

Dow High School Music Boosters Board Meeting
Tuesday September 12, 2017, 7:00 pm

Board members

President, Michael Hales, 1st vice president, Todd Ostergaard, 2nd vice president, Jen Pisarczyk, treasurer, Barbara Ostergaard, secretary, Karen Rhee, band representative, Kirsten Joy-Cochran, band representative, Jill Strouse, orchestra representative, Lily Kalantar, orchestra representative, Jen Trivillian, choir representative, Dan Segura, choir representative, Doug Wright

Present at the meeting were: Michael Hales, Amy Crook, Barbara Ostergaard, Todd Ostergaard, Daniel Segura, Jen Pisarczyk, Kirsten Cochran, Kim Birch, Steve DeRees, Megan Farison, Amanda Thoms, Doug Wright, Lily Kalantar, Kim Walden, Sue Tipler, Linda Wall, Irmgard Redman, Karen Rhee

1) Call to Order – Hales

2) Board Member Updates – Hales

- a. Secretary (Karen Rhee to replace Natalie Tucker)
- b. Band Representative (Jill Strouse to replace Karen Rhee)
- c. Orchestra Representative (Amy Crook to replace Jen Trevillian)

Barbara Ostergaard moved to accept the new nominations. Kirsten Cochran seconded. Unanimously approved.

3) Review and Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Hales passed around minutes previously distributed via email. Will vote to approve at end of the meeting.

4) Finances

- a. Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report – Barbara Ostergaard
 - Barbara distributed the 2016/2017 financial report for the 12 months ended 8/31/2017. We ended the year with \$40,978.99 with \$22,762.38 attributable to the band, \$9,841.69 to orchestra, \$8,158.48 for choir and \$216.44 for overhead.
 - Barbara answered questions about the report. Dividend income is received from the bank, Kroger rewards and Amazon Smiles awards. No one was managing these last year. For Amazon Smiles awards, when you shop on Amazon, type in Amazon Smiles and pick this organization. Individuals

must set up Kroger rewards online. Per Linda Wall, the customer must update their account online every April. This information is on the Music Booster page. Kirsten Cochran volunteered to prepare an email about this to be sent out to all on the music distribution list.

- Doug Wright moved that we accept the 2016/2017 finance report. Todd Ostergaard seconded it. It was unanimously approved.
- b. Financial Transaction Test Results
- Michael Hales reported on the sample testing of 2016/2017 financial transactions conducted by Clark Cummings. Clark, Barbara Ostergaard and Michael Hales met and selected 14 items to vouch support: 3 deposits, 9 disbursements and 2 VISA statements. All were recorded properly.
- c. 2017-2018 Budget Proposal – Barbara Ostergaard
- Barbara distributed and reviewed the proposed 2017/2018 budget. This year's budget includes planned trips for orchestra and choir. Two changes were proposed and made: increase choir Scholarships to \$2,000, Other Fundraisers for band increased to \$4,500 for Marching Band Showcase. Daniel Segura moved that we accept the budget. Lily Kalantar seconded. Unanimously approved.
- d. We are looking for a treasurer for next year who can train with Barbara this year.

5) New Business

- a. Uniforms – Linda Wall
- Marching uniform fittings complete. Three students have items waiting to go home.
 - Symphonic band complete with a few exchanges needed when new tuxes come in. One skirt is being hemmed.
 - Orchestra: About 6 yet to be fitted and some were not issued jackets, yet. Waiting on new tuxes. About 6 hanging in the uniform room waiting to go home.
 - Choir: Megan is handling the dresses. Linda will fit the boys next Wednesday, Sept. 20. There aren't many small sizes left.
 - Once distribution is finalized, Linda will hand over to Irmgard Redman the Book of Everything You Always Wanted to Know about DH Music Uniforms But Were Afraid to Ask and the inventory files.
- b. Fruit Sale – Jen Pisarczyk
- Jen is just getting started. There are a few positions to fill. Distribution will be February 1, 2 and 3. There is some concern about the grapefruits from Florida and Texas.
- c. Marching Band Showcase – Kim Walden

- Sue Tipler is working with Kim. Mr. DeRees is contacting announcers. Ms. Thoms will record. Mr. DeRees has the key to the sound system. Barbara Ostergaard will help count money that night with the Midland High treasurer.
 - Need to get link sent out for SignUp Genius for volunteers. We especially need folks for the second shift. Mr. DeRees/Mrs. Brusky will send out an email with the link if we provide the write-up.
- d. Symphonic Band Michigan Music Conference – DeRees
- Performing on January 26.
 - Plan to go the night before in case of inclement weather. We will pay for hotel rooms, buses. A block of rooms has already been reserved.
 - Need to identify 9 chaperones. Chaperones must have Level 3 clearance. Chaperones will pay for their own hotel rooms.
- e. RenFair – Thoms
- Date is February 17, 2018.
 - The music directors will manage it for the first time this year. Previously managed by the Drama Department. Mrs. Thoms is beginning to plan.
 - Will need a parent committee to form and begin working on right away. Would like our Music Booster Club reps to be available to start. Would like a point person from the Music Boosters.
 - Doug Wright will be a liason to the Midland Center for the Arts.
 - Exploring what things can be changed. Plan to make only incremental changes

6) **Director Reports** – DeRees/Thoms/ Farison

a. Band – DeRees

- October 6, Homecoming, alumni will perform. Directors will help find instruments for alumni if they need them. After this, will have alumni band every 5 years.
- October 11, Marching Band Showcase
- January 26, 2018, Michigan Music Conference, Symphonic Band
- Purchasing a bass saxophone, stand, new case, an extra mouthpiece, synthetic reeds for \$10,000 from Meridian Winds. It will be ready for Festival.

b. Choir – Farison

- Choir membership is up, especially guys. Chorus (intermediate group) can now sing SATB literature.
- November 1, Meet the Choirs concert at Central Auditorium.

- May 18 – 20, Chamber Singers will make a performing trip to Nashville TN.
 - DHS Choir Fall Fundraising, Century Resources, sold over \$10,000 of goods. This surpasses the goal of \$2,800 in profit.
 - Will be offering an opportunity to Chorus to go to the Fisher Theater to see *Love Never Dies*.
 - Megan says thank you to the Booster Club for being a great support system!
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- c. Orchestra – Thoms
- Enrollment is up to 76! This is the highest it has been in the past 6 years.
 - Honors orchestra auditions were on September 11. Sixteen students will be in Honors this year.
 - All-State audition registration is due on September 15.
 - October 12, Fall Orchestra Concert, 7:30 pm in Central Auditorium.
 - October 19, Grove music Festival concert and master class. They are bringing in a viola professor from CMU.
 - November 17, trip to see the New York Philharmonic perform Mahler's Fifth in Ann Arbor. 56 tickets sold, two parents have backed out so have 2 tickets available to purchase. Will provide bus transportation.
 - Shar Music is getting us a deal to replace a school cello damaged in the flooding last June. The damaged cello will be turned into art to auction at Jazz n More.
 - Awaiting District approval for a trip to NYC over Memorial Day weekend. Symphony orchestra members can attend a clinic in Avery Fisher Hall with members of the New York Philharmonic, see a Broadway show, attend a performance of the New York Philharmonic at Avery Fisher Hall.

7) **Meeting adjourned** - Hales

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 pm