

Unity Music Boosters

May 8, 2017

Unity East Music Room

(Approved at Summer Mtg)

The meeting was called to order by President Diane (Ducey) Anderson at 7:04 p.m. There were 10 people present.

Secretary's Report: Charissa Wood presented the minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting. Marcia Horton moved to approve the minutes. Teresa Spence seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Polonus presented the Treasurer's report. The signature card was discussed and the proper people will get on the card in June. Laura Walsten moved to approve the report. Maggie Chappell seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Victoria Kensek: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported for Victoria. Unity West 5th graders are performing the musical Lion King on Friday, May 12, 2017. A DVD can be purchased for \$5. Victoria was the pit director for the high school musical Footloose and that went very well.

Hannah Blum: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported for Hannah. The new equipment purchased (2 tubano drums, temple blocks, and wind chimes) are being used. The boosters also provided a bass xylophone, alto xylophone, soprano xylophone, and various mallets. The new risers for Unity East and West are beautiful and working very well. They are awesome! The Unity East wish list for next year is a rug for the music room, a new sound system with Bluetooth capabilities and some new percussion equipment (snare drum, bass drum, and various accessories).

Jerry Cardiff: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported for Jerry. Jazz & Java will be Thursday, May 11, 2017. The high school band concert on May 2, 2017 went very well. The 6th-8th grade concert is May 16, 2017. There will be a community band in the Tolono Fun Day parade and you can sign up on the booster's website. The pit for the musical Footloose went very well and also the field trip. The Unity West 5th grade band and choir concert is on May 22, 2017 and it will also be Unity West awards night. Marching band next fall will compete in three competitions in Newton, Danville, and EIU. Jerry's wish list for the fall includes a bell set for around \$1200 and a xylophone for around \$1500 to \$2000.

Kyle Ayers the color guard instructor also reported that the show next year will be Harry Potter. He has a wish list of about \$1600 for new equipment for the color guard: new flags, uniforms, and some 4 foot walls to be used on the field during the routine. Kyle would like the equipment by the band camp week of July 31-August 4, 2017. There was discussion about hosting a Jazz band competition here at school to raise money for the color guard. Kyle also mentioned that a Pyware 3D program would be useful in writing the show.

Ashley Marshall: Laura Walsten reported for Ashley that the Surreal Sound summer schedule is out.

Field Trip: Teresa Spence reported that the field trip went very well and the students behaved and the show Aladdin was spectacular! 93 students and chaperones attended.

Fundraising: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that Jazz & Java is May 11, 2017 at the Frank's center in Philo. The coffee for this event will be provided by Columbia Street Roastery for \$75. Cardinal tickets will also be raffled off at this event to raise money for the boosters. Scotty's Brewhouse fundraiser will be in June, date still to be determined. There will be a carwash to raise funds for Vocal Rush competition costumes on June 3, 2017 by Sonic in Savoy.

Scholarship: Marcia Horton reported that 20 scholarships will be awarded. (14 show choir, 4 band, and 2 drum majors).

Old Business: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that we are in need of a piano cover for the high school. Jerry Cardiff and Ashley Marshall need to report how they spent their director's funds to be placed in the May promotional brochure.

New Business: The nomination committee presented the slate for the fall of 2017 music boosters: President – Teresa Spence; Vice President – Maggie Grimm; Treasurer – Maggie Chappell; and Secretary – Charissa Wood. Motion carried.

Laura Walsten moved to approve that \$190 be reimbursed to Marcia Horton for tip money on field trip and \$60 be reimbursed for Mary Kate funds. Teresa Spence seconded. Motion carried.

Laura Walsten moved to approve \$118 be paid to Franks Center for Jazz & Java. Teresa Spence seconded. Motion carried.

Laura Walsten moved to approve Diane (Ducey) Anderson get reimbursed \$80 for Tilford tribute. Maggie Chappell seconded. Motion carried.

Laura Walsten moved to approve \$75 get paid to Columbia Roastery for the coffee for Jazz & Java. Jessica Lopez seconded. Motion carried.

Teresa Spence moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Marcia Horton seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting date is to be determined.

Unity Music Boosters

April 11, 2017
Unity East Music Room
(Approved at May Mtg)

The meeting was called to order by President Diane (Ducey) Anderson at 7:01 p.m. There were 11 people present.

Secretary's Report: Charissa Wood presented the minutes from the March 21, 2017 meeting. Teresa Spence moved to approve the minutes as amended. Maggie Grimm seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Maggie Chappell presented the Treasurer report for Kevin Polonus. Laura Walsten moved to approve the report. Marcia Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Hannah Blum: Hannah reported that the Unity East concert last month went very well and the music was a great choice. Unity East K-1 concert is April 25, 2017. Hannah also reported that the high school band came to Unity East and the kids enjoyed it. The piano that was donated will need to be tuned this summer. The 5th – 8th grade concert date might be moved due to overcrowding.

Victoria Kensek: Victoria reported that the piano tuning and silk string replacement will happen in late April. The school is paying \$80 for choir music. The high school band came to Unity West and the kids loved it and the 3rd grade went to the Krannert for the youth concert. Victoria also reported that the 5th grade band concert will be during the day and the 6th – 8th grade band concert will be May 16, 2017 and 6th – 8th grade choir concert will be May 9, 2017. There was discussion about in the future using the gymnasium for the May concerts so the 5th – 8th grade can all be together.

