

Dow High School Music Boosters Board Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 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, Shelby Shawl, Amanda Thoms, Claudie Moore, Masako Nishida, Jeanne Ridley, Rose Martin, Tracie Greene, Michael Hales, John Nosal, Emmeline Poon, Barbara Osergaard, Natalie Tucker.

1. Call to Order – Curtis

2. Review and Approval of March 17 Minutes – Tucker/All

Jeanne Ridley moved to accept the Booster Board Meeting Minutes. Rose Martin seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Treasurer's Report – Ostergaard/All

- The percentages for fruit sale, based on the amount sold by each music group and used to distribute income and expenses for the fruit sale only, are: Band=72.5%, Orchestra=17.4%, and Choir=10.1%.
- The net income for each group is therefore as follows: Band=\$23,719.96, Orchestra=\$5,692.79, and Choir=\$3,304.44.
- Income from Jazz and More will also be divided according to performance time for each group, and those numbers will be given to me by the Jazz and More committee after the event.
- Two scholarships for private lessons were awarded from Band last month. Thank you cards from each of those students have already come to us.
- There is a \$66 difference in the trip expenses account for Disney. The money will be divided, put in envelopes, and given back to students who are attending.

MOTION: Masako Nishida moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Claudie Moore seconded it. All approved.

4. Old Business

a. Jazz and More – Ridley

- Table reservations began March 1 and we have sold 17 tables to date, compared to 15 tables at this time last year. We may have sold more tickets by providing a feature that allows families to advertise their table seating needs before ticket sales began. The same feature allows attendees to transact between individuals using Sign Up Genius to list extra or needed seats, and that feature will be kept online through April 29th to accommodate late changes in plans. Individual ticket sales will begin on April 3 and will continue through the 14th, at which time we give our attendance count to Midland Country Club. Julie Hales and Cindy Cummings worked together on the Sign Up Genius portion of this event. Julie has been sending out tickets as payment is received for table reservations.
- We are actively seeking sponsors with a goal of ten and have secured three at the \$250 level. Silent auction donations are moving along well and near completion. Uniform creations are being worked on. We will have two or three pieces ready late next week for display in the Charger Shoppe, providing a “sealed bid auction” to allow all Dow families to bid on two items. This is useful for the greater Dow community who may not be attending the event.
- Once Booster Bash ends, our advertising will take place in the usual venues of MPS Communique, Dow High newsletter, electronic marquee, teacher letter, superintendent invite, etc.
- Anna Hales has designed the logo, the ticket, the flyer that was distributed last week at parent/teacher conferences at DHS and JMS, and is currently working on a couple of poster sizes that will be run in limited quantities. We are grateful for Anna’s professionalism and dedication to this project and to Mr. Gledhill for his support as well. We welcome any remaining music director content for the program. Program work will start as soon as all components are received, including director content and sponsors.
- Jen Pisarczyk will begin soliciting NHS volunteers using guidance we received from Lori Fisher.

- We are again seeking photographers and have posted a help wanted ad on the website. That is a three-day weekend for the students, and if we can't find replacements, we will solicit good action shots from the parents to post to the website after the event.

b. Disney Trip – Derees/Ostergaard/Curtis

- Tickets are being distributed to students who are attending the Disney trip.
- Karen Welser is distributing tickets at this Thursday's 5:45 pm rehearsal at MHS, and Linda Wall offered to help.
- Planning to let students scan information into phone and sign up for bus at 3/16 rehearsal.

c. Fruit Sale Committee Openings – Curtis

- There will be many openings next year for parent volunteers because of the parents with seniors who will be leaving. Teachers and parents are asked to recruit new volunteers. Mr. Derees said he would discuss this at Jefferson Middle.
- Linda Wall said she would stay one more year to train parents how to use the Fruit Sale database.

5. Director Reports – Derees/Farison/Thoms

a. Mr. Derees/Band

- The framed band pictures look spectacular, and he is wondering how things will be added in the future. Barbara Ostergaard suggested that teachers encourage continuity by submitting pictures every third year.
- Mr. Poole agreed that a music banner, similar to the championship sport banners, could be included for display in the gymnasium. Mr. DeRees is looking into this.
- All three bands received a score of one during festival at Frankenmuth. CD orders are available through the company, and they will ship directly to the buyer's home.

b. Ms. Farison/Choir (Read by Regina Curtis in her absence)

- The choral workshop day was a success. The Chamber Singers earned straight ones at the festival, and the Chorus received a near perfect score from one performance judge and the sight-reading judge. Thank you to Claudie Moore and Masako Nishida for planning food.
- Chamber singers will perform at the State Choral Festival on May 8 or 9.

- Chamber Singers also received a special invitation to be at the clinician choir at CMU's ACDA Conductor Symposium on Saturday, March 25, from 3:00-4:00 pm.
- If you friend Megan Farison on Facebook, she will send a link for the festival.

c. Ms. Thoms/Orchestra

- Orchestra members scored a mix of ones and twos at the March 3 MSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival.
- Orchestra scored first division for site and performance at March 10 BSBOA Festival at Frankenmuth.
- Orchestra and band combined have 47 events for Solo Ensemble in Lapeer on March 18.
- There is schedule confusion for fourth grade concert due to testing schedule. It must be rescheduled. April 13 and 27 were being considered, and it was decided that April 27 would be the best date. Staging changes will necessitate assistance by union staff. As such, Ms. Thoms is planning to use \$250 in Booster money to assist in the \$1000 payment.
- Preparations are being made for spring concert. It will be the third weekend in April.
- NY Philharmonic will hopefully perform this summer. When the date is known, a field trip request form will be made. A bus will be needed. This event would be in the summer, so money used would not be subtracted from the budget until the next school year.

6. New Business

- a. 2017 – 2018 Music Booster Board Nominations – Curtis noted the need for nominations. Claudie Moore suggested Yolima for website maintenance. She will confirm.
- b. Pizza Party Chair – Lori Collick
- c. Uniform Collection and Cleaning – Wall
 - May 26 is being considered for uniform collection time. Mr. DeRees likes students to have uniforms until after Memorial Day in case they are needed. Seniors should turn in their uniform before they graduate.
 - Many skirt elastics for Symphony Orchestra need to be replaced. Beth's Alterations will do this at a cost of \$5 per skirt, and communicated that one month would be needed to finish the project.
 - Linda Wall suggested that Symphony Orchestra be shown how to put on outfit properly to avoid excessive wear and tear. It

was suggested that a model could demonstrate how to put it on correctly. In addition, parents could be shown how to put them on properly during a band camp night. Another suggestion was to have a uniform inspection by adults when the season begins.

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- 7. Meeting adjourned by Regina Curtis. Next meeting scheduled for April 11.**