

DOW HIGH MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

January 8, 2019

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, Kirsten Joy-Cochran, Karen Rhee, Steve DeRees, Adam Bardner-Northrup, Amanda Thoms, Kim Walden, Doug Wright, Karen Dastick

1) Call to order – Michael Hales

2) Review and approve

a. Minutes – Karen Rhee

- There was one change recommended to the November minutes specifying that the maestro sponsor could designate 25% of the donation to the event of their choice. Karen will make this change.
- Karen thanks everyone who provides her with an email of their reports to assist with meeting minutes.

b. Treasurer's report as of January 8, 2019 – Carolyn Southwick

- Carolyn distributed a copy of the 1/08/2019 report to attendees.
- Other Fundraising Expenses of \$4,790 is Midland HS share (1/2) of the Marching Band Showcase income. Carolyn will adjust the budget numbers to gross up the Marching Band Showcase revenue and reflect expense for the shared half.
- Choir Other Fundraising income reflects income from the Century Resources fundraiser and the madrigal dinner.
- Two large deposits made today will be reflected in next month's numbers: \$8,854.55 for RenFair and approximately \$11,000 from Fruit Sale.
- Michael Hales stated that if we bring in more net income than budgeted, we could increase the amounts available for directors to spend.

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- c. **Approval** Kim Birch made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Karen Dastick seconded. They were both unanimously approved.

3) Business

a. RenFair recap – Kim Birch

- Gross ticket sales were \$13,149: 555 adult, 351 student and 66 complimentary tickets. This is up \$1,323 from last year. After expenses, net income is \$7,698.25. The sponsorship drive resulted in \$3,111 allocated to RenFair, for a grand total net income of \$10,809.25. Consistent with the prior year, net income will be divided evenly between the three music groups.
- November 16, 2019 is the tentative date for next year. We plan to schedule the third weekend of November going forward. This will coincide with the Santa Parade every three years. We can officially request this date on March 1.
- The MCFTA is a fantastic partner and supporter of this event. It is amazing to watch the backstage crew of seasoned professionals and parent/student volunteers pull together the entire event during one rehearsal on the day of the performance.
- The MCFTA staff were able to coordinate the three events smoothly and sent a complimentary “Know Before You Go” email to help with parking and people movement on the day of the event.
- David Wolfley continues to be a big asset to the production and we confirmed his availability before committing to the date for next year.
- We gifted Curt Gledhill with a token of appreciation for his efforts and many hours working on the RenFair program, staff dance and all around support of RenFair performers and crew.
- A big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered for RenFair! We could not make it happen without you. We have a small token of appreciation for you.
- The RenFair Planning Committee included Amanda Thoms as lead music director, Ken and Bobbi Arthur as ticket coordinators, Lori

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Peterson as program coordinator, and Kim Birch as booster liaison and volunteer coordinator. Deb Ahn will join our team next year.

- Planning is underway for RenFair 2019 with audition dates to be announced in the spring before the school year end.
- A report of final expenses and proposed budget for next year was submitted.

b. Fruit Sale – Kirsten Joy-Cochran

- After two tally days, have collected roughly \$30,000 in sales. Additionally, we have received \$5,000 in sponsorship money for this fundraiser.
- We anticipate a big order turn-in on Wednesday, so we expect to meet our goal in \$55,000 in total income.
- We will finish with one final sweep on Friday and cut-off pre-orders at that point. Online orders will be cut off on Thursday at 11:59 pm. The order will be submitted to Jack's in the middle of next week.
- We've had good support from volunteers so far. We still need lots of help for delivery weekend and will send out more reminders as we get closer. The Committee has been great and things have been running smoothly.
- We are waiting to hear from Kurt (from Jack's Fruit Market) regarding pricing.

c. Jazz and More – Hales

- Will take place on April 13, 2019 at the Midland Country Club.
- The Planning Committee needs to kick-off soon.
- More volunteers are needed to plan and execute this event.
- Doug Wright and Karen Rhee will help. Kirsten Joy-Cochran can help the day of the event.
- We need list of students who will perform to send an email to parents to solicit help.
- 8-10 total volunteers are needed to plan and execute event. Volunteer opportunities include: ticket sales, silent auction, sponsorships, liaison with the country club, day of event set-up, programs, decorations.
- Prime seating will be available for event volunteers.

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4) Director Reports – DeRees/Thoms/Gardner-Northrop

a. Band – DeRees

- It is Festival season.
- An email was sent out to all band families with relevant dates.
- Saturday, February 9, MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival in St. Johns, MI.
- Monday, February 11, Jazz band 1 travels to Ann Arbor for a clinic with the Paul Keller Orchestra. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us!
- Tuesday, February 19, DHS Green and MHS Blue Bands Pre-Festival concert at 7 pm, Central Auditorium. DHS and MHS Gold Bands at 8 pm, Central Auditorium.
- Wednesday, February 20, DHS and MHS Symphonic Bands Pre-Festival concert at 7:30 pm, Central Auditorium.
- MSBOA District Festival, adjudicated assessments of our progress. All held at Bay City Western HS Auditorium:
Green Concert Band performs, Friday, March 1 at 7 pm.
Gold Concert Band performs, Saturday, March 2 at 1:05 pm.
Symphonic Band performs, Saturday, March 2 at 4:05 pm.

b. Orchestra – Thoms

- Patrick Owen visited orchestra classes on January 4. He is a Dow High School alumnus and the current cello teacher at Interlochen Arts Academy.
- January 21, the Honors Orchestra will be performing at Incoming Freshmen Parents' Night.
- February 9, Solo and Ensemble Festival at St. Johns High School.
- Four students will be performing as members of the All-State Honors Orchestra at the Michigan Music Conference: Tia Li, Caleb Qiu, Madeline Poupard and Abigail Yoo.
- February 12, orchestra Pre-Festival Concert at 7:30 pm at Central Auditorium.
- MSBOA District Festival at Bay City Western HS Auditorium:
Symphony Orchestra, Friday, March 1 at 8:35 pm, Concert Orchestra, Saturday, March 2 at 3 pm.

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c. Choir – Gardner-Northrop

- Adam is enjoying his new position at Dow HS. These are great kids.
- January 19, Solo and Ensemble Festival at Central Michigan University.
- Planning to travel next year with the Chamber Singers.
- Adam is directing the spring musical. It is Cinderella and will run April 25, 26 and 27.
- Friday, March 15, there will be a cabaret concert with both choirs in the cafeteria.

5. Adjourn – Hales

Meeting adjourned at 6:48.

Submitted by: Karen Rhee

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm.