

# **Dow High School Music Boosters Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 11, 2016 7:00 p.m.**

## **Dow High Orchestra Room**

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### **BOARD MEMBERS**

President, Regina Curtis; Vice President, Linda Wall; Second Vice President, Jeanne Ridley; Treasurer, Barbara Ostergaard; Secretary, Elizabeth Scott; 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, Barbara Ostergaard, Elizabeth Scott, Linda Wall, Rose Martin, Amanda Thoms, Emmeline Poon, Madhava Mansabdar, Jenn O'Connell, Claudi Moore, Doug Wright, Jeanne Ridley, John Nosal, Masako Nishida, Michael Hales, Megan Farison, Jennifer Moore and Kim Walden.

- 1) Call to Order- Regina Curtis**
- 2) Review and Approval of September Meeting Minutes – Scott/All**

**MOTION:** Doug Wright moved to accept the Booster Board Meeting Minutes, Rose Martin seconded it. All approved.

- 3) Treasurer's Report – Ostergaard,**

- a) Review of cash flow for the month
  - i) Line items for Choir spirit wear should be changed to \$975 on both income and expense lines
  - ii) Orchestra spirit wear expenditure should be moved to Band spirit wear expenditure.

**MOTION:** Jeanne Ridley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Misako Nishida seconded it. All approved.

- 4) Old Business 2016/17 Budget Review - Curtis / All**

- a) Under the tee-shirt budget it should be \$175 instead of \$1175.

- 5) Disney Trip – DeRees/Ostergaard/Curtis**

- a) The form is due on October 14, with a payment of \$250.

- 6) Uniforms – Looking Sharp Purchases – Wall/Thoms**

- a) The shirts are being handed out this week
- b) Smaller sized tuxedo jackets and pants for boys and girls are on order; due around March 2017.

- 7) Communications Coordinator - Cummings / Curtis**

- a) Cindy Cummings is not here tonight. She needs someone to take over the responsibility of creating emails to be distributed to music parents via Mail Chimp.

### **8) Marching Band Showcase – Walden/Curtis**

- a) Kim Walden: I think we are all set. The volunteer's positions are filled. The cash boxes are ready.
  - i. Roger Stevens will announce for Showcase.
  - ii. Kim will contact Herter about what Roger should say for their generous contribution.
  - iii. If Marching Band Showcase is called off because of poor weather, it will be cancelled by 2:00.

### **9) Looking Sharp Representative – Curtis**

- a) There needs to be two reps from Midland High and Dow High to determine what should be done with the rest of the Looking Sharp fund. They will need to communicate through a meeting and follow up email.

### **10) Directors Reports – Mr. DeRees, Ms. Thoms, Ms. Farison**

#### **a) Mr. DeRees – Band**

##### **Upcoming Performances/Events:**

- i. Mr. DeRees was not present and did not forward any news. Regina Curtis will follow up with him.

#### **b) Ms. Thoms – Orchestra**

##### **Upcoming Performances/Events:**

- i. The Fall Concert is October 20, 7:30 at Memorial Presbyterian Church. All ensembles will be performing.
- ii. October 28 is the date of the Annual Grove Music Concert. Clinician Gabe Belkovsky will teach two DHS and two MHS students.
- iii. Band and Orchestra will be at Bay City Handy on Oct 29,30 for the All State Auditions
- iv. The Midland Symphony is trying to do a side-by-side concert. The student musicians can record and send the link to the Midland Center for the Arts. Those who make it will perform alongside of them on November 29.
- v. Berlin Philharmonic field trip
  - a. After much work to find a bus for that day, Ms. Thoms contracted Lake Front Lines.
- vi. Mid-Michigan Orchestra Event
  - a. The Flint Performing Arts will host the event on January 6 at The Whiting Auditorium.

- b. Every other year they host this event. The students that get to go rehearse all day and perform in the evening
- c. This year they will work with the Flint Symphonic Conductor, Enrique Diemecke
- vii. a. Ms. Thoms requested the current outdated music tutor list be removed from the Booster website. She will update and coordinate a music tutor list for non-website distribution.

