

DGN Music Boosters Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2006

- Meeting began at 7:30pm.
- Round of introductions.
- Approval of the meeting agenda.
- Approval of meeting minutes from May 2.
- **President's Report:** It's been a great first year as president and Bill appreciates the opportunity to serve in this capacity. At the band banquet we "dolled" up the old Marching Band uniforms and had fun imagining their role in "never-to-be performed" half-time shows! The recent concerts were inspiring and I was especially moved by Josh Zajac's cello performance. *Mrs. Branch agrees, saying Josh's performance was one of her finest student music-making experiences!*
- **Secretary's Report:** Present the Slate of Officers for 2006-2007.
- **Treasurer:** Becky reports that the scholarship checks were written. We received \$1614.95 (balance due) from the football seats and Trojan Boosters apologize for the delay. Our fiscal year ends July 31, 2006 with an audit planed for early August. The Plant Sale is almost closed out.
- **Contributing Members:** Diana reports that our yearly total is \$14,190 from 182 contributing members!! She has sent thank you letters and window clings to all. Regina has been sent names to update the performance programs.
- **Fundraising:** Joe has presented the year end financial report as well as the overall year end report. Some highlights include: Market Day proceeds to go to the General Fund and we will drop Pizza Sales in an effort to bolster Cheesecake sales. An announcement about Market Day proceeds will be included in September's newsletter. Joe is resigning as Fundraising Chairperson to be replaced by Chuck Martin. Thanks for your hard work Joe!
 - **Flower Sale:** Linda & Joe thank all volunteers, especially the Directors. We did not have as many walk-up sales as we hoped because of the cold, rainy weather. They were pleased with the new owners of Peterman's Nursery and suggest we continue using them next year. The total profit was down approximately 3% from last year.
 - **Fannie Mae Update:** Bill, Mary and Joe had a conference call with the new owners of Fannie Mae, 1-800-FLOWERS. The new company guarantees that there will be no supply issues OR cover us as WE determine to be fair restitution. They feel confident that this will continue to be a profitable fundraiser for us!
- **Student Accounts:**
 - **Orchestra:** \$2796.37
 - **Band:** \$7782.39
 - **Choir:** \$12,135.96
- **VP Finance:** Bill presented the budget for next year. We have made the 2nd payment for the new Marching Band storm coats. He suggests we create a line item, "Equipment Replacement" with a budgeted amount of \$2500.00. He further suggests that we maintain a comfort base of approximately \$10,000 to cover any emergency that may come up. Bill is resigning from this board position to be replaced by Tom Walser Thanks for all your hard work Bill!
- **Hospitality:** Marianne reports that we are finished for the year! Thanks to all who have helped. We have the following volunteers for next year: Band: Laura Delany, Choir: Pat Caldwell and Orchestra: Mary Kedzior. I am working with the Barb Mech to revamp the Volunteer Form. Brayer thanks all who were volunteer ushers at the concerts!

- **Publicity:** Sharon reports that the first newsletter will go out at the end of September.

- **Directors' Reports:**

- **Anne** says that this has been a great year, musically speaking. Although she will miss the graduating seniors she is reassured by strong underclassmen. She is anticipating the arrival of German students: Recorder, Guitar and Sting ensembles August 31-September 6. Thank you to Linda Rush for organizing host families. All visiting students will be staying with orchestra families and a few band families who have hosted in the past. One of the planned activities is an excursion to Ravinia! There will be a performance at Wheaton College in Barrows Auditorium, a hall that is easy to fill with a stage that is the perfect size for their ensembles. The concert will be held on September 2. St Charles North has a recorder ensemble and has just completed a tour of Germany complete with a performance in Bietigheim! They will also host a concert for the visiting German students.

- **Janis:** Showcase was a great success! Thank you to the Jazz Ensemble for their immense part in the success of the evening! There are 52 graduation seniors, 35 who have been in choir all four years.

- **Brayer:** The students have worked so hard! We all feel that this has been the strongest set of spring concerts! The Wind Ensemble has been invited to be a featured band at the 2006 Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic, which is the largest conference of it's kind in the world. The students will be the performing ensemble for an educational clinic given by Steve Peterson, Director of Bands at Ithaca College. The performance will be at the Chicago Palmer House Hilton Hotel on Friday, December 22, 2006.

Thank you to the Music Boosters for raising the "Giving" level in Contributing Members. The giving income doubled and we were able to FULLY FUND all but 2 scholarships for summer camp!! We set a scholarship cap at \$2000 with the 2 students receiving a partial scholarship. For anyone interested, Brayer will participate in Graduation with pride activities: he will be in the dunk tank in Marching Band uniform! Finally, the Fine Arts Department won a poetry contest with our haiku! Marty Voelker's collage was the clincher!

- **New Business:** Bill Younker presented a letter he will send to District 99. On behalf of the Music Boosters, the letter thanks them for allowing us to keep funds raised in the sale of the old uniforms, explaining that the money raised was turned back into the organization to be used for uniform accessories as needed. It also pledged our support for the newly assigned music department "lab fees" and thanked them in advance for their stewardship of these funds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Members present: Mary Siebert, Dawn Johnson, Brayer Teague, Tom Walser, Diana Rhoades, Anne Branch, Bill Brower, Becky Connery, Chuck Martin, Ruth Schneider, Janis Guter, Linda Rush, Mark Lockett, Pattie DePeder, Dick Weil, Marianne Moscato, Bill & Sharon Younker, Tina Riley.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Riley