

DOW HIGH MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

April 9, 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, Julie Hales, Jen Pisarczyk, Karen Dastick, Deb Ahn, Doug Wright, Hope Pirie, Steve DeRees

1) Call to order – Michael Hales

2) Review and approve

a. Treasurer's Report as of April 8, 2019 – Carolyn Southwick

- Band actual Fruit Sale Revenue is \$50,000 vs. \$40,000 budgeted. (Fruit sale costs need to be allocated across departments.)
- CD expenses are over budget as the auditorium manager can no longer do recordings in Central Auditorium. We must hire someone to record performances.
- Band Other Donations (\$2,000) was received in the fall to purchase a bass trombone. Mr. DeRees has been looking for a used one.
- Transportation expenses have been charged to Club Account expense. There will be more costs for the jazz band trip to Alma.
- Carolyn is moving at the end of May. She is looking for someone to transition now to hold position of Treasurer for next year.

b. Minutes – Karen Rhee

- March meeting minutes were distributed via email. Also, two copies are available to review at the meeting.

c. Approval

Karen Dastick moved to approve the minutes and treasurer's report. Jen Pisarczyk seconded. The minutes and treasurer's report were unanimously approved.

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3) Business

a. Jazz and More

- Will be held this Saturday, April 13th.
- All tickets were sold as of March 19th. We are looking into who may still have extra tickets at their table to sell.
- All tickets have been sent out and all money collected.
- We will not have access to the country club until 3 – 3:30 pm on Saturday.
- We will meet at Dow HS around 3 to load the trailer.
- Jazz and More Committee will meet at the country club at 3:30 to set up.

b. Uniforms

- Band uniforms will be collected on April 28, 29 and 30th.
- Orchestra uniforms will be collected after the Spring Concert.
- Jen Pisarczyk will make a SignUp Genius for volunteers for uniform collection help.
- Roth Cleaners said that they will store the marching band uniforms over the summer! We are grateful!

c. Booster Positions for 2019-2020 – Michael Hales

- Elections will be held at the May meeting for Booster Club board positions.
- We need people to volunteer.
- Michael passed around a sheet listing open positions.
- Michael will draft an email to be sent out from the music directors to all music parents regarding open positions.

d. Memorial Day Parade – DeRees

- It will be a typical parade on May 27.
- This is Midland High's turn to play the concert after the parade.
- Uniform is band tshirt, black pants, black shoes and socks.

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

a. Band – DeRees

- 26 events performed at the State Solo & Ensemble festival. 22 earned first division ratings and 4 earned seconds.

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- May 8, Spring Band Concert. All three bands will perform. There will be senior recognition. Dress is nice clothes.
- The Symphonic Band will play at Commencement.
- Summer band camp will be held at Central Middle School. There is a field large enough to paint yard lines. Sectionals may be held inside Central Middle School.
- Band families should watch for a hard copy of band information to be sent in mid-July.
- The Dessert Party will be held the second week of band camp back at Dow HS. It will be on Wednesday, August 28.
- 250 students are signed up for band for 2019-2020.

b. Orchestra – Thoms

- Ms. Thoms sent in her comments as she was attending the MSBOA Executive Board meeting in St. Louis
- 19 orchestra events performed at State Solo and Ensemble festival. 17 events earned first division ratings. Tia Li and Caleb Qiu earned perfect scores.
- Michigan Youth Arts Festival nominations are out and the results for Dow High were fantastic!
 - Emilia Teed and Peter Redman were nominated for the honors band.
 - Caleb Qiu, Abigail Ahn, Madeline Poupard, Jocelyn Cha, Tia Li and Nathaniel Kalantar were nominated for the honors orchestra.
 - Caleb Qui, Tia Li, Nathaniel Kalantar, Peter Redman and Joshua Burr were invited to audition to be featured soloists.
 - Caleb Qiu, Abigail Ahn, Tia Li and Nathaniel Kalantar were invited to audition to be the featured string quartet.
 - The entire Honors Orchestra was invited to audition to be the featured chamber ensemble.
- On March 19, the 4th Grade Concert was a great success. We are still looking for funding for this performance next year.
- Upcoming performances include: Jazz & More, April 13, Gerstacker Awards, May 2 at 4 pm in Central Auditorium and the Spring Concert, May 16 at 8 pm in Central Auditorium.

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5) Adjourn – Michael Hales

Michael adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Submitted by: Karen Rhee

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 6 pm.