**c) Mrs. Farison – Choir and Chamber Singers**

**Upcoming Performances/Events:**

- i. She met with the other Directors last week to align their programs as much as possible.
- ii. The required amount of performances used to be 30% of their grade. Now it will be a 1-2 grade deduction at the discretion of the conductor so the student will know the serious nature of not showing up. This announcement will be coming out in a newsletter that will need to be signed by parents and by the students.
- iii. The DHS Chamber Singers will be singing with MHS Meistersingers at the Marching Band Showcase.
- iv. Fundraising
  - 1. Fall Leaf Raking: They used to take donations now it's \$40 per yard.
  - 2. Additional donations will be accepted.
  - 3. The goal is to rake 50 yards for a total of \$2,000.
- v. Choral Festival Day
  - 1. November 2, at St John's Episcopal Church.
  - 2. Nina Robertson will be the high school clinician.
  - 3. David Carew of Southwestern Michigan College will take care of the middle school portion of the choral festival day

**d) Other Needs?**

**11) New Business**

**a) Fruit Sale Update – Curtis**

- i. The purposed kickoff date is November 30.
- ii. Regina and another person will visit classes for about 20 minutes of class time and use a PowerPoint to explain that this is our main fundraiser that expands to all three music programs, to explain what a fruit sale is, what is expected from each student and how much the Sale needs to raise. The kids will have packets of information and sell cases of fruit: oranges and grapefruit

iii. They bring packets back with money and each director has captions designated. There are teams with captains. The captains tally it up and bring it to parent volunteers who verify the captain's tally.

iv. Tally dates will be Friday's this year. Dec 9, 16, Jan 6 and Jan 11 (the only Wednesday).

v. Emails will be sent out.

vi. The fruit will be delivered in the morning of February 2. Sorting begins as soon as the first palette is off the truck and continues through the morning until finished. Delivery / Pickup for customers begins that afternoon from 4-7, then again Friday 4-7 and Saturday from 9-6.

vii. The Committee is aware that Renfair and CMU Jazz are on those dates too.

viii. The goal is to raise about \$25,000; split per participation of each music group.

x. Disney Trip: the kids that are going to Disney need to sell a certain amount to get credit for their trip. The cost will come down accordingly.

**b) Jazz and More - Ridley / Greene / Hales**

i. Jeanne Ridley, Tracie Greene, Michael and Julie Hales met with Lori Fisher for transfer of Jazz & More processes and documents.

ii. April 29 at Midland Country Club.

iii. The slight issue is there is no school the next Monday, it's a three day weekend; all Jazz performers need to know that before they make plans for the weekend.

iv. Julie will maintain Signup Genius for Jazz and More

v. Looking at the registration process with table and individual ticket sales being offered.

vi. Tracie suggested silent auction to help raise funds. They have never tried the silent auction before. Formally we solicited funds by having a basket in the middle of each table for donations. We thought it would be nice for people to get something for their money. We are thinking between 20-30 items at fair market price. Don't know where they will be located. Committee will make sure that the club doesn't mind and will have tables set out.

vii. Tracie Green asked Linda Wall about retired uniforms and what they are going to with them.

- viii. The MSU Band takes their old uniforms and makes them into pillows and sells them for \$75-\$100 apiece. We would need to get approval from Mr. DeRees to make the uniforms into pillows, wall hangings or other keepsakes for the proposed silent auction. All of the zippers, buttons, and snaps have been taken off. Tracie is going to provide the concept to Mr. DeRees for his consideration.
- ix. Tracie has provided a Google Drive for event planning with templates for Jazz & More staffing and communications.
- x. Tracie wants to ask new moms and dads to make them aware of the need for new people to participate in Jazz and More. It's an open group, anyone who wants to participate in Jazz & More is welcomed. There are 377 music students and lots of parents who can volunteer.

## **12) Playoff Football Games – Wall**

- a) Traditional protocol is if the second game is away, the host band invites the away band to come.
- b) Money has cut band travel due to expense. In the past, parents have donated the bulk of the cost of bussing the band to away games. The Music Boosters supplemented the difference between the cost and the donated parent funds.
- c) If the Band does travel, Linda will coordinate the buses.
- d) Last year for the first game we hired 11 school buses. The cost is about \$300-\$400 per bus. Each bus will hold 30-40 kids and instruments.
- e) Last year this was funded by donations from the band parents.
- f) For the second game we hired 6 charter buses; they hold about 58 students each because the instruments go into the storage of the bus. The cost for each charter bus is about \$1,000-\$1200. Last year we paid \$9,000 in total with only \$700 coming from the Boosters. The athletic parents gave substantially.
- g) A discussion ensued: What we're asking is for approval to support for bus travel. ... We need to get more information about it.... The Board can take an email vote.... But when?

**DECISION:** The Music Boosters stands in support of facilitating transportation for the football playoff games when we have better information available and when we have input from Mr. DeRees. No vote will take place at the present time.

## **9. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned by Regina Curtis