Jerry Cardiff: Jerry reported that the high school went to Unity East and West and that it went very well! The high school band concert is May 2, 2017 at 7 p.m. The high school music field trip is April 26, 2017 and the bus seating chart is done. Jerry also reported that marching band camp is July 31, 2017 through August 4, 2017. There will be a \$10 participation fee for the camp that will go towards music and other costs associated with delivering a week long camp. The marching band will participate in three competitions next year: EIU, Newton, and Danville – dates still to be determined. The marching band show will be Harry Potter. There was also discussion that the high school marching band will not be in the Tolono Fun Day parade this year but possibly next year and there could be a community band in the parade this year that rides on a flatbed truck and would be a couple rehearsals for this band.

Ashley Marshall: Teresa Spence reported for Ashley. (Ashley's email) Steve Rasch tuned the piano on stage and the

baby grand in the choir room. He gave advice for purchasing a piano cover which will be done over the summer. He also placed an order for me to have the stage piano placed on a dolly so that mobility would no longer be an issue. The Okaw Valley conference was fine. I hope it is the last one. The kids do not seem to enjoy it as much as they do our other activities. It is a very hectic time for them to miss school in addition to being burnt out due to the musical, solo and ensemble, and involvement in a cappella and show choir. If it occurs next year, it will be a band year because it alternates each year. Solo and ensemble: There was a new element to it this time. They are giving red ribbons for achieving a 1 but a GOLD ribbon is given to those who achieve a perfect score. This is great, as many of our kids earned this distinction. The kids did a great job. A big thank you to Ms. Kensek for accompanying so many of the students! A cappella performed for St. Pat's luncheon and will schedule a time with Perennial Sound Studio in June to finish up their CD. Elmhurst College Choir with Alumni Matt Cloud performed for our vocal students. Then we performed a couple songs for them. It was Matt's birthday so we also were treated to cupcakes in his honor which were made by Ashlyn Yeazel... if anyone is looking to pay someone for making PROFESSIONAL looking and tasting treats, hire Ashlyn! Chambana A Cappella took place that evening at Central High School and was a lot of fun! A cappella auditions are May 3 and information was sent out about that. Big thanks to the parents and kids who put together a terrific set for Footloose! Thanks to Teresa for planning a fun filled trip to see Aladdin! Big thanks to my fellow music educators for helping with instrumental needs during show choir and the musical you guys are awesome! Other notes: A lot of parents ask me for information that is already sent home with kids digitally or/and through paper fliers. ALSO information that is included in booster eblasts. Could we all try to encourage these parents (some of which are boosters, themselves) to read the eblasts or check the booster sight instead of asking me to repeatedly send out information. I think encouraging people to check out the website would be beneficial in many ways. Please keep the rule of boosters emailing directors instead of principals or other administration in mind. There have still been several instances this year when I've been ccd to an email that a booster sent that should have come to me. Fifth grade will no longer be included in the JHS vocal and JHS band concerts. May dates should be found on the booster web site so I am not including those in this report. But I will give a reminder that JHS show choir auditions are 3-5:30 on May 4th in the choir room. A flier will be sent to East and West soon.

Field Trip: Teresa Spence reported that 93 will be attending the trip and 11 are parents. The trip is paid for and ready to go. Tickets will be picked up when we arrive at theater.

Fundraising: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that the Monical's fundraiser went very well and \$500 was raised. It was well attended.

Jazz & Java: Marcia Horton reported that things are going well in the planning but we are still looking for someone to supply the coffee for the event. Possibilities for this are Starbucks or Columbia Street.

Scholarships: Marcia Horton reported that 19 students applied for scholarships and every student is receiving a \$300 scholarship towards a music camp of their choice. The new drum majors will receive \$400 scholarships to go towards their camps.

Communication: Laura Walsten reported that directors need to report back to her what they purchased this year so it can be in the annual report. Laura also needs the director's wish list for next fall to be placed in flyer at Jazz & Java.

New Business:

Teresa Spence moved to nominate Maggie Chappell to replace Kevin Polonus as Treasurer effective immediately. Laura Walsten seconded. Motion carried

Laura Walsten moved to dispense \$5750 for scholarships. Teresa Spence seconded. Motion carried.

Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported the nomination committee consists of Teresa Spence and Maggie Chappell. Teresa Spence moved to adjourn the meeting. Maggie Chappell seconded. Motion carried. The next boosters meeting is Monday, May 8, 2017.

Unity Music Boosters

March 21, 2017
Unity West Music Room
(Approved at April Mtg)

The meeting was called to order by President Diane (Ducey) Anderson at 7:05 p.m. There were 12 people present.

Secretary's Report: Charissa Wood presented the minutes from the February 21, 2017 meeting. Teresa Spence moved to approve the minutes. Mike Roy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Diane (Ducey) Anderson presented the Treasurer's Report for Kevin Polonus. Bonnie Woolard moved to approve the report. Maggie Grimm seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Reports:

Victoria Kensek: Victoria reported that her piano was tuned and there is a problem with her piano that needs to be addressed. The piano needs re-silted and it will cost \$434 and the school will pay for this cost. It is very cost effective to repair it at this time. Victoria also reported that she needs \$80 for choir music and the school will discuss it and see if it fits into the budget. Unity West concerts are March 28, 2017 – 2nd grade; April 20, 2017 – Kindergarten and first grade; and May 12, 2017 – Mini musical.

