

DOW HIGH MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

February 12, 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, Karen Rhee, Karen Dastick, Jen Pisarczyk, Lori Collick, Kim Birch, Amanda Thoms, Kirsten Joy-Cochran, Adam Gardner-Northrup, Julie Hales

1) Call to order – Michael Hales

2) Review and approve

a. Minutes – Rhee

There were no changes to January minutes.

b. Treasurer's report as of February 12, 2019 – Southwick

- RenFair income will be \$4,115.22 per department, exceeding budgeted income of \$2,500 per department.
- Fruit sale income is \$63,865 plus a couple of checks that have come in, also exceeding budget.
- Other Fund Raising – Choir, added budgeted amounts for income and expense that net to zero.
- Recently issued a check for Club Account – Band. This leaves \$1,000 in the Club Account – Band budget. Carolyn will communicate with Steve DeRees about this. Budget amounts could be reclassified from other accounts to increase Club Account if needed.
- Either Kirsten or Jen will provide Carolyn with the departmental breakdown for Fruit Sale income.
- Invoices to be reimbursed can be put into the Music Booster mail slot for Carolyn.
- Michael Hales commented that based upon the fundraising to date, we could increase the budgeted amount for expenses. The board would need to approve this.

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- c. **Approval** – Jen Pisarczyk moved to approve the January minutes and the February financial report. Carolyn Southwick seconded. The minutes and financial report were unanimously approved.

3) Business

a. Fruit Sale – Jen Pisarczyk

- We had another successful sale! Our winter weather challenges were met with staff, students and parents coming in on days off and a GREAT committee who mobilized and worked really hard over distribution weekend.
- We are waiting for final expenses to come in for prizes as well as confirmation of our income numbers, but, it looks like net income will be about \$40,000. This is due to great sales efforts by students and a much more reasonable fruit price this year. Our income goal was met before adding sponsor money or weekend sales!
- Sponsor dollars were a bit lower this year for fruit sale specifically, but, overall sponsorship dollars are up across the three fundraisers. Sponsors received a case of oranges (some declined) and all will receive a thank you note.
- Thank you for all the help from directors with communication and logistics!
- We did have some issues filling adult volunteer roles over the weekend but we managed ok. Kids really stepped up and filled in slots when we asked for last minute help. They were troopers in the COLD weather conditions.
- Students volunteered almost 600 hours of time throughout the sale, most of those on distribution weekend (middle school concerts and phone blitz as well).
- Adults volunteered over 670 hours between tally days and distribution weekend. This doesn't include the time the committee put in outside of those days.
- We will hold a final wrap-up committee meeting and address some specific concerns and processes.

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- Final point totals will be posted next week. We hope to do prize distribution and the pizza party on Friday, March 15, if that works for directors.
- Per Kirsten, data went well. All adults showed up on tally days.
- Amanda Thoms requested that we send directors a list of students who participated, both sales and volunteer hours, to use for consideration of scholarship awards.
- A big thank you from Adam Gardner-Northrup for helping him through his first fruit sale.

b. Jazz and More – Julie Hales

- Tickets are printed and will go on sale February 18 via SignUp Genius.
- We have posters printed to hang up around town.
- An email was sent to band, orchestra and choir directors to send out a couple of days before Feb. 18 with the SignUp Genius link. The link will also be placed on the Music Booster website.
- Chamber Singers confirmed that they will participate
- We still need parent volunteers, especially the day of the event.
- We will probably not have a silent auction unless a parent volunteers to run this.
- Most purchases are expected to be via check sent to Karen Rhee. Karen will bundle the checks and give them to Carolyn Southwick for deposit. There is the option to purchase tickets directly on SignUp Genius with an added convenience fee.
- We will need from the music directors lists of students participating and the names of the pieces to be performed. We will need this information by mid-March for the programs.
- The menu will be the same as last year. We received positive feedback on it last year.

3) Directors Reports – Thoms/Gardner-Northrup

a. Orchestra – Thoms

- Solo and Ensemble. There were 71 events that performed on Saturday, February 9, at St. Johns High School. 58 of those earned first division ratings. Those 58 events are eligible for State Solo

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and Ensemble which will take place in Lapeer on March 16. Registration forms are due on February 13.

- The high school orchestra Pre-Festival Concert was supposed to take place tonight, Feb. 12, but was canceled due to inclement weather. The current plan is to replace the concert with an evening rehearsal in the next two weeks.
- We may need Booster Club support to help clear out the music wing at the end of the school year. There will be construction taking place on the HVAC system and we may need to remove most of the instruments from the building.
- Festival Dates/Times as follows:

GROUP	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
GREEN BAND	Friday, March 1	7:00PM	Bay City Western
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	Friday, March 1	8:35PM	Bay City Western
GOLD BAND	Saturday, March 2	1:05PM	Bay City Western
CONCERT ORCHESTRA	Saturday, March 2	3:00PM	Bay City Western
SYMPHONIC BAND	Saturday, March 2	4:05PM	Bay City Western

b. Choir – Gardner-Northrup

- Things are going well.
- We just had District Solo and Ensemble. 21 events performed and all received 1s and high scores. There were several perfect scores.
- State Solo and Ensemble in April 26 and 27. The same date as the musical. We will send a few events to State but the majority of the students are in the cast of Cinderella.
- District Festival is March 4 at SVSU at 9:15.
- March 15, choir Cabaret night in Dow High cafeteria. There will be a dessert buffet. Tickets are \$5.
- Adam has also heard from Dr. Poole that we will need to be out of the music wing over the summer.

4) Adjourn – Hales

Submitted by: Karen Rhee

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6 pm.