

Dow High Music Boosters Board Meeting

October 10, 2017, 7 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, Karen Rhee, Barbar Ostergaard, Todd Ostergaard, Amy Crook, Kirsten Cochran, Jen Pisarczyk, Irmgard Redman, Kim Walden, Jill Strouse, Amanda Thoms, Megan Farison

1) Call to Order – Hales

2) Review and Approve May and September meeting minutes. Amy Crook moved to approve the minutes. Todd Ostergaard seconded. Minutes are unanimously approved.

3) Finances

a. Uniform Expense Budget adjustment. Irmgard Redman and Linda Wall recommend lowering the Uniform Expense budget amount to \$350 for repairs, hemming, sewing supplies, laundry for band and orchestra white shirts. Recommend increasing Choir Uniform repair expense to \$170.

b. Treasurer Report

- Barbara Ostergaard presented the financial report through October 10, 2017. The student headcount numbers changed with a total of 393 music students: 263 students in band, 76 in orchestra. Todd Ostergaard moves to accept the financial report and proposed adjustments to the budget. Kirsten Cochran seconds this. The financial report and budget adjustments are unanimously approved.
- Barbara is training Kim Birch to be her replacement next year.

4) Old Business

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- a. **Amazon Smiles and Kroger Club** Kirsten Cochran drafted an email regarding these and it was sent out last week.

5) New Business

a. Uniforms – Linda Wall and Irmgard Redman

- Shirt washing: In the past, parent volunteers have washed the white shirts. Last year, we had Art Cleaners do it and they did a bad job. Linda Wall recommends we go back to parent volunteers and reimburse them for detergent and stain remover sticks.
- Roth Cleaners did an exceptional job of cleaning the white band jackets this year. Linda recommends we give all the cleaning to Roth Cleaners going forward given the investment we have in uniforms and the high quality Roth provides. Linda would like to send Roth Cleaners an email of appreciation with a photo of the band in uniform.
- The new tuxedos are expected next week (mid-October). Expect boxes to be delivered to school. Linda would like to number them before anything else is done with them. We are waiting for some small sizes for orchestra students.
- Some orchestra students still need to take their uniforms home.

b. Fruit Sale – Jen Pisarczyk

- Dates are set. Fruit sale kick-off is November 29th. Tally dates are: 12/15, 1/5, 1/9 and 1/12.
- Delivery/distribution dates are February 1 – 3.
- Most volunteer positions are filled.
- We still do not have firm prices from Jack's. They are not available yet.
- The fruit sale committee decided to raise prices this year as they have not been raised in a while.
- The next meeting is tomorrow.
- Cindy Cummings is the assistant chair of the Fruit Sale committee.

c. Marching band Showcase – Kim Walden

- Showcase is tomorrow.

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- All volunteer spots are filled.
- We will keep the ticket booths open later to collect more receipts.

d. RenFair – Thoms

- The contract is signed with MCFTA for February 17, 2018. This is the week after Solo & Ensemble.
- The music teachers are invited to see how Rhapsody is run backstage in December. We won't know what parent volunteers are needed until after this
- MC auditions and act auditions will be in December.
- The big need is for parent volunteer help with selling sponsorship and ad sales. This is a big potential revenue for RenFair specifically. In the past, these have been sold in conjunction with fall play sponsorships and ads. We need to decide how we want to move forward with this. It would be nice if there was one point person for sponsorship and ad sales. We discussed that it would be preferable to present this with a unified front – sell for all three events – Fruit Sale, RenFair and Jazz-n-More. Jen Pisarczyk will send out solicitations for Fruit Sale at the beginning of November.
- We would like to bring someone in to focus on sales of sponsorships and ads who has experience with this and contacts in the community.
- Ms. Thoms will look for someone locally to put the program together and print it. The Commercial Art class does commission work.
- A committee was formed to work on this initially: Barbara Ostergaard, Jill Strouse and Kim Birch. They will work to develop packages and pricing and think of someone to recruit to lead solicitations.

6) Director Reports

a. Band – DeRees was not in attendance as he was rehearsing for Marching Band Showcase.

b. Orchestra – Thoms

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- Orchestra Concert this Thursday, October 12, at 7:30 pm. They will be the first group to perform at the renovated Central Auditorium.
- Thursday, October 19, orchestra will attend the Grove Music Festival Masterclass with Alicia Valoti at Midland High School. Two Dow HS students and 2 Midland High students will play. Then, they are invited to attend the concert for free.
- Students will be attending a New York Philharmonic concert in Ann Arbor on November 17. They have a full bus for this.
- Winter Concert is December 6 at 7:30 pm in Central Auditorium.
- Orchestra will play December 7 for Love Light Trees.
- The New York City Trip has been approved by the district. They are working with Bob Rogers Travel Company. 37 students and 6 chaperones plus 1 teacher will go. Final cost per student: \$1,145. Chaperone cost with discount: \$1,000. Deposits have been collected.
- The Dow Robotics team has given orchestra students the opportunity to work at the concession stand this coming weekend. The money earned will be credited to the student accounts. A parent volunteer is needed to supervise the shift, 11 am to 2 pm in the Dow High Gold Gym. Barbara Ostergaard volunteered to help.

c. Choir – Farison

- The Fall Fundraiser was a great success! Students sold over \$11,000 in items from Century Resources. The profit earned for the program was \$4,500 exceeding the profit goal by \$2,700. Chamber Singer members will use their profits to help pay for the trip to Nashville. Fifty percent of Chorus member earnings will be given to the program and 50% can be used toward program purchases like choir t-shirts, musical tickets or vocal festival fees.
- On October 28, a group of students will see *Love Never Dies*, sequel to *Phantom of the Opera*.
- Meet the Choirs Concert is Wednesday, November 1 at 7 pm in Central Auditorium.

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- The Fund Raiser items will be delivered to school tomorrow. Ms. Farison needs at least one parent volunteer to supervise and help sort these.

7. Adjourn – Hales

Michael Hales adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Submitted by: Karen Rhee, November 9, 2017