

Downers Grove North Music Boosters Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2004

-Meeting began at 7:30.

-Kathy Carter, Parents' Club President, came to speak on behalf of the District 99 Referendum Committee. She presented information about the referendum and requested volunteers to write support letters to the paper telling of our satisfaction with District 99 programs or help at the phone bank set up at Oak Brook Bank. If there is anyone who is willing to help please sign up tonight or contact Kathy.

-Introductions

-Approve minutes from September 7, 2004, motion, second.

-President's Report:

-Our web page is ready!! We will be posting our newsletter, meeting minutes, contributing member information and fundraising information. Thanks Mr. Miller for all your time and expertise!

-The Music Booster Board members will be listed in the Parents' Club School Directory.

- **Secretary:** No Report.

-Financial Report:

-**Treasurer:** Becky tells us our current book balance is \$64260.09, as broken down on the handout.

-**Contributing Members:** Karen reports that last month we had 132 members and this month we have had an increase of 30 members, bringing our total to 162! We have received a total \$9334.00 in contributions this year, up from last year. There are a few corporations ready to make donations as soon as we provide a tax id number, something we do not have. Can we use the school or district number? We will talk to Dave Eckdahl, the Trojan Booster treasurer, to see how they handle the situation.

-Fundraising:

-**Pizza/Pasta:** Joe & Linda Rush report the totals: 124 participants selling \$15,191.75, with an estimated profit for student accounts \$7317.10. These are preliminary figures, broken down and explained in the handout. Pick-up is scheduled for Saturday October 23, 9-10am.

-**Spirit Sales:** Sales total \$1985 so far with scarves and sweatshirts selling well! We plan to have a table at Band-O-Rama on October 15 and the October 19 Choir Concert.

-**Citrus Sale:** Unfortunately, the hurricanes this fall have done extensive to the crops. LBG will not be able to supply the fruit for our Citrus Sale so we are unable to hold this annual fundraiser.

-**Value Cards:** Andrea Kennedy has volunteered to chair this new fundraiser! We will move this into the Citrus Sale slot for this year.

-**Fannie Mae:** The starting date for this year's sale is November 12, the end date is November 29 with pick-up Saturday December 8. Cases of individual chocolate bars will be available for purchase, 144 per case, ordered only by the case. If we can get 9 case orders we will offer this option. We will need to obtain a few tape calculators to make tabulation more efficient. If we can't borrow enough can we purchase a few? Anne Branch requested to include some students from South High in the Fannie Mae sale. They will be traveling to Germany and will benefit from the additional fundraising

opportunity. They will have a South parent oversee their orders and take care of distribution. We agreed this is OK!

-**Cheesecake Sale** is scheduled for February 2005.

-**Plant Sale** is scheduled for May, 2005.

-**Student Accounts:** Choir \$8566.62, Band & Orchestra: No Report.

-**VP Finance:** Bill finished the audit and is happy to report that the records are very well kept! He has set up the Financial Statement to include last year for comparison.

-**Hospitality:** Marianne reports we have a large volunteer list from Choir and Band but we need more help from ORCHESTRA!!! Please call Marianne or Char Mielke if you are interested in helping with hospitality at concerts or recognition at the year's end. Band-O-Rama is Thursday October 14 and the first Choir concert is Tuesday October 19.

-**Newsletter:** Thanks for all the great information! The first newsletter is ready for print and should be mailed by October 8.

-**Directory:** The directory is ready for print. We need a few volunteers to staple the pages together so call Ruth Schneider if you are available.

-**Directors' Report:**

-Anne says that the first meeting for the Germany trip was held last week and over 70 deposits were made. The Alumni Band performance was great-BRAVO! The first Orchestra concert will be held at South on October 21 and will include the O'Neil Middle School Band.

-Frank: Robes, robes, robes!! Thanks to all who tirelessly helped fit 260 students with the 275 robes available. Tuesday October 19 is the first Choir concert of the season. IMEA Auditions will be held on October 12 at Carl Sandberg High School. The participation has increased from last year! Bus transportation will be provided.

-**New Business:** An Alumni Award of Excellence luncheon will be held on Saturday October 16. If anyone is available to represent the Music Boosters please call Diana.

Old Business:

-The search for a new piano for the music department has begun! March 1, 2005 is our goal for a recommendation. We are relying on the expertise of Patty Barnes to enhance our research. We are looking for a high quality instrument with a locking lid, heavy duty rollers for transportation and a heavy cover. Size and maneuverability will also be considerations.

- Ron Modell honorarium of \$2000.00 as discussed last month.

-Janis is very excited about the opportunity to have Barry Clويد work with guitar students for a day. He is a professional guitarist who will provide the students with a unique experience. His fee is an exceptionally low \$350; how can we fund this? \$200 can come out of the Choir Discretionary Fund and the remaining \$150 from the Clinician Fee Fund.

-Meeting adjourned 8:40pm.

Members present: Becky Connery, Diana Rhoades, Marianne Moscato, Anne Branch, Joe & Linda Rush, Bill & Connie Brower, Frank Piekarz, Karen Burstein, JoEllen Douglas, Mary Paruszkiewicz, Dirk Gutzke, Mary Siebert, Pat Caldwell, Mark Locket, Tina Riley.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Riley