Hannah Blum: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported for Hannah. Unity East performances at the choir and band concerts went really well! She got a lot of positive responses from parents and is looking forward to performing again in May with these groups! The new risers are working out very well!! Diane also reported that Hannah had spent a little of her director's fund to purchase two tubanos (African drum), a set of wind chimes, and a set of temple blocks (which are like wood blocks). We will be using them in the 2/3 concert, as well as in my K/1 concert later this year.

Ashley Marshall: (Sent by email on 3/22/17 to Diane (Ducey) Anderson) The Junior High Choir Concert went great and parents were encouraged to move in to create more space to watch the show in the auditorium with 250 programs printed up and folded. If parents were concerned, perhaps volunteer ushers to help. 6th grade choir: 47 members, 7th & 8th has 45, UJHS Show Choir: 36 people and our Unity High School Choir: 26. Fine Arts Festival had a nice variety of acts and the performance times for our featured groups worked out nicely. This was the chance to see the full show choir routine (instead of a "pre-show" which in the past was not well attended) and at Senior Night Tuesday 4/18. As far as MORE competitions, Mrs. Marshall would love to add 1 or 2 more, but doesn't think that's a possibility. She's extremely proud of our kid's accomplishments this season: 2nd Runner Up at Lafayette Jefferson and Brownsburg with Dani Boulos and Tyler Gadberry getting Outstanding Performer honors (respectively). At Herscher Unity got 1st runner up and People's Choice Award and Dylan Holt selected as Best Male Vocalist (twice (at Brownsburg,)). Information has been updated online for the Show Choir Camp that's in house the last week of July and is posted online. The Tea Party fundraiser worked out great with a preference for December but we must be accommodating to schedules. 40 students tried out for Footloose & got a part, Victoria Kensek is very active helping direct the pit musicians for the show. IESA/IHSA competitions had lower participation because students are involved in Show Choir Competitions and the Musical but Bonnie Martin won best of the day and will be performing her solo at the Spring Concert (accompanist are being paid as far as she knows). Teresa has been awesome getting coordinating details together for the bi-annual field trip to Cadillac Palace Theater 4/26.

Field Trip: Teresa Spence reported that field trip is Wednesday, April 26, 2017. There will be 93 students and parents attending. The seating chart was sent to Jerry Cardiff and Ashley Marshall for students to sign up. Two buses will be heading to the Cadillac Palace Theater in Chicago. Buses leave the school at 10 a.m. and will return around 10 p.m. Students and parents needs to bring a sack lunch for the trip there and money for a stop on the way home.

Fundraising:

Fine Arts Festival: Marcia Horton reported that the fine arts festival went very well. Food was offered to the families and

\$164 were raised.

Scotty's Brewhouse: Mike Roy reported that Monday through Thursdays are the days they offer the fundraiser. 20% goes back to the boosters if a flyer is presented at the time of payment. Looking at June 1 or June 8, 2017 for possible dates for this fundraiser.

Tea Party: Teresa Spence reported that the tea party went well with 20 children in attendance. \$400 was raised and that money will go towards the students who helped with this event to help pay for show choir outfits next year. Next year will try to have this event in December.

Communications: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported for Laura Walsten. Laura still needs updated director's biographies and pictures for the booster's website. Also Laura needs to know how the director's funds are spent for the Jazz & Java brochure and for the Annual report in June. Teresa Spence also reported that the in-house show choir camp form is on the booster's website. Show choir camp is July 24 – 29, 2017. Deposit of \$25 is due in June and remainder at the start of camp.

Old Business: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that volunteers are still needed for Tolono Fun Day for a food booth (grilling of pork chops) and collecting donations for fireworks. Fun Day committee is willing to Pay \$750 for a group (couple dozen) to participate.

New Business: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that new members are needed to fill the booster positions that will be vacant next school year. Diane also reported that new spirit wear would be nice for the music program.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Unity East Music room at 7 p.m. (due to Show choir senior night conflict).

Teresa Spence moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Mike Roy seconded. Motion carried.

Unity Music Boosters

February 21, 2017
UHS Band Room
(Approved at March Mtg)

The meeting was called to order by President Diane (Ducey) Anderson at 7:02 p.m. There were 11 people present.

Secretary's Report: Charissa Wood presented the minutes from the January 12, 2017 meeting. Teresa Spence moved to approve the minutes. Maggie Chappell seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Diane (Ducey) moved to table the Treasurer's Report till next month. Marcia Horton moved to table report. Teresa Spence seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Reports:

Victoria Kensek: Victoria reported the following music events for Unity West: 2nd grade concert on March 28, 2017, 1st grade concert on April 20, 2017, and 5th grade mini-musical concert on May 12, 2017 at the high school will be The Lion King.

Hannah Blum: Hannah reported that the piano that was donated is at Unity East and the piano has been tuned. It needs

to be tuned again this summer. Because of the age of the piano, it could need repairs in the future. Hannah also reported the following music events for Unity East: 2nd-3rd grade concert on March 21, 2017, K-1st grade concert on April 25, 2017, and 5th-8th grade concert on May 16, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Jerry Cardiff: Jerry reported that the pep band will be playing on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 for the boys' basketball game. The report time is 5:15 p.m. and the game starts at 6 p.m. Jerry also reported the following events for the band: High school band and choir concert on March 2, 2017, Fine Arts Festival on March 9, 2017 from 4 to 9 p.m., Jr. High band concert on March 14, 2017, Jr. High Solo & Ensemble on April 8, 2017, High School band concert on May 2, 2017, Jazz & Java on May 11, 2017, 5th-8th grade band concert on May 16, 2017, Summer Marching Band camp on July 21-August 4, 2017.

