

Dow High School Music Boosters Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

President, Regina Curtis; Vice President, Linda Wall; Second Vice President, Jeanne Ridley; Treasurer, Barbara Ostergaard; Secretary, Natalie Tucker; Band Representative, Karen Rhee; Band Representative, Rose Martin; Choir Representative, Dan Segura; Choir Representative, Doug Wright; Choir Representative, Emmeline Poon; Orchestra Representative, Claudie Moore; Orchestra Representative, Masako Nishida.

Present at the meeting were: Regina Curtis, Linda Wall, Steve DeRees, John Nosal, Doug Wright, Bob Stemple (8th grade parent), Shelby Shawl, Amanda Thoms, Megan Farison, Emmeline Poon, Claudie Moore, Masako Nishida, Rose Martin, Michael Hales, Barbara Ostergaard, and Jeanne Ridley.

1) Call to Order – Curtis

2) Review and Approval of March 14 Minutes – Moore/All

Barbara Ostergaard moved to accept the Booster Board Meeting Minutes. Doug Wright seconded the motion. All approved.

3) Treasurer's Report – Ostergaard/All

- Adjustment on the minutes of \$40 per student for overpayment for the Disney trip.
- The Disney trip finances are complete, so those are final numbers. The reason the expense numbers are higher than the income is that many students earned Disney credits by selling above the expectation of fruit, and that money went toward their trip from the band account.
- The scholarship line is confusing because there was \$1200 deposited into the account on a return from last year after the budget was set. So there has actually been \$1,350 spent in scholarship money, though only \$150 shows.
- There are two outstanding checks from June that I hope Mrs. Kempself and Mrs. Farrison will cash soon.
- The club account for Band is overdrawn on the paper because Steve DeRees wasn't notified (as he has been in the past) when his account is getting low. So a large check was required to bring the band club account back into the black. The accounting of the money is not a concern for us as he has it in his account and is making adjustments according to what he spent the money on. We don't micromanage the spending, we just make sure that the groups stay within their

allotted amount, and try to show the initial budget amount against the actual in the end. The teachers can move the money around as needed.

MOTION: Rose Martin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Jeanne Ridley seconded it. All approved.

4) Old Business

a) Jazz and More – Ridley

- Table reservations began March 1 and, as of this evening, we have 201 seats spoken for out of 230 available (199 sold, 2 gratis). Formal ticket sales end on Friday, April 14, but we will leave the website open for buy/sell transactions arranged by private parties. A post spring-break reminder has been emailed. Families needing gratis seats will be accommodated and should contact Mr. DeRees by this Friday. We want to open reservations up to Jefferson families as well and will see if Mrs. Bruski can issue an email tomorrow.
- Event advertising has been included in the MPS Communique, the Dow High newsletter, and has been requested of MCTV. A detailed flyer was emailed to Booster members today to post in their own circles or on social media. Anna Hales developed a very attractive Art Deco poster which has been posted locally in at least 16 organizations. She needs final content so that the program design can take place and print copies produced on time for the event.
- At the last Booster meeting, we had three sponsors at the \$250 level. After aggressively pursuing business sponsorships and developing a family match concept with a Dow music alumni family, we were able to push past our \$3500 financial sponsorship forecast to reach \$5100 in commitments with \$4000 in hand. We have the following sponsorships committed: 11 at \$250, 1 at \$150, 7 at \$100, and 3 at \$500. Sponsors will be posted to our website soon and will also be listed in the event program. We had both new and continuing sponsors, and we developed a worksheet to track prospects, contact dates, responsible parties, and result, which will help the 2018 team. New \$100+ sponsors this year include Wolverine Bank, Glover Pharmacy, Members First Credit Union, Greater Midland Tennis Center, Bushey Automotive, Kutchey Landscaping, Radio Wasteland Records and many music families. We were pleased to have returning sponsors as well. We also received heavy contributions from our committee families.
- All silent auction items will be ready for photography this Thursday. Claudie will be posting photos to the web and then Julie will send out an email to ticket purchasers to advertise the items ahead of time. Jen and Barbara met to set up the Square POS reader to handle credit card transactions during the night for a small fee. We can also use this with table donations.
- The Charger Shoppe will display a few silent auction items this week for sealed bid, and next week they will be displayed in the showcase. The sealed bid box is in the front office. Bids end on April 27th at noon with winners notified April 28th. We will draft an email once the display is set.
- We still need NHS volunteers for the event.

