

Those in attendance: Shirl, Chris C., Angie Turney, Lanette, Michelle, Mr. & Mrs. Rebhorn, Wendy, Cindy, Margo, Kathy Martin, Becky Cantrell, Mrs. Hanson, Kenn Hintszche, Yvonne Roller, and me.

Treasurer's report (Chris Carpenter)

Very lengthy report taking entire Regiment summer tour into account.

Current balance (as of today) is \$15,594.91

The only money ear-marked out of this balance is \$2,500.00 approved for the keyboard. (Kenn moves to pass, Cindy F. seconds, pass)

Director's Reports

Liz Shollenberger – Choir Report

- Talked about new structure of choirs
- Madrigals and men's choir are up and rehearsing.
- IMEA packets are out. Kids can sign up for lesson sections
- Middle School – 36 kids in choir. Plans to have middle-schoolers help with Madrigal dinners again.

Justin Heinekamp – Band

- Working on being more proactive regarding communicating dates to parents.
- He is taking over the website
- Regarding MusicFest – as of now, we have 10 bands that are registered. He expects a few more. Hoping to have about the same as last year (16). The plan is to stick with doing the parade due to waning interest but about 50% of the bands do want to do it so they are going to stick with it. Still planning on 1:00 p.m. Parade & 3:00 show.
- Jazz band will be starting 2 months earlier, about a week after marching band ends. This allows a few more performances for Jazz Band. New Trier & Western Illinois University, a jazz piano club in Naperville, and possibly the Opera House.
- Musical (pitt) and Madrigals will go the same as last year.
- Fall Regiment is up and rehearsing. He wants to possibly add more rehearsal time next year (possibly 3 nights a week) as it is a struggle to get the band up to par.
- Regarding summer Regiment. Once again, the issue of whether or not we should continue being a part of MACBDA any longer. As of now, Mr. Heinekamp no longer wishes to be a part of this organization. It is extremely frustrating to work so hard and come in 4th place over and over and over again. All of the kids (super-seniors) polled, all of the teachers and parents – no one feels we should continue to participate with MACBDA any longer. There is no other competitive venue that tours during the summer so he is proposing doing a Disney trip in the summer (2 days of travel, 3 days in the park). This would fulfill the tour/bonding portion. The cost would be slightly more, approximately \$750.00 per kid (as opposed to \$500). He is trying to find out if chaperones have to pay as well. This tour would be completely organized by an outside tour group (Bob Rogers Tours), including meals (except for perhaps a meal or 2 on the road). This would shift all of the competitive focus to the fall. “Hell Week” would be in the late summer. The fall tour would go later into the fall and there would be more competitions and shows over the fall (approximately 5-8). They would be “Bands of America (BOA)” based. This is a growing organization. Regionals are at Illinois State University and that would be a goal. Winning at Regionals would then take you to Grand Nationals (Indiana) which would be a long-term goal.

He would like the summers to shift from competition to more of an educational focus with kids attending music camps with a big trip happening every-other-year or every 3rd year or something. This would also allow us to participate in some community events such as parades or festivals.

- A lengthy discussion regarding Justin's desire to have a more-balanced music program across-the-board without so much emphasis on just Regiment took place. This will be a long-term and gradual process as it will require a lot of changes at the board level, etc. and there is a lot to be considered.
- Justin and Erin would like to bring in the Spevak's for a program-wide percussion instruction program. He is asking for \$1,100.00 for the school year to cover this expense. Shirl reminded us that Justin did not spend \$1,400.00 of his allotted funds last season. Kenn moved that we approve the \$1,400.00 be allocated for this percussion program. Cindy F. seconded and the motion passed.

Middle School – Erin Killey

- Erin is requesting more of an SSMA presence at the Middle School concerts. She has 80 kids in 6/7/8th grade bands. She would like an SSMA table with fliers and information on-hand. First Middle School concert is Tuesday, October 18th
- She suggested that we try to communicate with parents of only middle-school parents if there is going to be a topic that specifically addresses a middle school-inclusive music issue. It was suggested that we have one meeting a year held at the Middle School to help the MS parents feel included. It was suggested this be the November meeting because it is before the Holiday concert which includes all ages.

President's Report

- Committee Reports – Yvonne Roller's position of Fundraising Chairperson needs to be filled. Please speak to Shirl if you are interested. If you know someone who is perhaps interested, please talk to them, let them know.
- Volunteer Sign-ups. We only received 7 responses to the volunteer requests. Shirl suggests offering a small incentive (candy bar? Sucker?) to the kids if they bring them in. It was suggested we offer a World's Finest candy bar as incentive.
- Newsletter. Shirl is asking for input for ideas or articles for the newsletter so she doesn't have to try to fill it all by herself each month.

MusicFest (Michele Butz)

- Planning meeting next Monday, 9/12 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the cafeteria
- Planning to divide the duties into 3 committees: concessions, behind the scenes, front of the house.

Terror in the Timber (Lanette)

- Planning meeting will be held Monday after the MusicFest meeting (6:30 – 7:30 pm). Terror is coming up very soon. We need a LOT of help and several of the main committee members' kids are seniors so we definitely need new blood.
- Dates are October 28 & 29 -
- Motion for \$200 to pay for the buildings (Lanette/Margo)
- Motion for \$500 (Kenn/Michele) for preliminary Terror expenditures.

Hospitality (Cindy Fraser)

- We are providing drinks for the band at the football games (lemonade/water in warm months, then hot chocolate and water when it gets cold).

Public Relations (Kenn)

- He submitted an article written by Chris Carpenter regarding the summer/Canada tour to the Record, Valley Free Press, and Ottawa Times.
- He also has contacted Chris S. at WSPY (radio side) with the idea of having 2 or 3 music kids to be interviewed regarding MusicFest & Terror.

Travel (Becky Cantrell)

- Needs chaperones for fall tour.
- E-mail her at mbcan87@comcast.net if you can chaperone.

Walk-A-Thon

- 29 kids participated and earned \$3,400.00 It is a very easy and productive fund-raiser.
- Becky needs someone to take over this because she no longer has a kid in band.

Uniforms (Margo)

- The new fall Regiment kids have been fitted and shoes ordered, etc.
- Replacement medallions are in and are being applied.
- Dry-cleaning will be done after fall season.
- The new rolling rack was awesome.

Membership/Volunteer

- This needs to be filled. This position requires a lot of phone calls and making contacts to track down volunteers. We really need to concentrate on getting new faces and additional/new volunteers.

New Business

Michele Butz,

Teresa Rebhorn had a fundraising idea for selling a garden flag. She wanted to know if there is any copyright rules for that. Angie said no but they should obtain approval for a larger fundraiser such as this from Mr. Nystedt.

Chris Carpenter – Wiley Updike, President of Sandwich Fair – The idea for performing at the 2012 Sandwich Fair. We really need to have a presence at the fair.

Michele Butz – Is going to finalize a corporate sponsor letter that she wants the kids to go face-to-face to bring to businesses.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.