

DOW HIGH MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

September 11, 2018

Minutes

Board members

President, Michael Hales, 1st Vice President, Kim Birch, 2nd Vice President, Jen Pisarczyk, Treasurer, Carolyn Southwick, Secretary, Karen Rhee, Band Representative, Kirsten Cochran, Band Representative, Jill Strouse, Orchestra Representative, Lily Kalantar, Orchestra Representative, Kathy Conley, Choir Representative, Doug Wright

Present at the meeting were: Michael Hales, Kim Birch, Jen Pisarczyk, Carolyn Southwick, Karen Rhee, Lily Kalantar, Cindy Stemple, Lori Collick, Gabriella Essenmacher-Ott, Kristin Bond, Kathy (Kay) Conley, Kim Walden, Masako Nishida, Steve DeRees, Amanda Thoms

1) Call to order – Michael Hales

a. Introduction of attendees

2) Review and approve

a. Treasurer's Report – Carolyn Southwick

- Presented the proposed budget for the 2018/2019 year.
- Music directors have the opportunity to reallocate budgeted amounts this month.
- Trip receipts and disbursements are broken out and reported separately this year.
- \$2,000 is budgeted for overhead for this year.

3) New Business

a. Members First Credit Union account – Carolyn Southwick is now an authorized signer. Jen Pisarczyk has an active VISA card on the account. Carolyn is awaiting her card.

b. Sponsorships – Hales and Pisarczyk

- The Sponsorship Committee developed a consolidated sponsorship program and distributed a form outlining the packages.
- There are three levels of sponsorship: \$1,000, \$250 and \$100.
- Amanda will research old music programs to select titles for the levels.

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- This will be sent out in the next two weeks.
- c. RenFair – Kim Birch**
- RenFair will take place on November 17 at the MCFTA.
 - More volunteers are needed.
 - Sign up sheets for the acts are up.
 - MC auditions are next week.
 - Act auditions are the following week.
 - The Center accidentally double booked that weekend. The Art Fair is that weekend as well as a Peanut Gallery show in the little theater. Amanda will meet with the Art Fair people to discuss mutually beneficial arrangements.
 - Someone from Dow High art class will do the programs.
 - We hired David Wolfe again to be the stage manager.
 - Planning for the band to go straight from the Santa Parade to MCFTA to rehears on Nov. 17.
- d. Uniforms - Irmgard Redman** (sent notes, unable to attend)
- All students have been fitted. Irmgard's uniform count is: marching band 252, symphonic band tuxedos 91, symphonic orchestra tuxedos 37.
 - Volunteers were awesome on every day!
 - Lily Kalantar headed up the Orchestra uniform distribution. Next year, recommend using SignUp Genius for Orchestra uniform distribution. There is a need to better educate orchestra parents about uniform fitting and care, especially care of cumberbunds.
 - Art Cleaners pant hangers are coated with cardboard and a sticky substance that sometimes sticks to the pants. Irmgard will speak to them about this.
- e. Marching Band Showcase – Kim Walden**
- We are not sure where it will be held this year due to the press box fire at Midland Community Stadium.
 - We may need to spend money to rent a sound system.
 - Most volunteer spots are filled. We need 5-6 more.
- f. Dessert Party – Hope Pirie** (sent a note, unable to attend)
- Thanks to all who participated in the dessert party.

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- Over the past couple of years, the number of desserts donated have decreased and the amount of money donated has increased. In the past, all desserts have been donated except for a large sheet cake that was purchased. Hope recommends that we plan for this and plan to purchase additional desserts (cake, cupcakes, cookies, ice cream, etc.). Of course, homemade desserts are always welcome. Hope does not recommend any adjustment to the budget, since financial donations for this event have always exceeded the costs.

g. Orchestra Representative replacement – Hales

- Amy Crook has moved and will no longer be an Orchestra rep.
- Kathy Conley volunteers to be an Orchestra Rep.
- Her nomination was unanimously approved.

h. Band Spirit Wear

- Might be in on Thursday. Jen Pisarczyk will distribute.

4) Director Reports – DeRees/Thoms/Gardner Northrup

a. Band – DeRees

- There are no big special projects this year. We will retrench and save money for a future big project.
- We will be digging into old music.

b. Orchestra – Thoms

- The orchestra program has 74 students this year: 33 in concert orchestra, 40 in symphony orchestra, and 15 in honors orchestra.
- Spirit Wear orders are due Friday, September 14.
- All-State Honors Ensemble registration forms are due on September 19.
- All-State Auditions are on October 27 and 28 at Bay City Handy Middle School.
- The fall concert is on October 16 at 7:30PM at Central Auditorium. It will feature soloist Dr. Louise Scott on violin and Jim Hohmeyer conducting. Dr. Scott will also visit all MPS orchestra classes that week.
- The Grove Music Festival will be on October 26 and will feature soloist Madeline Fayette.

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- Tia Li performed at Carnegie Hall this summer after placing in the American Protégé International Piano Competition.
- c. Choir- Gardner Northrup** (sent a note, unable to attend)
 - Adam Gardner Northrup is the new choir director at Dow High School and Jefferson Middle School.
 - Adam has a Bachelors of Music Education and a Masters of Music both from Central Michigan University.
 - Prior to taking this position, Adam taught middle and high school choir for 12 years at John Glenn High School and Christa McAuliffe Middle School in Bay City.
 - This year is off to a wonderful start and Adam is looking forward to working with these talented students.
 - Adam has not worked with a booster club before, so he will have many questions and will appreciate all the guidance and help we can offer.

5. Adjourn -Hales

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 6 pm.

Submitted by: Karen Rhee