Ashley Marshall: Teresa Spence reported for Ashley. Teresa reported that the show choir costumes are finally here for the Saturday, February 25, 2017 show choir competition. Auditions for the high school musical Footloose are February 27-28, 2017. Teresa also reported that the show choir fundraiser, The Mad Hatter Tea Party, is March 5, 2017 at Hand in Hand Daycare in Tolono from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$20 and is for age's pre-K through 3rd grade. There is still room for children to sign up. Students in the show choir that will be participating have their parts and know the songs that they will be singing. Also there is a Jr. High Vocal Concert on March 7, 2017. All proceeds from the 50/50 will go to the students who helped with this event.

Fundraising: Cary and Bonnie Woolard reported that All Out A Capella went very well and the groups enjoyed being there to participate. There was plenty of food provided for the groups and around \$10, 000 was raised from this event. Next year the date needs to be put on the school calendar sooner and boosters are looking for someone to take over the planning of this event. Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that Dough Re Mi is April 10, 2017. The directors have their shifts but more volunteers are always welcome. The Mad Hatter Tea party is March 5, 2017. The Scotty's Brewhouse fundraiser will be moved to summer, possibly June.

Scholarships: Marcia Horton reported that the applications for summer music scholarships will be available at the Fine Arts festival on March 9, 2017 and will need to be mailed to the music boosters by March 31, 2017. Students who apply are eligible for up to a \$300 scholarship.

Communication: Laura Walsten reported she still needs a photo and biography for Jerry Cardiff on the booster's website. Also needed are the times of large group performances for Fine Arts Festival on March 9, 2017, so volunteers know when they can sign up for shifts in the cafeteria that don't conflict with when their students are performing.

Field Trip: Teresa Spence reported that 77 students, 10 parents, and 3 teachers are signed up for the field trip on April 26, 2017. The total cost for the trip is \$14,760 and \$3,900 has been paid for the deposit. There will be 2 buses heading to Chicago. Students will be bringing a sack lunch for the ride there and will need to bring money for dinner on the way home.

New Business: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that Tolono Fun days are June 23-24, 2017 and there is a need for volunteers for various activities on those days. Volunteers are needed for the 5K race, grilling of pork chops, and from 6:30 to 9:30 at night asking for firework donations. Diane also brought up if the marching band would be willing to be in the Tolono Fun Day parade and possibly the July 4, 2017 parade in Champaign.

Laura Walsten moved to allocate up to \$3100 to pay the second installment of the field trip cost along with parking fees and driver tips. Cary Woolard seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 21, 2017 at Unity West music room at 7 p.m.

Teresa Spence moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Laura Walsten seconded. Motion carried.

Unity Music Boosters

January 17, 2017
UHS Choir Room
(Approved at February Mtg)

The meeting was called to order by President Diane (Ducey) Anderson at 7 p.m. There were 12 people present.

Secretary's Report: Charissa Wood presented the minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting. Teresa Spence moved to approve the minutes. Mike Roy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Diane (Ducey) Anderson presented the Treasurer's report. There was a discussion on whose names are on the music booster bank account at Busey bank. Mike Roy moved to approve the minutes. Laura Walsten seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Hannah Blum: Hannah reported the Unity East purchased six risers and they are beautiful and work very well. They are also for Unity West. Hannah also reported some upcoming events for Unity East: 2nd-3rd grade concert on March 21, 2017, K-1st grade concert on April 25, 2017, and 5th-8th grade band concert on May 16, 2017 at 7p.m.

Victoria Kensek: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported for Victoria. Diane reported the following concert dates for Unity West: 2nd grade concert on March 28, 2017, 1st grade concert on April 20, 2017, and 5th grade mini-musical concert on May 12, 2017 at the high school.

Ashley Marshall: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported for Ashley. Ashley wrote a proposal for \$950 for the school district to ask if students in the free lunch program could have their show choir costumes paid for by the school and also if the school board would pay the arrangement fees for music for the show choir. The school board will not pay for the costumes this year but will consider paying the arrangement fees and costumes the next school year (2017/2018). A discussion was brought up that parents need to be aware of the show choir costumes fees as early as registration in August. Another discussion was brought up about the timing and cost of the new risers for the high school. What portion of the cost would the school district be able to cover and could this be done before the start of the 2017 school year. The booster parents appreciated that Mrs. Marshall provided this additional proposal about the cost associated with a successful show choir program to Mr. Morrison and the district. Diane also reported that the spring musical will be Footloose this year on April 27-29, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will be held on February 27-28, 2017. Field trip forms and payment are due February 3, 2017.

Fundraising: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that the Dough-Re-Me fundraiser at Monical's will be April 10, 2017 from 3 to 9 p.m. Directors have already signed up for their shifts. Diane also reported we will need volunteers for new basketball concessions that boosters will be running on February 11, 2017 from 9 to 1 p.m., February 13, 2017 from 6 to 9 p.m., February 16, 2017 from 6 to 9 p.m., and February 18, 2017 from 9a.m. to 12 p.m.

Scholarships: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that Tinitia Price will be helping again with the scholarships. Marcia Horton reported that the Fine Arts Festival is March 9, 2017 and scholarships will be available at this time. Volunteers will be needed for this event. Meals will be available to be purchased that will consist of BBQ sandwiches and macaroni & cheese. Jerry Cardiff will be asking students to participate in the fine arts festival. There was a discussion about having a fashion show and some drama events.

