

DOW HIGH MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

November 13, 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, Choir Representative, Karen Dastick

Present at the meeting were: Michael Hales, Carolyn Southwick, Lori Collick, Karen Dastick, Kirsten Joy-Cochran, Doug Wright, Kathy Conley, Deb Ahn, Lily Kalantar, Jen Pisarczyk, Karen Rhee, Steve DeRees, Nicole Bruski and Amanda Thoms

1) Call to order – Hales

Doug Wright sponsors Karen Dastick as a new choir representative.

2) Review and Approve

a. Minutes – Rhee

Minutes were previously emailed out. There were no changes submitted.

b. Financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2018 – Southwick

- Carolyn distributed the final 2017/2018 financial statement that showed a \$13,695 negative variance to budget.
- Steve DeRees described how the Club Account works. This account includes funding from Midland Public Schools, donations from businesses, donations from the Music Booster Club, individual donations and other. There is a Mastercard for this account that the directors use to purchase things on-line. The directors provide receipts to the MPS accounting department downtown. MPS supervises the Club Account and the directors are accountable to the District. Much of the prior year overage was due to the trip the Symphonic Band took to the Midwest Music Festival in Grand Rapids. The chartered bus was approximately \$4,800, hotel rooms - \$3,000, CDs for the students - \$1,600. The Club Account is used a lot for marching band camp, i.e. purchasing T-shirts. In the future, the directors could bring copies of receipts to the Booster Club to inform the Club what is

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being purchased. There is still money remaining in the Club Account that the Booster Club funded last year.

- In the future, the Boosters request that expenditures be kept within the Club Account budget. The Booster Club should be advised if a large expenditure will be coming through and provide a copy of the receipt.
 - Amanda Thoms discussed the reasons that the trip net expense appears over budget. Certain income items should have been applied to Trip Income that were reflected elsewhere. In addition to receipts under Trip Income (which are checks paid by families), amounts from Other Fundraising, Fruit Sale, RenFair and a donation from the Kortge Fund were applied toward the orchestra trip. See email attached.
- c. Treasurer's Report for 2018/2019 through Nov. 11, 2018 – Southwick**
- We received a donation for an instrument.
 - Marching Band Showcase income is our half of net income (split with Midland HS and net of all expenses).
- d. Approval** Carolyn Southwick moves that election of Karen Dastick to Choir Rep, the October minutes, the prior year end financial statements and the current year-to-date financial statements be approved. Lily Kalantar seconds. The above four items were unanimously approved.

3) Business

a. Fruit Sale – Lori Collick

- Teams are being set up.
- The print order was submitted to a new printer in Bay City.
- Kick-off is November 28.
- Jen Pisarczyk secured the last person to help with the phone blitz.

b. Fund Raising Sponsorship Update

- Per Jen Pisarczyk, sponsorships are \$11,000 to date. We will solicit again right before Fruit Sale and Jazz & More. So far, the program is successful and we are ahead of last year.
- Maestro Distribution: Per Michael Hales, these will be distributed 25% RenFair, 25% Fruit Sale and 25% Jazz & More with the remaining 25% distributed according to the donor's preference.

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c. **Marching Band Showcase – Kim Walden**

It was great! A recording of it can be seen on MCTV.

d. **RenFair – Kim Walden/Amanda Thoms**

- Need the DHS Music Booster Club business cards to place on will call table.
- Complimentary staff tickets have been distributed. Thanks to Ken and Bobbi Arthur for coordinating this. Three sponsors are eligible for complimentary tickets; these are being held at MCFTA box office. Kim Birch will provide names to Booster treasurer for tax reporting purposes.
- A “know before you go” email will be sent by MCFTA to ticket holds with email address on file advising them of free admission to the Holiday Art Fair between 5-7pm for RenFair ticket holders, parking availability and concessions available.
- Thanks to Curt Gledhill, the programs look fantastic and include shout-outs for Fruit Sale, Jazz & More and other school fundraising. Programs are being printed by QRP and delivered to MCFTA on Friday.
- Midland Daily News published the event in *The Verge* last Thursday with the wrong performance time. They will publish a correction. MDN will also run a story with photos and interviews with emcees and music directors.
- The event is posted on the DHS and Garber marquees.
- Another director email will be sent to music parents and students. Lynn Burns sent a school-wide email today and will send another on Friday, 11/16/18.
- New this year, we will have a RenFair banner following the marching band in the Santa Parade. Thanks to Lori Peterson for coordinating this unique advertising tool.
- We are looking for volunteers (parents/students) to carry the banner in the parade.
- David Wolfley will arrive Friday night. Invoice for his fantastic services will be forwarded to Booster Club treasurer once received.

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- Rehearsal times are set and will begin at 10 am on Saturday. Performance call time is 6:15 pm. Amy Meilink volunteered to make lawn signs directing volunteers and performers to the backstage entrance.
- Looking forward to a night of great entertainment and charger spirit!

e. Jefferson Music Booster Request – Hales

- Music & More was held recently at Jefferson Middle School.
- The Jefferson Music Parents are looking to get a cost effective website.
- Michael Hales proposes that we give them a tab for one page on our website under Music Groups. Michael could give one person some limited access to our website.
- More investigation to be done regarding this.

4) Directors Reports – Thoms/DeRees

a. Orchestra – Thoms

- Almost 20 students auditioned for All-State ensembles. Those results should be out by the end of the month.
- Since the last meeting, we had a successful fall orchestra concert featuring soloist Dr. Louise Scott.
- Since the last meeting, the students had a successful masterclass sponsored by the Grove Music Festival featuring cellist Dr. Madeline Fayette.
- RenFair is Saturday, November 17 at 7:00PM.
- Solo and Ensemble sign-ups will start the week of November 19.
- The Winter Orchestra Concert is Wednesday, December 5 at 7:30PM at Central Auditorium.
- The Honors Orchestra will perform at Love Light Trees at the hospital on December 6.
- The Holiday Assembly is on December 21.

b. Band – DeRees

- We had an excellent marching season.
- We had a good size pep band travel to Flushing for the play-off game. Three of four buses were donated to the band – someone donated money

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for a band bus, Coach Watkins donated a bus, we shared the cheerleader bus.

- The band played well at the cross-town rival game.
- DHS marching band will cover the entire Santa Parade this year. Midland HS band will be going to the football playoffs. It will be cold. Students should wear warm coats, hats, etc. Not uniforms.
- After the Santa Parade, we will get on buses and go immediately to RenFair rehearsal. Buses will bring band back to Dow High.
- The marching band will be in uniform for Ren Fair.

4) Adjourn – Hales

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Submitted by: Karen Rhee

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 8 at 6 pm.