt design. Discussion ensued regarding whether we should stay with Duy's in future years. No decision was made.

Choir Director's Report - Ms. Shollenberger

- This year Ms. Shollenberger is planning to incorporate the help of middle school students with the madrigal dinners. They will be involved in a serving capacity (bussing tables, etc.). She is also hoping to record a CD of the Madrigal Singers as a fundraising idea.
- She has 20 kids going to IMEA for choir.

Band Director's Report - Mr. Heinekamp

- Musicfest is coming along great.
 - ▶ We have 14 bands coming plus our two bands.
 - ▶ Parade at 1:00, Madrigal Singers perform anthem at 3:00.
 - ▶ About half the bands are doing parade. Renee Helyer is working on getting information together for the programs.
 - ▶ Angie Turney reminded Justin that it is tradition to do Senior Recognition at MusicFest and gave him details on how it has been done in the past.
- They have 15-18 kids going to IMEA band.
- Justin was contacted regarding our impending trip to Disney World, which he had no prior information about (this was something Todd had begun to set up). Justin and Liz are interested in doing this but not at the time Todd had set up (March, 2011) – possibly late summer or early next year.
- MACBDA
 - ▶ The topic of possibly parting ways with MACBDA was brought up. The idea of no MACBDA tour in 2011 and going to Disney or possibly being less committed to MACBDA and going to Disney was discussed.
 - ▶ Angie Turney brought up that if we do not have any involvement with a structured program in the spring, that the outgoing seniors would not be permitted to be involved as “super-seniors.” The only reason the seniors are allowed to have a super-senior year is if their involvement begins before the end of the school year so that the summer tour is actually part of one chain of events. Angie is going to check into some of these legal questions.
 - ▶ There is no other summer program comparable to MACBDA – the other programs, such as BOA (Bands of America) are during the school year. There was a lot to discuss in this regard.
 - ▶ They want to make the best choice of what is best for the kids. This was tabled for future continued consideration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Musicfest – Michele Butz**
 - ▶ Discussion about bus parking and Bill G. changing the bus parking configuration which will mean we will need some more hand stamps
 - ▶ Dee Emerson's sponsorships – she has only been able to procure one sponsor (Idle Hour Lanes) - sponsorships are just not happening. This brought up discussion of that we don't need to do a sponsorship banner
 - ▶ Michele brought up a family discount, a “Family 4-pack” for \$20 (regular cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids)
 - ▶ Michele would like to try to keep a better record of what was sold and how much each area earns. She suggested a having several different colors of tickets as a quick way of keeping track.
 - ▶ There will be one more planning/organization meeting next Tuesday at 6:00. Bring snacks :)
 - ▶ Michele is planning to keep track of volunteers so they aren't being asked to pay.
 - ▶ The topic of a “suggested donation” for programs was presented. Most other bands charge for programs. This subject was tabled until Tuesday's meeting.

- **Fundraising – Michele Butz**

No report this month as she is focused fully on Musicfest.

- **Terror in the Timber – Lanette Yingling**
 - ▶ We have an E-List for Terror – if you're interested in being on this list, please e-mail Amy Daly jnadaly@sbcglobal.net . If you want to volunteer, please let Amy or Lanette know.
 - ▶ We want to have another planners & kids meeting this Friday at 11:10 (early dismissal) This is mainly to get a more complete list of kids who are planning to volunteer.
 - ▶ We are having a spot on WSPY, both TV and radio, featuring 3 seniors involved with Terror being interviewed.

- **Hospitality - Lanette Yingling**

No report at this time because she's busy with Terror.

- **Public Relations – Val Larusso**
 - ▶ Please get anything you want Val to get into the paper at LEAST a week ahead of time.

- **Travel - Becky Cantrell**
 - ▶ Becky says we are good with chaperones for Western but she could use a couple more for Marengo.

- **Uniforms – Margo Lindner**
 - ▶ Things are going well. We're having an issue with water coolers spilling. Plus two have died this year. A motion was made (Michelle Butz), seconded, and passed that we purchase 3 new water coolers.
 - ▶ The topic of storing the rain gear was again brought up. Several suggestions were made. Margo also mentioned that she and Justin are planning to re-design the way the trailer is loaded over the off-season. This may affect what can be done with totes or containers for the rain gear. Margo brought up that Dan had volunteered to make a new rack for hanging uniforms and/or rain gear – Margo would have a great use for these for madrigals and musical costumes. Margo will get with Dan and research the cost. It was also discussed that there is a door knob that needs to be changed to a non-locking door knob. A motion was made () and seconded (), and passed to approve the cost of a closet pole and for the door knob to be changed in the meantime.

- **Membership/Volunteer – Cindy Fraser**
 - ▶ Cindy is not having a lot of luck getting volunteers and/or volunteer information. The volunteer forms that Shirl made up did not come back as we'd hoped. Michele Butz suggested that she put volunteer forms out at the middle school table

- **Budget – Kenn Hintzsche**
 - ▶ Kenn is working on gathering the information from the past couple of years. This is challenging as it is disorganized. Figuring out incoming versus outgoing from the past is difficult. He is optimistic that moving forward, we should be good with keeping that information straight.
- **Website – Amy Daly**
 - ▶ Please be checking the website. Amy does her best to keep it up-to-date.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Raffle Tickets**
 - ▶ Raffle tickets have gone out via kids. Discussion regarding the incentive for kids to sell with a reward for \$25 to the high school student and middle school student who sell the most. Should we still do this and should we still do the winning ticket reward as well? The consensus was yes – so there will be one high school winner and one middle school winner, plus a prize for selling the winning ticket.
- **Middle School Color Guard Instructor**
 - ▶ The question was raised as to whether the color guard instructor fee had been paid for Jr. Regiment. This is not an issue as there was no color guard for Jr. Regiment!
- **Jack on Trailer needs to be replaced**
 - ▶ Dan Gordon can fix it for an approximate cost of \$50.00. The motion was made (Becky C.), seconded, and passed for approval Dan to go ahead and fix them, spending up to \$75.00.
- **2-way radios**
 - ▶ It was presented that there are several events and activities for which our music association could use 2-way radios. It was brought up that we need a high-quality 2-way radio system which could run several hundred dollars. It was brought up that someone would need to be responsible for these and that there would need to be strict guidelines for who is allowed to use them, how they would be cared for, etc. Amy Daly will research these and report next month.
- **Craft Show – Michele Butz**
 - ▶ Michele had suggestions for a more organized way of keeping more precise track of which kids work for which hours and keeping it in a binder so that these hours are more accurately kept
 - ▶ Michele wants to do a baking party for the Fall Craft Show where a group (or groups) get together and bake. We talked about the fact that using the Home Ec room would be a great central location with multiple oven spaces but we weren't sure if it would be allowed. If not, then a few smaller parties could be held in people's homes.
 - ▶ There was a general reminder that only ADULTS are approved to be driving the golf cart and only SSMA-approved staff or personnel.
- **Sannauk Forest Preserve**
 - ▶ The DeKalb Forest Preserve has stipulated that ALL shelters be rented for Terror in the Timber because no other event can realistically be hosted when we are there. The cost for this rental is \$125.00 and the Terror committee is requesting that SSMA cover this cost separately from the \$500.00 start-up money already in place in order to prevent such a large percentage of that \$500.00 being taken up by this rental fee. The motion was made (Angie Turney), seconded, and passed for SSMA to pay the newly increased cost of \$125.00 for renting Sannauk Forest Preserve.