Communication: Laura Walsten reported that the website is going well. Laura needs details from Mr. Cardiff regarding timing and attire for pep band dates so she can post them to the website and send an eBlast to parents.

Old Business: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that 50/50 tickets will be at the January 24, 2017 basketball game to raise money for show choir. Diane also reported that \$802 was raised at the Barnes & Noble fundraiser and the date this year will be December 9, 2017. Mike Roy reported that the piano being donated to Unity East is planning on being moved to Unity East on Thursday, January 26, 2017. Bonnie Woolard reported that more volunteers are needed for the All Out A Cappella concert on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Surreal Sound will be on WCIA Living next Wednesday, January 25, 2017 and the Rip Chords on January 27, 2017. Tickets are on sale now. Next week tickets will be given away on various radio stations. Raffle tickets will be sold at the concert for \$2 a ticket or 6 tickets for \$10 and an arm length for \$20. Wade Thweat will be the photographer and U of I college students will be the videographer. T-Shirts can be ordered through Laura Walsten.

New Business: Mike Roy reported that there are no dates available for the Applebee's fundraiser. Mike is looking into

possibly having a fundraiser at Scotty's Brew house in Champaign. Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that Tolono Fun Day this year is June 23-24, 2017 and would like students to participate and show off their talents. Marcia Horton reported that she will call the Philo Franks Center and confirm the Jazz & Java concert for Thursday, May 11, 2017.

The next meeting will be February 21, 2017 in the high school band room at 7 p.m.

Teresa Spence moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Mike Roy seconded. Motion carried.

Unity Music Boosters

November 14, 2016
UHS Choir Room
(Approved at January Mtg)

The meeting was called to order by President Diane (Ducey) Anderson at 7:05 p.m. There were 15 people present.

Secretary's Report: Marcia Horton presented the minutes on behalf of Charissa Wood from the October 18, 2016 meeting. Maggie Grimm moved to approve the minutes. Cary Woolard seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Polonus presented the Treasurer's report. Maggie Grimm moved to approve the report. Laura Walsten seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin presented checks to Jerry Cardiff for \$3436.60 and to Ashley for \$2197 for proceeds from the letter campaign.

Director's Report:

Hannah Blum: Hannah reported that she has a 4th and 5th grade concert tomorrow night, Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at Unity East and that the newly purchased percussion instruments will be used. The Veteran's program at Unity East went very well with assistance of High school band students. She will have a group participating at the Barnes and Noble fundraiser on Dec. 10. Hannah also reported that the piano still needs to be moved to Unity East.

Victoria Kensik: Victoria reported that the risers she needs are \$7500. Unity West and Unity East have booth agreed to pay \$3000 and that would leave the last \$1500 for the music booster to pay. Nov. 28 is her 4th grade concert, Dec. 7 is 5th grade concert at Unity West Gym and the 3rd grade Nutcracker performance is Dec. 1 at the High school auditorium.

Ashley Marshall: Ashley wanted to thank the students, parents John Tilford and especially Victoria Kensik for the great team effort putting on Lion King as the junior high musical last week. Great set and costumes. Everyone stepped up and put on a great show. Ashley spoke at length about show choir and their needs. Much discussion about a plan to purchase new risers for use by Show Choir and the other choir groups. She also spoke about costumes, cost and plans for fundraising to subsidize the costume costs for the students. (Jan. 15, 2017 – Mad Hatter Tea Party; January 24, 2017 – Sell 50/50 tickets at basketball game) Ashley will be taking the choir and band students to ILMEA rehearsal and concert at Olivet Nazarene University on Saturday, Nov. 19.

Jerry Cardiff: The band performed at the home playoff game and are working on the music for basketball pep band. Jazz band rehearsals have started on Tuesdays 6:30-8 pm for the high school with a couple of junior high students joining in. Junior High band concert is Dec. 6 and Senior High band concert is Dec. 13.

New Business: Laura Walsten moved to approve \$1500 to go towards the purchase of the new risers that will be used by both Unity East and West. Cary Woolard moved to pay up to \$150 to purchase a cover for the grand piano in the high school choir room. Laura Walsten seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that the piano for Unity East still needs to be moved there.

The Barnes & Noble fundraiser is Saturday, December 10, 2016 with groups from Unity East at 11 am, Surreal Sound at 7 pm and other high school groups performing throughout the day.

Cary Woolard reported that there are still trying to find a date for the All Out Acapella concert in early 2017. The schedule for ICCA will be coming out on Nov. 15 and the information from that will help to determine which groups are available to perform.

Field Trip: Diane reported the music students will be going to see Aladdin on April 26, 2016. It will be \$164 per student and the boosters will pay half \$82. A \$3900 deposit has been paid. This price includes show and bus ride, the students need to bring money for dinner. An informational packet will be going out to the students by the end of the semester. Feb.3 is the sign up date.

Communications: Laura Walsten reported that she needs information to be sent to her as soon as possible for things be to put in to the e-blast, google calendar and website.

Cary Woolard moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Lynette Lynch seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Jan.17, 2017 at 7 pm.

Unity Music Boosters

October 18, 2016
UHS Band Room
(Approved at November Mtg)

The meeting was called to order by President Diane (Ducey) Anderson at 7:05 p.m. There were 16 people present.

