

Dow High Music Booster Club Meeting

January 9, 2018 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, Kirsten Joy-Cochran, Jen Pisarczyk, Barbara Ostergaard, Steve DeRees, Amanda Thoms, Lily Kalantar, Megan Farison, Jen Brooks, Doug Wright, Irmgard Redman, Kim Birch

1) Call to order – Hales

2) Review and Approval

- a. Treasurer's Report – Ostergaard** There was not much activity since our last meeting. We paid for another Symphonic Band mini-camp. We purchased the Bass Saxophone for \$9,000.
- b. Choir budget adjustment – Farison** Megan would like to increase the Registration Fees to be able to pay registration fees that are paid for and collected from students. It can take up to three weeks to obtain a check from MPS administration. Megan would like to have the Music Booster Club cut these checks this year until she figures out the timing/process to obtain checks from the District.
- c. Approval of November Minutes and Treasurer's report** Jen moves that we approve the November meeting minutes and Treasurer's report. Doug seconds. Unanimously approved.

3) Old Business – none

4) New Business

a. Fruit Sale – Pisarczyk

- The first two tally/collection days are complete. The first day brought in \$14,500 in sales. The second day looks to be around \$29,500, totaling approximately \$44,000 to date. We have one final tally day on Friday.

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- Sponsorships came in at \$5,675, slightly less than last year. Combined with sales, we are at \$49,675 of the \$55,000 goal (90%). We expect to get close to our sales goal after our final tally day on Friday plus online orders and weekend sales which usually run about \$2,000.
- Unfortunately, fruit costs are expected to be much higher due to various weather/natural disasters (hurricanes/fires) this year. We should have good estimates in the next few days. The committee will look for ways to trim expenses without compromising the process.
- Thank you to the directors for their assistance with communications and overall support. It is very much appreciated! Cindy Cummings will send a note to the directors to forward to families about final turn in on Friday. A second email will be sent reminding parents/students to sign up for shifts over deliver weekend (Feb 1-3).
- Gary Kozerski is working with Pumford Construction and the janitorial/office staff at school to coordinate delivery. Dow HS office staff has been wonderful to work with!
- The website has been updated and looks great. Thank you, Amy Crook!

b. RenFair – Thoms

- Have we solicited sponsorships? Do we want to? We do not have someone heading this up. We discussed and agreed that we will offer VIP tickets to prior sponsors. Jen and Barbara will figure out how many and which seats to pull for VIP tickets. This needs to be decided within the next 2 weeks. They will be sold separately for \$30 each. Jen will send a note to prior sponsors about VIP ticket opportunities.
- All other tickets will be sold via MCFTA. Prices are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students for assigned seats.
- Have we solicited ads? As above, we need someone to chair this effort. Michael will send out a few emails looking for a volunteer to chair sponsorship/ad sales.

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- Auditions went well. Acts are lined up. The MCs are very good and are already involved.
- From watching MHS Rhapsody, we learned that we need to hire a stage manager. We will hire David Wolfley, who did Rhapsody, for \$350. He will drive in from out-of-state to do this. Request approval to pay this.
- A student will come up with a RenFair logo that we will use each year. Then, work will begin on the program. We will put an ad in for Jazz and More in the program.
- Parent volunteers will be needed to pull curtains (2), help backstage (6-10). Amanda will get a list of specific roles needed to Kirsten Joy-Cochran and she will set up SignUp Genius.
- We need to approve upfront payment for all items. This was not included in our original Booster Club budget. MCFTA rent is \$1,350. Mr. Wolfley is \$350. Estimate \$3,000 will cover all expenses. We will split expenses and proceeds 3 ways – band, orchestra and choir. Jen moves that we allocate \$3,000 to RenFair. Doug seconds. Unanimously approved.
- Publicity: we will utilize social media, have Lynn Burns send out information, put it on the school front sign, update Story, place on the Garber sign, school announcements, sign at ticket booth (QR Code). Discussed Midland Daily News. Jen recommends we ask someone to do a write-up and take pictures to send to the Midland Daily News. They will run it when they have space. A story will be online, also. Amanda will call to ask about listing in the Verge in the Thursday paper.

c. Jazz & More – Todd Ostergaard

- The committee met on December 21, 2017 at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Todd Ostergaard, Julie Hales, Nilsa Braganca, Marco Braganca, Jim Weldy and Barbara Ostergaard.
- Event to be held on April 14, 2018 at the Midland Country Club.
- Proposed changes: a more limited silent auction, less expensive meal choice, discuss possibility of serving alcohol, need to decide ticket price.

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- Last year, \$7,000 was raised, \$4,500 from silent auction items. Expect to have less pressure to make money on this event since music department will make money from RenFair.
- Committee discussed making a quilt from old band tshirts. Could be an auction item.
- Additional committee members needed. Recommend sending an email to parents of students involved in Jazz & More asking for help.
- Next committee meeting is January 17.

d. Incoming Freshman Night, Jan 15 at 6 pm – Hales

- We will have a table and talk to parents. Will put out pencils, decals, etc. Will have a sign-up sheet. Michael Hales will attend.

5) Director Reports

a. Orchestra – Thoms

- Ray Chen Master Class, January 18. Optional field trip to see and play with Ray Chen at the Flint Institute of Music.
- MSBOA Solo and Ensemble, February 10.
- Orchestra Pre-Festival Concert, Feb 13, 7:30 pm
- RenFair, Feb 17.
- MSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival: Concert Orchestra, Friday, March 2, 6:20 pm, Symphony Orchestra, Friday, March 2, 8:30 pm
- State Solo and Ensemble, March 17
- Dow High 50th Anniversary Celebration, March 18
- 4th Grade Concert, March 28
- New York trip: All workshops are booked. Students will have workshop with a Broadway pit orchestra and with members of the New York Philharmonic. Next trip payment is due, January 31.

b. Band – DeRees

- Make up band concert, Jan 11, at Central Auditorium. The new bass sax will be on stage. There is not enough room for everyone to sit and watch. Will need to stagger arrivals and audience members.

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- MMC is all booked. We have enough chaperones.
- Evening Pep Band Opportunities: Jan 15 - Incoming Freshman Night in Gold Gym, Jan 16 – Girls Basketball, Feb 9 – Boys/Girls Basketball vs. MHS double-header
- Solo and Ensemble Festival, Sat, Feb. 10 at Bay City Central HS. Volunteers have already registered.
- Pre-Festival Concerts, Thursday, Feb. 15, Central Auditorium. DHS Green/MHS Blue 7 pm, DHS Gold/MHS Gold 8 pm.
- MSBOA District Festival: Green Concert Band, Friday, Marcy 2 at 5:30 pm in Midland Central Auditorium, Gold Concert Band, Saturday, March 3 at 12:00 pm in Midland Central Auditorium.

c. Choir – Farison

- The Madrigal Dinner was a huge success. Sold 130 tickets for Friday night and 100 tickets for Saturday night. Increased profit over prior years.
- Solo and Ensemble at CMU on Jan 20. Sending 17 events.
- Middle school choral workshop, Feb 2.
- High school choral workshop, Feb. 23. Guest is the new choir director at CMU. Would like to recognize last year's quest conductor who passed away last Friday.

6) Adjourn – Hales Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Submitted by Karen Rhee, February 9, 2018.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7 pm.