

Dow High Music Boosters Board Meeting

November 14, 2017 7 pm

Minutes

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, Barbara Ostergaard, Todd Ostergaard, Kristen Cochran, Jill Strouse, Jen Pisarczyk, Kim Walden, Lily Kalantar, Amanda Thoms, Steve DeRees

1) Call to order – Hales

2) Review and approve October meeting minutes. Done at the end of the meeting. Todd Ostergaard moved to approve both the October minutes and the treasurer's report. Jen Pisarczyk seconded. This was unanimously approved.

3) Treasurer's Report.

- Band Showcase proceeds were \$4,562.63.
- Choir fall fundraiser had net income of \$3,366.70.
- Both orchestra and choir received student payments for future trips recorded in income.
- Payment was made to McMahon, Thomson and Associates for accounting fees. Fees increased by \$50 this year. We have received our tax filing documentation from them.
- Band: Other Professional Services expenses this month were for band mini-camp help.
- Choir: Payment made to a Choir mom to front expenses for choir t-shirts.
- Orchestra: Mitchell Motorcoach was paid for the orchestra trip to Ann Arbor. A payment was made to the travel company for the Orchestra trip to New York.

4) Old Business

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a. Marching Band Showcase – Kim Walden

- As noted in the Treasurer's report, net proceeds were \$4,562.63, an increase over prior year.
- We will need more volunteers next year.

b. Subcommittee on Consolidated Sponsorships/Ads. Kim Birch, Jen Pisarczyk, Barbra Ostergaard and Jill Strouse met to brainstorm approaches. Their recommendations at this point are:

- Continue Fruit Sale Sponsorships as is.
- Establish a budget for Ren Fair.
- Determine fundraising purpose for Ren Fair, e.g. provide instruments for 5th graders.
- Offer a bundle sponsorship for Ren Fair and Jazz & More.
- Offer various options for sponsorships, ads, VIP tickets.
- Bundle all three events starting Fall 2019.
- Specifics still need to be determined.

5) New Business

a. Fruit Sale – Jen Pisarczyk

- On target for November 29 Kick-Off. Cindy and Jen will handle kick-off for each class.
- Data entry program is set up with all current students – 393 students on 46 teams this year. Captains have been assigned for each team.
- All materials sent to the printer and will be ready on Friday. Sunkist envelopes obtained from Jack's. We will assemble student sales envelopes on Monday, November 20.
- Sponsorship emails will go out tomorrow to returning sponsors (directly via Jen) and a general sponsorship email will follow to the class distribution lists (via the directors from Jen) later this week soliciting new sponsors. Deadline for sponsorships will be December 1st.
- We will send a note to the directors to pass along next Monday as a heads-up that the sale is coming and to encourage pre-sales over the Thanksgiving holiday. A second email will be sent on/about kick-off

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day to provide parents with all pertinent information including access to documents via the website as well as SUG links for volunteer sign-ups.

- Julie Hales or Jen will forward documents to Amy Crook to post on the website for the start of the sale.
- Pumford Construction is on board for delivery again this year.
- Working on advertising and PR piece for MDN. Should be ready for the first week of December.
- Jen will follow-up with the DHS office and our needs throughout the sale as all are new to their roles this year.

a. Ren Fair – Amanda Thoms

- The contract has been signed with MCFTA and February 17, 2018 is secured. Charges are \$1,250 plus a \$125 daily start-up fee. We received a “preferred partner” discount and our deposit was waived.
- We still need a chairperson for Ren Fair.
- Several of the music staff will attend Midland High’s Rhapsody on December 2 to observe how everything works backstage.
- Emcee auditions will be held on December 12 from 6 – 8 pm. These are open only to seniors. Looking for 4 emcees.
- Act auditions will be held on December 14 and 15 from 5 – 9 pm. Sign-up sheets will be open through Dec. 4.
- Have reached out to the Art Dept. regarding designing the program.
- Looking for a local printer.
- We need to decide about ticket sales. We will probably have MCFTA handle ticket sales.
- Music Booster Club volunteers needed to chair, help with auditions, handle printing of program, may need a ticket sales liaison.

b. Jazz & More – Todd Ostergaard

- Will be held on April 14, 2019 at the Midland Country Club.
- Todd Ostergaard has agreed to chair.
- Looking for more volunteers to be on the committee. Will reach out to parents who have kids in jazz band.
- Planning to hold a kick-off meeting in early December.

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- Mr. Gledhill has completed the cello art to auction at Jazz & More. We need to decide how we would like to promote it.
- Ms. Thoms suggests we give Mr. Gledhill complimentary tickets to Jazz & More to thank him for his work turning the cello into art.
- Shar Music has other damaged instruments they could donate to create art for the auction.