Secretary's Report: Charissa Wood presented the minutes from the September 20, 2016 meeting. Bonnie Woolard moved to approve the minutes. Marcia Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Polonus presented the Treasurer's report. Teresa Spence moved to approve the report. Laura Walsten seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Hannah Blum: Hannah reported that the Band and Choir Demo Concert is Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at Unity East. The 4th and 5th grade students will have a concert on November 15, 2016. Hannah also reported that the piano still needs to be moved to Unity East.

Victoria Kensik: Victoria reported that the Risers she needs are \$7500. Unity West and Unity East have booth agreed to pay \$3000 and that would leave the last \$1500 for the music booster to pay. Further discussion needs to happen to see if Unity East and West will cover the whole amount.

Ashley Marshall: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported for Ashley. Diane reported that the Unity Banner singers will sing at the Veterans Luncheon at the Round Barn Center on November 11, 2016 and at the U of I basketball game on November 15, 2016. They need to sell 30 tickets at \$10 each to sing at basketball game. Diane also reported that show choir students need to pay their own costume. Show choir fundraisers are as follows: October 30, 2016 – Champaign Country Club Haunted House actors; December 11, 2016 – Mad Hatter Tea Party; January 24, 2017 – Sell 50/50 tickets at basketball game; and also there was a \$50 donation for show choir given by Loman Ray Insurance company.

Jerry Cardiff: Marcia Horton reported for Jerry. Marcia reported that senior night for band members is at the Friday night football game October 21, 2016. Dinner is from 5 to 6 pm and seniors and their parents need to report to the track at 6:30

p.m. The Effingham Marching band competition is Saturday, October 22, 2016. Band performs at 2 p.m. The schedule of events that day are still being made. Marcia also reported that Jazz band rehearsals will start next week and that the ILMEA concert is Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Olivet Nazarene University. Several students in Jr. High and High school made the ILMEA band or choir.

New Business: Laura Walsten moved to approve \$1678.60 be given to Unity East for the purchase of their new music equipment. Kevin Polonus seconded. Motion carried.

Laura Walsten moved to approve that \$100 be paid to upgrade the trailer to secure equipment better. Teresa Spence seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that the piano for Unity East still needs to be moved there. This could possibly happen on Thursday, October 20, 2016. The Barnes & Noble fundraiser is Saturday, December 10, 2016. Cary Woolard reported that there are still trying to find a date for the All Out Acapella concert in beginning of 2017. The school calendar is pretty full and finding a date that will work is hard, could possibly have to move it to a Sunday.

Field Trip: Teresa Spence reported the music students will be going to see Aladdin on April 26, 2016. It will be \$164 per student and the boosters will pay half \$82. A \$3900 deposit needs to be paid. This price includes show and bus ride, the students need to bring money for dinner.

Communications: Laura Walsten reported that she needs information to be sent to her as soon as possible for things be to put in to the eblast, google calendar and website.

Fall Show Choir Showcase: Three students reported (Morgan Chappell, Kira Brinkley, & Kristen Brinkley) that things went well and that serving tables and having time to change went very well. Overall comments about the showcase are as follows: more group numbers and shorter solos, the show was too long, communication needs to be clearer between students and parents, the lighting needs to be better, the food was great, and that the raffle went very well. Maggie and Dale Grimm did a great job heading this up!! A follow-up meeting will the Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 7 p.m. at El Toro on Neil St. in Champaign.

Teresa Spence moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Kevin Polonus seconded. Motion carried.

Unity Music Boosters

September 20, 2016
UHS Band Room
(Approved at October Mtg)

The meeting was called to order by President Diane (Ducey) Anderson at 7:06 p.m. There were 12 people present.

Secretary's Report: Charissa Wood presented the minutes from the August 23, 2016 meeting. Teresa Spence moved to approve the minutes with the proposed corrections. Marcia Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Polonus presented the Treasurer's report. Teresa Spence moved to approve the report. Marcia Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Hannah Blum: Hannah reported that Unity East band started last week. There are 36 students in 5th grade band and 23

students in 4th & 5th grade Chorus. The piano for Unity East still needs to be moved to Unity East. Unity East needs more music equipment for general music class. Hannah had estimates for this equipment that is \$1,678.60. Hannah also reported that there is a student at Unity East that needs to rent an instrument and buy reeds for \$102 but the student cannot afford this cost.

Teresa Spence moved to approve the boosters pay \$102 for this student to have an instrument and reeds to use for the school year. Marcia Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Victoria Kensik: Victoria reported that she is waiting for the Unity West and Unity East Principals to approve the purchase for the new risers for both schools to use. Unity West band with Mr. Cardiff has 50 students and Unity West Chorus with Victoria has 42 Students. Victoria also reported that she needs a larger budget for the school year to buy music and reeds for the students. The principal at Unity West is considering this.

Jerry Cardiff: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported for Jerry Cardiff. Diane reported that for the football game on September 24, 2016, the marching band will be performing their 3rd selection during pregame only. The marching band won 2nd place at the Sullivan competition and won Best Music Award and at the Monticello competition they received 3rd place and also won Best Winds Overall. Diane also reported that the Unity Marching band will be competing at the Effingham Competition on October 22, 2016.

Val Pyle moved to approve that Marcia Horton be paid \$337.25 for the purchasing of 10 yards of material for tunics and leggings for color guard. Susan Carrington seconded. Motion carried.

