

DOW HIGH MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

May 15, 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, Michael Sisco, Erin Lauderbach, Karen Dastick, Deb Ahn, Kathy Conley, Kristin Bond, Kim Birch, Jeanne Ridley, Jen Pisarczyk, Masako Nishida, Doug Wright, Cindy Stemple, Adam Gardner-Northrup, Kristen Cochran, Steve DeRees

1) Call to order – Michael Hales

2) Review and Approval

a. Minutes – Karen Rhee

Minutes were distributed earlier via email. There were no changes to minutes.

b. Treasurer Report – Carolyn Southwick

- Jazz and More expenses need to be allocated among the music departments.
- Ms. Thoms is requesting an increase to Scholarships budget. Her overall expenses will still be within budget so this is just a reclassification of expense and does not need board approval.
- Mr. DeRees will request more money for Club Account but the Band expenditures will still be within total budget for the year.
- Mr. Gardner-Northrup will plan to spend more money next year. This year, he was becoming acclimated and figuring out what he had.
- We had a very successful year of fundraising having raised over \$73,000 to support the music programs at Dow High School.

c. Approval

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

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3) 2019-2020 Board Elections

The following people are nominated for board members:

President –	Doug Wright
1 st Vice President –	Kim Birch
2 nd Vice President -	Jen Pisarczyk
Treasurer -	Michael Sisco
Secretary -	Erin Lauderbach
Band Representative 1 -	Kirsten Cochran
Band Representative 2 -	Karen Dastick
Orchestra Representative 1 –	Deb Ahn
Orchestra Representative 2 -	Kathy Conley
Choir Representative 1 -	Cara Baker
Choir Representative 2 -	TBD

Karen Rhee moved to approve the new board members. Kim Birch seconded. The new board members were unanimously approved.

The board authorizes Michael Sisco to be added as signer to our bank account and VISA account and Carolyn Southwick to be removed from our accounts.

4) Business

a. Jazz and More – Michael Hales

- We sold out all 240 tickets. Additionally, parents stood in the back of the room after dinner for the performance.
- Total income was \$13,964 which includes ticket sales, sponsorships and table donations. Net income after expenses was \$7,857. This is approximately the same amount we made last year without doing a silent auction this year.
- All of the performances were wonderful.
- We are looking to get potential dates for next year from Steve DeRees.

b. Uniforms – Masako Nishida

- Band uniform collection is complete.

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- Friday, May 17, orchestra uniforms will be collected (after the Spring Orchestra concert).
- Monday, May 20, Symphonic Band uniforms will be collected.

c. Memorial Day Parade

- It is important that seniors participate in the parade.
- We need to contact Midland HS to get numbers for water.
- Michael Hales will pick up the water from LaLonds as he has done in prior years.

5) Director reports

a. Band – DeRees

- Thank you to those that volunteer.
- The Spring Concert went very well. 48 seniors were honored.
- CDs of the Spring Concert will be available for \$10. Checks should be made payable to the Dow High Music Booster Club.
- The year end pizza party will be next Wednesday, May 22, the seniors last day.
- Symphonic band will perform a pre-commencement concert at 7 pm.
- Band Camp move preparations have begun. Moving trucks are scheduled to bring instruments and equipment to Central School. The band trailer will move drum major equipment there.
- There will be no fees to take school instruments home for the summer to use for practice.
- If instruments need repairs, they will be sent to Herter Music.
- Parents who are approved drivers (Level 2 volunteer) are needed to shuttle athletes from practice to band camp.
- The bi-annual band trip to Disney World will be next spring break (2020). The cost will be approximately \$1,300 per student for a quad room. A day will be added for Universal Studios.

b. Choir – Gardner-Northrop

- It has been a very good first year at MPS.
- The Spring Concert was the best he's ever been a part of.

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- Both Chorus and Chamber choirs went to State Festival last week. Both received scores of 88. All judges were from out-of-state. Someone from Carnegie Hall got in touch with Adam and invited the choirs to sing in New York City.
- Adam plans to take the choir on a trip in the future. Will coordinate with Steve to travel on alternate years with the band trip.
- Auditions for Chamber Singers will be within the next two weeks.
- They will perform at commencement.
- This is the first year Adam has had a booster club and volunteers supporting him. He is very appreciative. He understands better how we work and will make more use of the Booster Club next year.

6) Adjourn – Hales

Michael adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Next meeting: September 20, 2019, 6:00 pm

(unless another time is decided by the new board).

Submitted: Karen Rhee