

DOW HIGH MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

March 13, 2018

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, Lily Kalanatar, Doug Wright, Jen Pisarczyk, Kirsten Cochran, Amanda Thoms, Megan Farison, Kim Birch, Irmgard Redman, Steve DeRees

1) Call to order – Hales

2) Review and Approval

a. February Meeting Minutes – Rhee A copy of the February minutes were passed around for those present to review.

b. Treasurer's Report – B. Ostergaard

- Barbara distributed copies of the Budget and Activity Report for 2017/2018 through 3/13/2018 along with a written write-up. Those items were discussed.
- Two Scholarships each for Orchestra and Choir have been acknowledged for students. The scholarships were credits toward their trips. A scholarship for a flute was awarded.
- An adjustment needs to be made to the Fundraising Outflow line item from Choir to Orchestra for \$6,500.
- Barbara will start training the new Treasurer for next year.

3) New Business

a. Ren Fair – Thoms/Hales

- Gross ticket sales were \$11,826. It takes the Midland Center for the Arts 4-6 weeks to process ticket sales, they take their 10%, deduct the rental fee and any other expenses and report the net income to us. After our estimated expenses, we expect to profit \$6,000 - \$7,000. This was a success! The net profit will be divided evenly between the 3 music departments.

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- David Wolfley, our stage manager, did a wonderful job. He worked on this event for two weeks in advance with MCFTA. He was awesome!
- We are looking to change the date to November this next school year. If we do, Mr. DeRees will bring out the marching band.
- The Music Booster Club fronted \$1,555 for RenFair. We discussed adding a new budget line for RenFair start-up costs to account for this under Booster Club Overhead. Then, the entire net income received from the Midland Center for the Arts can be divided evenly and added to the three music departments budgets. Kirsten Cochran proposed that we absorb the \$1,555 in Overhead and the net income from RenFair be added to the music department budgets. Barbara Ostergaard seconded this. The motion passed by the majority.

b. Jazz & More – Todd Ostergaard

- Committee planning and plan execution are well underway. We have been meeting since December.
- Ticket sales for the event went live the Monday after RenFair. With only a couple of small glitches, ticket sales are going well.
- To date, we have sold 17 of the 26 tables. (170 tickets sold.)
- Single tickets go on sale March 11. Tell your friends and family!
- Jim Hoemeyer has accepted the invitation to be this year's emcee for which we are very excited.
- We are still working on the silent auction. Last year, over \$4,000 was raised by the auction but it was a significant amount of work. This year, we will have a reduced version of the auction and are not expecting as much income.
- **Reminder to the directors: program details need to be finalized and turned in to the committee by March 14.** This will allow time to finish design and get it printed for the event.
- We will offer Curt Gledhill 2 comped tickets for making the cello art.

c. 2018-2019 Board elections on May 8 – Hales

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- Start thinking of people we can get involved for next year.
Approach people you think might be interested in volunteering.
- d. Subcommittee for sponsorships/advertising/donations** – Michael Hales volunteered to form and lead a committee that will design a package to promote next year.
- e. Other fundraiser idea – Cochran**
Kirsten learned about a popcorn sales fundraising opportunity at MCC. She provided samples for consideration.
- f. Senior attire at spring concert – Kalantar**
Lilly proposed that the seniors wear something different at the spring concert. Or, possibly pass out a flower to each senior.

4) Director Reports – Farison/DeRees/Thoms

a. Choir – Farison

- On March 23, the choirs will have a second lock-in with Midland HS at Midland HS. It will be over night with movies, popcorn, dance. Will set up a SignUp Genius for parent volunteers to help with shifts.
- The choirs were successful at the Choir Festival. The Chorus scored high 1s. The Chamber Singers earned a perfect score on everything. One judge gave them a standing ovation.

b. Orchestra – Thoms

- A big THANK YOU for everything you have done in the past six weeks to make our music program a success! These include: Michigan Music Conference, Fruit Sale, RenFair and hosting the MSBOA District V Band and Orchestra Festival.
- It's been two years since last music portraits have been taken. Lee Schaffert will photograph all groups on April 17, 18 and 19. Band will wear marching uniforms, orchestra wears tuxes and choir wears dresses and tuxes. Students can order photos. Lee usually comps the composite pictures depending upon how many students order prints. Framing is the cost to us.
- Over a dozen students attended the Ray Chen masterclass. He is one of the most famous violinists today. It was a great

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experience. Students were able to watch a master class, watch a short performance, play with him and take selfies.

- Over 70 band and orchestra students participated in Solo and Ensemble on Saturday, February 10. Dow High students earned 53 first division ratings and 14 second division ratings.
- Blue Lake auditions went well.
- We had a meeting to cover details of the New York trip.
- All Dow High School Bands and Orchestras earned first division ratings in every category at the MSBOA District V Band and Orchestra Festival!
- Saturday, March 17, State Solo and Ensemble in Lapeer.
- Sunday, March 18, 1 – 4 pm, Dow High 50th Anniversary Celebration.
- The Honors Orchestra is playing at all Honors Assemblies: Tuesday, March 20 at 8 am, Freshman Awards, Wednesday, March 21 at 8 am, Sophomore Awards, Wednesday, March 21 at 10 am, Junior Awards
- March 28 at 9:45 am, the 4th Grade Music Celebration Concert
- Saturday, April 14, Jazz & More
- April 25, the Honors Orchestra will perform with the Center Stage Choirs
- New York trip: the itinerary is finalized and everything is booked. The final payment for students is due at the end of the month. The final payment to the travel company is due next month. We are short of chaperones and are trying to address the problem by using the orchestra's cut of RenFair profits to reduce the cost for chaperones.
- Tia Li and her sister, Sarah Li, both placed in the American Protégé International Piano Competition and will perform at Carnegie Hall on June 30.

c. **Band – DeRees**

Submitted an application with video for the Midwest Clinic that will be held in Chicago in December 2018. Results will be published in April.

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5) Approve treasurer report and February minutes. Barbara Ostergaard moved that we approve the March treasurer's report and the February minutes. Jen Pisarczyk seconded. They were unanimously approved.

6) Adjourn - Michale Hales adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Karen Rhee

Next meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2018