Ashley Marshall: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported for Ashley. Diane reported that auditions for the Jr. High Lion King Jr. musical are taking place. The musical is November 11-12, 2016. The parent meeting for this musical is Monday, September 26, 2016. Diane also reported that on September 30, 2016 is the marathon rehearsal for show choir from 3 to 9 p.m. and volunteers are needed to bring food for this rehearsal. Teresa Spence reported about the Fall Show choir Showcase that is October 16, 2016 at 1 and 5 p.m. Teresa reported that it will be at the Savoy Recreation center. Parents are meeting weekly to help the planning go smoothly. Tickets will be sold on a website that should be up and running by Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. There will be a VIP section that will be \$200 for table. Teresa also reported that there will be raffle baskets. The food will be provided by Martin's IGA. Desserts will be donated by Liz Roberts. Set-up for the Fall Show choir Showcase will be Saturday, October 15, 2016 at noon. There is a need for 20 more tables for the show, the chairs are all taken care of. Teresa also reported that the Bake Sale for Vocal Rush did very well. There were 40 students that volunteered and \$572 was raised. The leftovers were given to Hand-n-Hand daycare and a donation by Tracey Wilson was given in the amount of \$30.

Fundraising: Marcia Horton reported that the Letter Writing Campaign received 290 letters from 57 students. They were mailed September 19-20, 2016. Letters went to 26 different states and South Africa. So far we have received \$300 for choir and \$150 for band.

Communication: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported for Laura Walsten. Diane reported that 225 people get the boosters email blast. It was discussed that Show choir would like their own email.

Old Business: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that the Unity East piano should be delivered on Friday, September 23, 2016.

New Business: Teresa Spence reported that the Unity high school music trip is being planned for Wednesday, April 26, 2017. The show will be Aladdin for about 140 students and adults. Right now the show will cost \$195 per person and will include the bus trip, the show, and dinner at the Rainforest Café in Chicago, Illinois. The music boosters will pay half the amount for the students but parents need to pay the full amount if attending. It is being looked into to get a different/cheaper meal option to reduce the cost.

Val Pyle moved to approve the deposit of \$3900 be paid to reserve our seats for the show. Marcia Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that we need volunteers for all girls' basketball concessions and additional boys basketball games – Feb. 11, 13, 16, & 18, 2017. The Barnes & Noble fundraiser will be Saturday, December 10, 2016.

Teresa moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Susan Carrington seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is October 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the high school band room.

Unity Music Boosters

August 23, 2016
UHS Choir Room
(Approved at September Mtg)

The meeting was called to order by President Diane (Ducey) Anderson at 7:04 p.m. There were 16 people present.

Secretary's Report: Charissa Wood presented the minutes from July 19, 2016 meeting. Mike Roy moved to approve the minutes. Maggie Grimm seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Polonus presented the Treasurer's report. Mike Roy moved to approve the minutes. Maggie Grimm seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Victoria Kensik: Victoria reported that she would like to purchase new Risers. She would need 5 risers that are \$1,260 each so the total would be \$6,300. A proposal was discussed about Unity West, Unity East and the music boosters all contributing to the cost of these risers. Another discussion topic was how Unity West needs more that a \$100 year a year for their budget needs. Concert dates for Unity West are as follows: November 28, 2016 - 4th grade concert; December 1, 2016 - 3rd grade concert at Unity High school; March 28, 2017 – 2nd grade concert; April 20, 2017 – K-1st grade concert; May 12, 2017 – 5th grade concert at Unity High school.

Hannah Blum: Hannah reported her concert dates for Unity East are as follows: October 25, 2016 – 4th & 5th grade choir concert and 5th grade band; November 11, 2016 – 3rd grade Veterans Day concert and 4th & 5th grade choir; November 15, 2016 – 4th & 5th grade music class concert; March 21, 2017 – 2nd & 3rd grade concert; April 25, 2017 – K-1st grade concert. Hannah also reported that she took a class this summer that will benefit her Unity East classes. Hannah would like a few more instruments for her classroom – Bass, Alto, and Soprano Xylophone which would come to about \$1,300. There was also discussion about Hannah's school year budget of \$200 which only covers classroom expenses and not band expenses.

Jerry Cardiff: Jerry reported the following dates for marching band competitions: September 10, 2016 at Sullivan; September 17, 2016 at Monticello; and October 22, 2016 at Effingham. Jerry also reported that the marching band needs to attend the following dates for home football games; Friday, September 2, 2016; Saturday, September 24, 2016; Friday, October 7, 2016; Saturday, October 15, 2016; and Friday, October 21, 2016. For the Friday night games, the marching band needs to report to band room by 6 p.m. and for the Saturday games TBD. Jerry also reported that band camp work week went very well and the kids love the music. The color guard is also doing very well under the instruction of Kyle Ayres.

Ashley Marshall: Ashley reported that the Show choir camp went very well and 42 to 45 students attended. Planning for the Fall Show choir showcase is taking place and there is a meeting for all parents of show choir students on August 25, 2016 at the Tolono fire station at 7 p.m. At that meeting the committee will be asking parents to volunteer to help for the showcase for various areas. Ashley also reported that tryout for the Jr. High musical "Lion King, Jr." will be September 19-20, 2016 and call backs will be September 21, 2016. The musical is on November 11-12, 2016. Ashley has two fundraisers this year – The Fall Showcase and the Tea party on December 15, 2016. Ashley also reported that the Vocal Rush Marathon will be September 9, 2016 from 9am to 9pm, September 9, 2016 from 3 to 9 pm, and September 30, 2016

from 3 to 9 pm. A volunteer sign up will be coming soon. There was a discussion if the school should pay for the show choir music since they paid for marching band program.

