

Dow High School Music Boosters Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Dow High Orchestra Room

BOARD MEMBERS

President, Kevin Bouck; Vice President, Paul Fisher; Second Vice President, Regina Curtis; Treasurer, Barbara Ostergaard; Secretary, Elizabeth Scott; Band Representative, Linda Wall; Band Representative, Todd Sloggett; Choir Representative, Jolene Short; Choir Representative, Amy Avery; Orchestra Representative, Claudie Moore; Orchestra Representative, Masako Nishida

Present at the meeting were:

Deb Stark, Kevin Bouck, Jill Bouck, Todd Sloggett, Jolene Short, Linda Wall, Barbara Ostergaard, Masako Nishida, Steve DeRees, Lori Fisher, Elizabeth Scott, Sandy Reed, Amy Avery, Regina Curtis, Chris Curtis, Jamie Moore and Claudie Moore.

1) Call to Order- Kevin Bouck

2) Review and Approval of March Meeting Minutes – Scott/All

MOTION: Todd Sloggett moved to accept the Minutes, Regina Curtis seconded it. All approved.

3) Review of Treasurer's Report – Barbara Ostergaard

- a) The Choir's Trip to Washington D.C. has a deficit of about \$6,500
- b) The Current Budget spreadsheet does not reflect specific activities that happen between meeting, but will be produced forthcoming. A balance sheet for each cost center will be generated from here on.

MOTION: Regina Curtis moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Sandy Reed seconded it. All approved.

4) Old Business

a) Review of School Board Meeting, Kevin Bouck:

- i) The new IB elementary program has taken class-scheduling priority over the 5th grade music program resulting in some music classes scheduled after school. A group of concerned music parents approached the MPS Board Meeting on April 2015 about this. Kevin reported that the School Board had a different interpretation of how the 5th grade Music Program was going. The Board said there was unintended consequences and assured the parents that they are avid supporters of the music program.
 - (1) As a result of the meeting, there will be an Advisory Committee consisting of: a parent and two reps from each of the high schools who will meet with MPS administration to ensure that each grade school has equal opportunity for music programs and that the remodel of Central Auditorium will be sure to have enough participation from the Committee about the renovation and how it would affect the music program.
- ii) Chris Curtis volunteered to aid the Advisory Committee since he has program experience.
- iii) Mr. DeRees said he has heard some concern about the music program being an elitist program where the lower income parents have a difficult time participating. He wants to make sure it's a program available to all kids.

b) Looking Sharp Grant, Uniform Procurement Update, Bouck/DeRees/Thoms

- i) Deb Stark reported that we have \$7,000 to go.
- ii) The \$5,000 grant from the Towsley foundation is coming in December 2015

c) Jazz and More – Fishers

- i) Raised about \$5,600 which is up from 2014 and 2013 due to having more sponsors
- ii) Raised \$1,280 through “bag” donations at the performance
- iii) The Country Club is reserved for April 30, 2016 for next year’s Jazz & More
- iv) Discussion about making the event a more relaxed atmosphere: mingling, dancing. Perhaps the MC can be more directive to this end
- v) Question arose about videotaping the performance and making it a fundraiser

d) Spirit Merchandise Items – Wall/Bouck

- i) Linda Wall reported:
 - (1) The artist from Hendly’s can adapt the art (from the trailer) from the original, but can’t make it fast enough for the volunteers for the parade
 - (2) Can order black t-shirts and hoodies with art and everything else can be embroidered
 - (3) There will be another printing for the Choir and Orchestra in September
 - (4) Mock-ups will be put on the website
- ii) Jill Bouck reported:
 - (1) The spirit yard signs will be sold from the Charger Shop
 - (2) The new decals have the new “D” and will be sold for \$7.00
 - (3) There are about 30-40 old decals that are going to be sold until sold out
 - (4) Choir and Orchestra will also have a decal

e) Band Items – Lori Fisher

- (1) Meijer donated several water squirt bottles and sprayers, which we can use for the Memorial Day Parade.
 - (a) Pizza Party:
 - 1. Jill Bouck is in charge of the Pizza party that will be on May 29. She’s going to do the same thing that is done for every year’s party. She reports that donations and volunteers have responded quickly and all needs are met.
 - (b) Uniform Collection
 - 1. Regina Curtis is in charge of uniform collection; she and her volunteers will try to get the job done in 3 days

f) 2015 Marching Band Showcase Coordinator – Bouck

- i) Chris Curtis volunteered to become the 2015 Marching Band Showcase Coordinator; all cheered!

g) Election of the 2015-2016 Music Booster Board Members – Bouck

- i) Sandy Reed is retiring; she has been the webmaster. We need someone to fill in the spot
- ii) Finance committee needs an at large Booster member

The Board Slate was as follows

President – Kevin Bouck
1st Vice President – Paul Fisher
2nd Vice President – Regina Curtis
Treasurer – Barbara Ostergaard
Secretary – Elizabeth Scott
Band Representative – Linda Wall
Band Representative – Todd Sloggett
Choir Representative – Jolene Short
Choir Representative – Amy Avery
Orchestra Representative – Claudie Moore
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MOTION: Kevin Bouck motioned to approve the Board Slate. Sandy Reed approved it and the voting of the Board, Barb Ostergaard seconded it. All approved.