- Rose Martin's friend Kim Gleason has agreed to photograph the event for us.
- Michael Hales mentioned needing volunteers for pick up and set up of the instruments at MCC by 2PM.

b) Uniform Collection Dates-Wall

- New uniform cards ordered
- 390 uniforms to collect and 70 dresses from choir
- Roth quoted \$1500 higher than Art Cleaners for uniform dry cleaning
- Cumberbund and bow ties are double the cost at Roth Cleaners
- Mr. DeRees suggested to split orders with Roth and Art
- Dr. Poole to approve the cleaning bill when ready
- May 26th is last day for seniors and will collect uniforms then for seniors and the rest the following week
- Linda will ask for volunteers for shirt washing on sign-up genius
- Uniform mending needed for skirts at \$5 per skirt to fix elastics
- Regina mentioned that the cost is covered with current funds budgeted

c) 2017-18 Music Booster Nominations-Curtis

- Positions filled after email sent to parents of JMS and DHS are:
Fruit Sale Data Entry, Uniform Chair and 2nd VP
Positions to be filled are:
 - President
 - 1st Vice President
 - Orchestra Reps-1
 - Band Reps-2
 - Fruit Sale Committee Chair
 - Jazz and More - Chair
 - Band Showcase - co-chair
 - A follow-up email to be sent out; continuing recruitment

5) Director Reports – Farison/Thoms/DeRees

- a) Ms. Farison/Choir
- Friday April 21st, choir will attend State Solo and Ensemble in Big Rapids with 10 events
 - Student Leadership and choir will host a lock-in in the Dow Gym on April 28th from 9pm-7am along with Midland High School, DJ and dance will be part of the event
 - Chamber Singers will participate in Jazz and More
 - State Choral Festival is on May 9th at 2:30PM, CMU for Chamber Singers

- Daniel Segura suggested having choir's own parent meeting-first meeting will be May 22nd at 7PM in choir room
- Last concert will be pop concert on June 1st featuring 2 members of the drum line at 1st Baptist Church, 7PM
- Choir will grow 20% next year

b) Ms. Thoms/Orchestra

State Solo and Ensemble

- On Saturday, March 18, twenty-one orchestra events participated in State Solo and Ensemble in Lapeer. Two of these events earned second division ratings. Nineteen events, including all proficiency solos, earned first division ratings. Two students earned Michigan Youth Arts Festival nominations. Nathaniel Kalantar was nominated to audition for a solo on cello. Tia Li was nominated to the honors orchestra, and she was also nominated to audition for solos on viola and piano.

Scholarships

- The forms are due May 1. I have one tonight (from Colin Witt).

Upcoming Events

- 4th Grade Concert—Thursday, April 13—9:40AM—Midland Center for the Arts
- Jazz and More—Saturday, April 29
- Awards Ceremonies—May 2, 3, 4, and 12 at 7:40AM
- Gerstacker Awards—Thursday, May 11—3:30PM-4:10PM—Northwood University
- Spring Concert—Thursday, May 25—7:30PM—Bullock Creek
- Uniform will be collected May 26th

c) Mr. DeRees/Band

- Midland/Dow bands Disney trips went very well; Next trip will be in 2020
- Jazz One to play in Ann Arbor Monday April 24th
- Midland High will host a euphonium/tuba clinic on May 15th
- Spring Band concert will be May 24th at 8:00PM Bullock Creek
- Memorial Day parade on May 29th
- 44 Seniors graduating
- Commencement will be June 2nd
- August 16-18 is start of Drum line
- August 21-24 is Band Camp
- August 28th is full marching band rehearsal 6-9pm
- August 31st will be first home game in band camp shirts and shorts
- Home games will be Sept 16th, Sept 22nd, Oct 6th, Oct 20th (Midland/Dow game)

- October 10-11-Special Showcase
- 2017 marks the 50th Marching season and looking to have a special homecoming event with alumni, possible open house event
- Incoming JMS band members approximately 80 members
- Need a bass saxophone (used good condition around \$7000)
- Need additional lockers for next year; since band AND orchestra student numbers are up significantly.

6. New Business:

- Culvers fundraiser-if anyone would like to head this up again
- Regina-Will take care of organizing ice/water for the parade

8. Meeting Adjourned by Regina Curtis. Next meeting scheduled for May 9.