

Dunlap High School Music and Theater Boosters

April 11th, 2023 – 7PM – Via Zoom Online

1. Ken Erdman called the meeting to order at 7:04pm
2. In attendance:
 - Officers – Ken Erdman and Geoff Kammerer
 - Board Chairs – Jenny Carmean, Amy Bloms, Jenni Paustian, Sarah Kammerer
 - Directors – Jason Shea, Willis Barber
 - Other Attendees – Amy Benecke McLaren, Suzi LauterbachIn the absence of Secretary Angie Mitchell, Ken is scribing minutes.
3. Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary Report – was reviewed, approval motion by Sarah, second by Jenny, approved.
 - b. Financial Report
 - i. Geoff review the monthly balance sheet. It appears our budgeting of both income and expenses was almost “spot-on”.
 - ii. Geoff presented a proposal to invest a portion of our savings (currently banked at 0.05% interest) into laddered CDs – 3mo and 8mo at 3% and 4%, respectively. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be prudent for Geoff to do so, allowing sufficient funds to remain accessible to manage upcoming expenses.
 - c. Vice-President – no report
 - d. President
 - i. Ken reminded the group of upcoming election of officers, and that he and Julie Dorothy have announced their intentions to not return to office next year. Elections are scheduled for the next regular meeting.
4. Director and Standing Reports
 - a. Band – Spring concert was cancelled due to Tessa Sutton visitation, and will not be rescheduled. Florida trip was good – the clinics/recording sessions were an excellent experience. All will participate in “Art in the Parking Lot” on May 4th, located at Dunlap Valley Middle School. Mr. Shea is expecting this to be a much more pleasant experience for participants and attendees vs. traveling to downtown Peoria.
 - b. Orchestra – Nothing additional to report
 - c. Theater – Nothing to report
 - d. Chorus – In addition to “Art in the Parking Lot”, the choirs held their concert on March 21st. The link to a video of the concert was sent to choir families, and is available by request.
 - e. Public Relations – Nothing of note to report
 - f. Fundraising & Special Events
 - a. Trivia Night – 18 teams participated – very well attended and received, thanks to numerous teams signing up at the last minute
 - b. Fine Arts Night – Friday, April 21st – Jenni Paustian will coordinate, and create a Signup Genius for donations.
5. Old Business - None

6. New Business – Chorus has several events upcoming, in addition to the “Art in the Parking Lot”. The Master Chorale will be participating in the John Davis Festival at Bradley Univ on April 13th. On April 14th, the Show Choir/JAZZ and Women’s Chorale will attend the IHSA Organizational Contest in Normal.

Mr. Barber presented the need for the school to replace the current spotlights, both of which have either reached or are approaching end of life. As a group, the Boosters believe the spotlights to be equipment core to the operation of the school, and should be part of the district’s operational budget. While it would be desirable to have both operational for Fine Arts Night, it is unlikely either the district or the Boosters could obtain such equipment in such a short timeframe. Mr. Barber will address the issue with Principal Cazelet.

7. Adjourn at 8:04pm – Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday May 2nd – 7pm via Zoom – including Election of Officers for 2023-2024

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Erdman, President
acting in Secretary’s absence