Student Report: Bethany Wood reported that she enjoyed band camp at Indiana University this summer. She said band camp is valuable to attend and it broadens her education in music and she sees improvement in her playing every year she attends. Bethany thanked the boosters for the scholarship she was awarded. Bethany also reported that marching band work week went very well and the students this year are excited about the show and the music. Also that intersquad went quite well.

Fundraising: Marcia Horton reported that the Letter Writing Campaign will be starting on Monday, August 29, 2016 and that will be the day she will be visiting the classes to explain and start the campaign. This is for 6th grade through 12th grade. Each student will be given 5 letters to return on September 16, 2016. They can be returned to their choir or band rooms.

Scholarships: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that thank you notes for scholarships are starting to come in. Diane also read a thank you note from a students that appreciated receiving a scholarship this year.

Communication: Teresa Spence reported that she will be starting to help Laura Walsten with the communication by collecting information like dates and times to be put into the eblast and the booster's website. Teresa also reported that it would be nice to have pictures of the grade students on the booster's website and that all the schools in the district be represented on the website.

Old Business: Mike Roy reported that the piano needs to still be moved to Unity East and that a trailer is needed and that the tuning for the first month on this piano would be free. Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that at the school board meeting she reported that risers for Unity elementary and high schools are needed. Teresa Spence reported that the music field trip is still be decided.

New Business: Maggie Grimm reported that the Fall Showcase plans are coming together. It will be held at the Savoy Recreation Center this year on Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 1pm and 5 pm. It will be catered by Martin's IGA in Effingham. Many volunteers are needed to make this event happen and the meeting to find out how you can help is Thursday, August 25, 2016 at the Tolono fire station. Cary Woolard reported that a new family needs to take over the organization of the All Out Acapella in February. If interested, contact the music boosters. Marcia Horton reported that there should be a discussion on purchasing a new curtain for the Unity High school stage and the possibility of Fine Arts and the district each paying half of the cost.

Marcia Horton moved to approve that \$264.87 be payed to Jerry Cardiff for reimbursement for the color guard items purchased. Mike Roy seconded. Motion carried.

Teresa Spence moved to approve that \$200 be paid to the Martin's IGA for the down payment of the catering for the fall showcase. Mike Roy seconded. Motion carried.

Teresa Spence moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Marcia seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is September 20, 2016 in the high school band room at 7 p.m.

Unity Music Boosters

July 19, 2016
Monical's Pizza in Tolono
(Approved at August Mtg)

The meeting was called to order by President Diane (Ducey) Anderson at 7:08 p.m. There were 16 people present.

Secretary's Report: Charissa Wood presented the minutes from the May 10, 2016 meeting. Teresa Spence moved to approve the minutes. Laura Walsten seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Polonus presented the Treasurer's report. Laura Walsten moved to approve the report. Susan Carrington seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Jerry Cardiff: Jerry reported that there will be Marching band camp week August 1- 5, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. Volunteers will be needed for lunch break and water will be needed for students. The size of the marching band this year is around 70 including the band and color guard. Jerry also reported that he will need to work in the room next week to get things straightened out and ready for marching band camp week. Possible Marching Band competitions are as follows: September 10, 2016 – Sullivan Competition; September 17, 2016 – Monticello Competition; and October 22, 2016 – Illinois State Competition or Effingham Competition.

Ashley Marshall: Teresa Spence reported for Ashley. Show Choir Camp is next week – July 25–30, 2016. Fifty students are signed up. The final concert will be Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. Volunteers are still needed for tear down at the end of the show.

Victoria Kensik: Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported for Victoria. Unity West needs new risers for concerts. Looking into the possibility of sharing the cost with the music boosters, principle, and PTO.

Fundraising: Marcia Horton reported that the Letter Campaign is the first couple weeks of school. The goal is to have each student return 5 letters to be sent out. Volunteers are needed to help with this campaign. Diane (Ducey) Anderson reported that the Fall Show Choir Showcase will be October 1, 2016 if held at the school. Other places are being considered for this event – First Christian Church on Staley road in Champaign, Meadowbrook Church, and Windsor Road Christian Church.

Scholarships: Marcia Horton reported that \$4300 was given out for scholarships.

Communication: Laura Walsten reported that she is waiting on some dates for music events to update the website. The Smug mug part of the website is doing well, it pays for the yearly fee. Laura also reported that the Annual report for last school year will be reported by Marcia Horton to the school board tomorrow night – July 20, 2016.

New Business:

There is still a need for various positions in music boosters to be filled: Membership chair, Communication Chair, Fundraising chair, and for student involvement which the bylaws state that a student band and/or choir representative to attend appropriate meetings and the directors are asked to recommend a couple students for this role.

This is the year for the Band/Choir field trip. Possible options in Chicago are "Aladdin" or "Hamilton" for Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

Teresa Spence moved to approve that \$269.88 be payed to Smug Mug and Go Daddy for our account. Suzi Stadel seconded. Motion carried.

Bonnie Woolard moved to approve that \$50 be used for Summer Music Booster meeting meal. Teresa Spence seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting has been changed to Tuesday, August 23, 2016 in the High School choir room at 7 p.m.

Teresa Spence moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Suzi Stadel seconded. Motion carried.