6) Director Reports – Thoms/DeRees/Farison

a. Orchestra – Thoms

- Successful fall concert on October 12 with the improved acoustics in Central Auditorium.
- The Grove Music Festival was very successful. Tia Li and Jashvi Desai performed.
- Nine students auditioned for All-State Honors Ensembles. We should have results by the end of the month.
- Solo and Ensemble forms due Dec. 4.
- December 6, Winter Concert at 7:30 pm in Central Auditorium.
- December 7, performing at Love Light Trees, at 6:25 pm at Mid-Michigan Medical Center.
- January 15, Incoming Freshmen Night, at 6 pm. Will want a Music Booster Club table at this.
- February 10, Solo and Ensemble, at Bay City Central.
- February 13, Pre-Festival Concert at 7:30 pm at Central Auditorium.
- February 17, RenFair at MCFTA.
- March 2 & 3, MSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival.
- March 17, State Solo and Ensemble.
- March 18, DHS 50th Anniversary Celebration, 1 – 4 pm. Music department can perform in the gym. We may have an opportunity to set up a table to advertise and solicit donations.
- Ann Arbor Field trip, November 17, 2017. Bus will arrive at 4:45 pm, departing at 5 pm. New York Philharmonic concert at Hill Auditorium at 8 pm. It is a 90 minute performance. Expect to return to Dow High between midnight and 12:30 am.

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- New York Trip update: About half of the students going took part in a Century Resources cookie dough and chocolate fundraising sale. Average amount student earned toward trip was \$125, ranged from \$6 to \$302. Products will be delivered the week of December 4. Will probably need a few volunteers to unload the truck and organize product. The trip deposit has been turned in. The next payment is due November 29. Students voted to see *Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway. Several students applied for a scholarship from the travel company and one student Tia Li received \$250.

b. Band – DeRees

- We had a very successful marching season with the largest Dow High Band ever, 261 members. Celebrated our 50th marching season with a wonderful reception in the “new” band room at Dow High and almost 70 band alumni attended. We had a tremendous Marching Band Showcase performance and spirited support of our Varsity football team at several games. Our YouTube channel, **chargermarchingband**, has 357 subscribers and over 165,000 views!
- Santa Parade is this Saturday. Meet at Dow High in full marching uniform at 9 am. School buses will take us to MHS and bring us back to Dow following our appearance in the first half of the parade.
- Solo and Ensemble registration is taking place now. Completed forms and fees are due to your director by Monday, December 4, 2017.
- Band Concert on Wednesday, December 13, at Central Auditorium in Midland. 7 pm call time and 7:30 pm start. Dress codes: Green and Gold Concert Bands: black shirt, black pants/skirt, black socks and black shoes. Symphonic Band concert uniforms, black socks and black shoes.
- Symphonic Band is very busy preparing for their 3rd Michigan Music Conference at Devos Hall in Grand Rapids on Friday, January 26, 2018. To ensure a timely and safe arrival for our

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2:00 pm assigned performance, we are planning to leave Midland on Thursday afternoon, January 25, following final exams. We will eat dinner on the way, rehearse in Rockford Public School band room and stay overnight at the Baymont Inn and Suites in Walker, just west of Grand Rapids. Later this week, students will receive a detailed itinerary, sign up for rooms (4 students per room) and sign up for their bus placement (2 Mitchell charter buses).

WE STILL NEED 4 MORE LEVEL 3 VOLUNTEERS. Your hotel room expenses will be covered based on two adults per room. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mr. DeRees and start the LEVEL 3 approval process now by visiting the site below.

<https://eportal.unitedwaymidland.org/servlet/eAndar.article/234/MPS-Volunteer-Application-Landing-Page/override>

c. Choir – Farison

- Mrs. Farison was unable to attend and sent her report via email.
- On October 27th, Mrs. Farison took two chaperones and 15 students to the Fisher Theater in Detroit to see the musical “Love Never Dies”, the sequel to “Phantom of the Opera”.
- This past Saturday, four students participated in the brand new MSMVA Musical Theater Festival at Grosse Pointe South High School. Allie and Evan Trotter-Wright, Aria Sugura and Maggie Reed all received Division I ratings. Maggie Reed received a perfect score in all categories.
- The 4th Annual Madrigal Dinner will be held on December 8 and 9 at 7 pm in the DHS cafeteria. Tickets on sale this week - \$30 adults and \$15 children 12 and under. A Madrigal Dinner is a reenactment of a Christmas Feast typical of the Renaissance/Medieval time period. People would come to the King and Queen’s castle to celebrate with food, dance, song and laughter. Guests of the Madrigal Dinner will enjoy a great meal accompanied by music and theatrics. Tickets may

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be purchased through Mrs. Farison or any participating choir member.

- The Winter Concert is Monday, December 18th at 7 pm in Central Auditorium.
- Chamber Singers will perform as a special guest ensemble at the Woodcrest/Jefferson Concert on Tuesday, December 18th at 7 pm in Central Auditorium.

7) Adjourn – Hales

Michael Hales adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by Karen Rhe

Next meeting, Tuesday, January 9, 2018.