

# **Dow High School Music Boosters Board Meeting**

**April 10, 2018**

## **Minutes**

### **Board members**

President, Michael Hales, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, Todd Ostergaard, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Jen Pisarczyk, Steve DeRees, Amanda Thoms, Irmgard Redman, Amy Crook

### **1) Call to order – Hales**

### **2) Treasurer Report – Barbara Ostergaard**

- Barbara distributed and reviewed copies of the Budget and Activity Report and Notes for 2017/2018 as of April 10, 2018.
- She noted that we are still awaiting some money from table donations and silent auction items for Jazz & More.
- Barbara noted that there were checks still outstanding, one for choir to MSVMA and one for band for the Cora Lambert Scholarship flute.
- Going forward, Barbara recommends that a few responsibilities be handed off from the Treasurer to someone else, possibly to the president, a vice president or secretary. These are: scholarship recognition letters to students; scholarship letter to recipient of check, which includes the check written by treasurer; End-of-Year Letters for Tax Purposes to donors (Treasurer keeps a list of donors throughout the calendar year); collection and recording of Disney Funds in Disney Trip years, (this volunteer would need to be vetted).
- Barbara documented Treasurer responsibilities for her successor.
- Karen Rhee moved that we approve the Treasurer's report. Jen Pisarczyk seconded. It was unanimously approved.

### **3) Old Business - RenFair**

- We received the net profit check from the MCFTA for \$7,828.70. We also had \$900 in VIP ticket sales resulting in a total profit of \$8,728.70 (not including the \$1,555.84 the Booster Club paid upfront).

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- We have signed a contract with the MCFTA for November 17, 2018 for the next RenFair.
- The marching band will perform at the next one.

#### **4) New Business**

##### **a. Jazz & More**

- The committee for Jazz & More has been great to work with.
- We will sell alcohol from the Midland Country Club marking up their prices by \$1/drink. We will sell tickets at the event for this.
- Ticket sales are good.
- Auction items include a quilt to be made with the winner's own T-shirts, two pieces of art made from the damaged cello, a photography package, a tennis party at the Midland Tennis Center.
- Jim Hoemeyer will emcee.

##### **b. Uniform cleaning – Irmgard Redman**

- Irmgard received an estimate from Art Cleaners for \$1,906.50 to clean all tuxedo jackets, pants, skirts, cummerbunds and bow ties. She is considering having Art Cleaners clean these.
- The marching band uniforms will definitely be sent to Roth Cleaners. Irmgard will get quotes from them.
- We discussed and decided to request that students wash their shirts and bring them in clean. We discussed having a competition between sections for this and having a reward like a pizza party or donuts.

##### **c. Elections next month, May 8 – Hales**

Michael will send out a mass email regarding this meeting. At this time, the only open positions are 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and a Choir Representative.

#### **5) Director Reports – Thoms/DeRees/Farison**

##### **a. Orchestra – Amanda Thoms**

- 60 students (band and orchestra) participated in State Solo and Ensemble. 37 events earned first division ratings. 4 events

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earned second division ratings. 1 event earned a third division rating. The following students received MYAF nominations:

- Julia Fu and Kimia Beigzadeh have been nominated to be in the Honors Band.
  - Tia Li, Naoki Kihata, and Nathaniel Kalantar were nominated to be in the Honors Orchestra.
  - Emilia Teed, Hannah Jackson, Hannah Loisel, and Julia Fu were part of a flute choir that was invited to audition to be a featured ensemble.
  - Tyler Conrad, Peter Redman, Jocelyn Cha, and Vikram Vaddamani were part of a clarinet quartet that was invited to audition to be a featured ensemble.
  - Julia Fu, Emilia Teed, Kimia Beigzadeh, Jocelyn Cha, Nathaniel Kalantar and Naoki Kihata were all nominated to audition to be featured soloists.
- The Honors Orchestra performed at the freshmen, sophomore and junior awards on March 20 and 21.
  - The Symphony Orchestra put on another successful 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert on March 28.
  - April 14, Jazz & More at the Midland Country Club
  - April 17 and 18, Honors students will perform at local volunteer dinners.
  - April 25, Honors Orchestra will perform for the Center Stage Youth choirs.
  - May 14, 8 pm, Spring Concert in Central Auditorium.
  - May 24 – 28, New York Trip. Awaiting final invoice to make final payment. Itinerary is set.

#### **b. Band – DeRees**

- We were not invited to the Midwest Clinic in Chicago.
- Steve is looking into a national clinic/workshop/performance to give us national exposure.
- May 16, Spring Concert at Central Auditorium.
- May 28, marching band marches in the Memorial Day Parade. The Symphonic Band will perform at the Memorial Service after the parade at the Central Park band shell.

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#### **c. Choir – Farison**

- May 18 – 20, trip to Nashville. We have made our final payment for the trip. Scholarships were awarded to help several students attend the trip. As a result, all but two students are able to attend.
- Saturday, April 21, State Vocal Solo and Ensemble at McBain Rural Agricultural School. 14 events are going.
- Tuesday, May 8, Chamber Singers will perform at State Choral Festival at Central Michigan University.
- Megan will be leaving MPS at the end of the school year. She has accepted another position that will allow her to have more time with her family. She has greatly enjoyed her time here and found joy in watching the students grow as musicians and people.

**6) Adjourn** – Michael Hales adjourned the meeting at 7:40.

Submitted by Karen Rhee

**Next meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6 pm.**