

# Dunlap Music Booster Meeting

## Minutes of September 6, 2011 Meeting

### An attendance sheet

was signed by those in attendance, which is filed with the Secretary's Minutes file. Officers in attendance: President Ronda Mathewson, Secretary Pam Streitmatter, and Treasurer Bruce Hoerr. Staff present: Jill Potts.

### The meeting was called to order

by President Ronda M. at 7:03 p.m. in the Town Center.

### The minutes of previous meeting

(May 2, 2011) were reviewed. A motion made to approve by Michelle Unser and seconded by Lila Schmidt. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

: Bruce presented a written report showing a balance of \$21,267.42  
He noted that last year (in comparison) there was a few thousand more but there was also funds designated for the band trip. Since there was no activity in July, no report. He noted there was approximately \$130 in Script fundraising, which was discussed by those present. A motion was made by Tina V. and seconded by Mary H to move these funds into the general Music Booster Fund at this time. All in favor, motion carried. Motion made to approve the treasurer's report by Lila S. and seconded by Lori F. Motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Booster Wear

: Jeanette Krock was not present, but it was reported that she is waiting to turn in checks, and final date is this coming week. No statistics were available.

### Public Relations

: Laurie Levitt asked for input as to best complete her position.

### Fundraising

: Ronda reported we still need a Script Coordinator, and there was much discussion on the need to keep this fundraiser ongoing. A search for a coordinator is ongoing. Ronda reported that we only have half a dozen memory sticks left, and she intends to give them to the Band Directors for prizes at the retreat. Holiday Greens and Butter Braids will come later. Teri Fordyce reported an upcoming fundraiser at Dairy Queen; she aims to do restaurants every other month.

### Paper Goods

: Pam Streitmatter reported she provided paper goods for the band retreat out of current supply.

### Fine Arts Night

: A coordinator is still needed for this event.

### Jazz Band Retreat

- This is a winter event; see notes on Jill Potts' report on the November 5<sup>th</sup> Jazz Festival.

### Uniforms:

Everything is going well and volunteers are being trained.

### Color Guard

: Karen DeHeer reported that flag volunteers do not set out flags this year; they simply pick them up after the show (for clarification).

### Chaperones

: Pam Streitmatter reported that the new system for volunteers (VolunteerSpot online) is working beautifully in obtaining new volunteers - many new chaperones to train! It has also generated extra volunteers, so she has released some volunteers if they have other commitments. Buses are taking on up to 6 adults as well. There are some complications due to new bigger buses. Pam has communicated with the transportation department and some lead drivers to request that the two bigger buses be situated (parked) up front for the larger designated groups (#1 and #2). Last week, 3 smaller buses were sent, so Bus #2 was a little squished, but we made it. It is imperative that parents send a WRITTEN note releasing any students to anyone other than parents (to stay within district transportation policy). Pam asked for patience and understanding from parents, students, and volunteers as we work thru these changes. Lastly, there is some confusion on behalf of all involved as to departure times. In the past, for example, "Meet at DHS at noon" meant "meet to gather supplies and board buses but leave at 12:30". So far this season, it's meant "Meet at DHS at noon to LEAVE at noon." Better communication will improve this for all.

### Trailer Crew & Pit Crew

: Kevin Curtin reported for himself and Brian Jensen that he agrees with Pam's statements about new volunteers. It's GREAT, but we need regular volunteers who learn the routine to keep things flowing smoothly. Please Contact Kevin if you'd like to be a regular on his "team." Refer to New Business regarding need for air compressor.

### Beverages:

Tina Vandermyde also agreed with the same sentiments about Volunteer Spot; please be understanding if excess drinks are provided. If your drinks are returned unused, please store the drinks for a later event--they WILL be needed later!

### Band Signs

: No report.

### U of I Competition

: It is possible we won't be serving breakfast again, but the Rolfings need to request funding from Dunlap District to cover lunch sandwiches (or request that Potts/Shea do so) now (as the event is not far away). Marjean Moser is heading up "scary" decorations and appreciates any donations!

### Senior Dinner

: No report.

## **New Business**

### Band Retreat

: Lila Schmick, Yvonne Verheyen, and Lori France are heading up lunch and prizes for band retreat. Food donations have been richly forthcoming! Paper supplies provided by Booster supply.