5) Director Reports – Mr. DeRees, Ms. Thoms, Mrs. Kempsell

a) Mr. DeRees

- i) Spring Concert May 13 it's also Senior night and special awards will be given
- ii) Scholarships will be given to several students
- iii) Recording service is coming in for the Spring Concert to make CD's for parents to order
- iv) CD delivery will be in 5-6 weeks after the Concert
- v) The Carney's would very much like to give a scholarship to someone at the Spring Concert in honor of Ed Carney's memory
- vi) Memorial Day Parade is coming up and Dow High is responsible for the Band Shell performance following the parade
- vii) The Band will be performing at Commencement

b) Ms. Thoms Upcoming performances/Events:

6) Hello,

Unfortunately, I will not be able to make it to this evening's meeting. Tonight is the last dress rehearsal for Bring It On, which opens on Thursday. I have included an orchestra report below.

- The string clinic with Bob Phillips was a huge success. The orchestras did a great job, and we found out that the symphony orchestras were giving the high school premier of *Impact*.
- The honors orchestra has been busy: Jazz and More, Academic Awards Ceremonies, Gerstacker Awards, Woodcrest Concert, and Spring Concert.
- The Spring Concert will be on Thursday, May 21 at 7:30PM at Central.
- Students will be turning in their tuxes after the spring concert.
- Symphony Orchestra auditions are taking place the first week of June.
- I have nothing to add to the wish list at this time.
- Scholarships:
 - I have received 8 more scholarship applications. Three have already been awarded which has totaled \$890.
 - I would like to approve all of the new applications, but that will require allotting more money to the scholarship budget. Total--\$3500
 - The total of \$4390 will obviously put me over my allotted budget of \$2000 for scholarships. I am requesting approval to add the difference, \$2390 to the orchestra scholarship fund so that all of these scholarships can be awarded.

a) Mrs. Kempsell Upcoming Performances/Events

"Hello all,

Just in case I do not make it to the meeting after the Jefferson Musical rehearsal, here is my report. (By the way, come see these talented future Charger Musicians this Thursday & Friday, 7:00 p.m. in the Jefferson Theater. The show is called "Dear Edwina" and is very fun. No admission charge, but we are taking donations for Thomas Saunders -- Dow High student hit by a car in front of the school last winter. His sister is in our choir.)

Choir Report:

Choir has had several very successful performances. Small ensembles performed at a PEO meeting and sang the National Anthem for Noon Rotary. Chamber Singers sang for the annual dinner for the Midland Emergency Food Pantry Network. We joined the orchestra and Midland High musicians for another successful 4th Grade Music Celebration. We had a small but appreciative audience at Chamber Singers' April 28 concert at Creative 360. And, of course, Jazz and More.

34 students and 17 chaperones leave next Thursday night at midnight for Washington, DC. We have a ton of sightseeing planned, as well as attendance at the National Symphony Orchestra's Memorial Day Concert on the lawn of the Capitol, and some of the Memorial Day Parade. On Sunday we sing at the U.S. Air Force Memorial, and then we sing and lay a wreath at the

WWII Memorial on Memorial Day. We are about \$6,500 short of our fundraising goal, but donations are still coming in. I will also transfer some funds from our other accounts that did not get used this year. We'll still fundraise through the end of the year -- and into the summer -- to meet our obligations.

May 28 at 7:00 p.m., all of the choirs will present our Salute to Veterans at Trinity Lutheran Church. We'll honor our graduating seniors at that time as well. Please come and hear the beautiful music we prepared for our trip and help us honor those who have served our country.

Thank you!!!"

7) New Business

a) Band Camp Dessert Party

- i) Hope Perry will heads it up again next year

b) Selection of 2015-2016 Finance Committee

- i) We need a new president, vice president, and treasurer.
 - (1) We have to have the budget into the Board by October

c) Meeting Day and Time for 2015-2016 Booster Meetings

- i) Tuesday nights at 7:30

d) Other?

- i) Todd Sloggett wants/needs an alternative person to pull the music trailer
- ii) Jazz and More people thought that some more strapping for instruments is needed in the trailer

8) Meeting adjourned by Kevin Bouck, all agreed.