### Yard Signs

: Sue Lock is heading up the purchase of promotional yard signs. She distributed a flyer, and orders will be collected very soon. Turnover at Fast Sign is quick (few days). Cost is between \$11 and \$15, and will be sold at \$20 for some Booster profit. Thank you, Sue, for leading this up!

### Air Compressor

: Kevin Curtin discussed the need for an air compressor as ongoing maintenance. A motion was made to approve purchase of an air compressor up to \$350 by Chris Mathewson, seconded by Michelle Unser; Motion carried.

## **Director's Report:**

Jason Shea, Eddie Urish, and Jen Reece were absent; but Jill Potts had a report:

IMEA Jazz Festival is an event we host every 2-3 years. It is our responsibility to provide concessions for kitchen. Jill felt we should "hire" one staff from kitchen so that we may utilize the kitchen (to expand into 3 concession stands). There is a prior event where jazz students try out to be in this festival; the day is spent in practice all day with an evening concert. At 11, we can expect 100 students, at 11:30, 150. At 11:45, 20, at 12: 25, and at 12:50, 20 more. There are also parents and teachers, although Boosters is to provide a "Director's Lounge" with sandwiches, fruit, etc, and if we save the receipts, the IMEA Jazz Festival Committee will reimburse us for the cost of this room. Pam Streitmatter volunteered to co-chair this event; will a jazz parent please step up to help coordinate? We will also need parents working in shifts to man the concession stands.

The BOA (Bands of America) trip to St. Louis will be a tiring one; there is a home game the night before and our assigned time is around 7 a.m, creating the need for a 3 a.m. departure time! Some discussion was held regarding a possible lock-in (sleepover) between the game and BOA departure; parents disagreed on the need for this. What most agreed was the need for a charter bus for comfort, possibly even a chance to sleep in transit. Jill felt 2 buses would accommodate the varsity band and volunteers. Most likely, both band trailers may be needed for all uniforms and field show equipment/larger instruments although there would be storage underneath the buses (and no luggage). Tina Vandermyde is heading up research into the charter buses - cost is estimated between \$25 and \$30 per student. The Booster would like to ask \$25 from the parents of each varsity student to assist in covering the need for these buses. Also note Dunlap school buses (which will be used if charter buses are not obtained) do NOT allow for ANY food or drink (due to new allergy policy). Discussion was held regarding providing breakfast and/or travel-home snack. Lunch and dinner will be purchased by students in St. Louis or at the stadium (Edwards-Jones Dome). Estimated return time is 10 p.m. It would likely cost \$3,000 for 2 buses. This is October 15, 2011.

This coming Monday is Mid-Illini, an informal showing (sharing) of local bands of a portion of their show at 7 p.m. in Pekin. There is still Tuesday practice, but no Thursday yet.

WMBD will be airing Dunlap's band on Thursday as part of their sports segment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be the first Monday in October 3, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Streitmatter, Booster Secretary

Coming up.....

September 10 Band Retreat, 9-5, Dunlap High School

September 12 Mid-Illini Festival, Pekin

September 13 Band Rehearsal

September 16 Home Football Game

September 17 Band Competition, Washington, IL 5-10 p.m.

September 20 Band Rehearsal

September 22 Band Rehearsal

September 24 Band Competition, Geneseo, IL 5-10 p.m.

September 26 Home Football Game, Cadet Band

September 27 Band Rehearsal

September 30 HOMECOMING! (Parade and field show during football game) 4-9 p.m.

October 1 IMEA Auditions, Geneseo 7 a.m. -

October 3 Booster Meeting 7 p.m.

October 4 Band Rehearsal 7-9

October 6 Band Rehearsal 7-9

October 8 Metamora Parade/Field, both Cadet & Varsity (all day/night)

October 10 Home Football Game, Cadets 5:30--7:30

October 13 DHS & DMS Fall Concert, DHS 1:45 and 7 p.m. (Choral)

October 15 BOA Regional, St. Louis

October 22 U of I Competition, Urbana, IL

October 29 Western IL Univ Field Show (afternoon/evening)

November 7 Booster Meeting 7 p.m.

December 5 Booster Meeting 7 p.m.

December 8 DHS Winter Choral Concert, 7 p.m.