

# Dunlap Music Booster Meeting

## Minutes of September 18, 2012 Meeting

### An attendance sheet

was signed by those in attendance, which is filed with the Secretary's Minutes file. Officers in attendance: Past-President Ronda Mathewson, Past-Secretary Pam Streitmatter, Treasurers Krista and Bruce Hoerr, as well as to-be-elected Co-Presidents Sheri Byrne and DeAnna Hutton. Mrs. Potts was present.

The meeting was called to order by Past-President Ronda M. at 7:05 p.m. in the library, and the first order of business was a motion by Chris Matthewson to approve the new slate of officers for the 2012/13 school year (which includes Hoerrs continuing on as Treasurers). The new Secretary, Dianne Gootee, was unable to be present, so Pam Streitmatter took minutes for the first meeting of the new year. Thank you to all past officers and committee chairs, and WELCOME to the new officers/chairs!

The minutes of previous meeting (May 1, 2012) were reviewed. A motion was made to approve minutes by Michelle Unser. Motion seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report Krista & Bruce Hoerr gave two financial reports, one for the end of last financial year (June 30<sup>th</sup>), as well as one for September 18<sup>th</sup>, which reflects some recent expenditures. Balances of \$37,712.98 and \$39,772.91 respectfully. They noted that \$16,000 is trip account money in a checking account which will soon be transferred to a trip account. The Hoerr's will be keeping track of individual student trip accounts for this upcoming chorus trip (2013). A motion was made by Lori France to approve the treasurer's report; motion seconded and passed

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising : Ronda introduced Robin Simpson who has taken over the Restaurant Fundraising. Robin reported she has set up a fundraiser thru Knuckle's Pizza for the first or second week of October. This is located near Lake of the Woods.

Ronda reported for Jeanette Krock that the second order of SpiritWear should arrive this week, and the third order will arrive in a week or so. Many thanks to Jeanette!

## New Business:

U of I - Our performance time is 7 p.m. Lunch will be served at the high school, and dinner at U of I. Parents, be on the lookout for volunteer sign-ups for food and servers for these events! Also, Marjean Moser invites anyone who can come decorate the Thursday before to come join the fun!

IMEA Jazz Event Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event is a fundraiser for Boosters, and needs a chair. The Hoerr's are willing to co-chair! Contact Sheri if interested. It's a one-day event that runs approximately 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. (with high and low times) and involves a "hospitality room" where other band directors and judges can eat for free. Grade school, middle school, and high school students are involved.

Theatre: In Robin's absence, Ronda reported that the fall play is "The Importance of Being Earnest" on October 11-12. There will be a musical "All Shook Up" on January 18-20 and another play TBA March 13-14. She will be emailing a list of needed props for any parents/friends willing to share!

Choir Trip: In Jen Reece's absence, Sheri reported with a 3-page report from Reece regarding recent activity of choral department and future plans. Of utmost priority is her need for parents to head up some fundraising efforts for the Colorado trip. Coming up is a Bergners fundraiser (Sheri has volunteered), a Greens fundraiser (also taken) but open are Cheesecake sales and other possibilities.

#### St Louis BOA:

This event is on October 12-13, 2012, with Dunlap scheduled for Friday morning. Mrs. Potts has requested charter buses and overnight accommodations in order to stay over on Saturday to observe other bands. There is no football game the night before (although there is a band practice on the schedule). Mrs. Potts feels observing other bands will inspire the students. There followed much discussion regarding how or if the Music Boosters should sponsor these requests. Main considerations being:

-Are students really interested in 2 full days of observing? If so, what percentage?

-The cost of charter buses was questioned highly, since so many students complained of discomfort on charter buses on previous trips. It appears most students feel they could sleep better on a school bus, and school buses are free!

-Advocates of charter buses touted the ease of a bus potty; others felt the one potty stop mid-way was worth stretching limbs as well, and sewer smells of buses can be offensive.

- Some parents simply did not wish for their students to participate two days; others knew there would be conflicting sports events on Saturday - was there any way to transport some students home? Mrs. Potts reported this was not possible--a staff member would need to accompany students and all staff planned to stay.

In the end, there was no agreement except that the majority felt Ms. Potts should choose between charter buses or overnight accommodations. The cost of all meals would be on parents', and also the cost of a fraction of hotel room (with 4-to-a-room) if a hotel is available. Ms. Potts asserted that the hotel must be on Illinois ground, so there must be some travel time in order to pass East St. Louis. Lastly, a motion was made by Sue Lock to approve spending up to \$2,000 on the option that students choose, with parents paying a portion of hotel costs and band directors contributing a minimum of \$1,000 from their own budget. Motion seconded and carried.

**Director's Report:** No directors were present at this time for a report (see prior sections).

The next meeting of the Music Boosters will be October 16<sup>th</sup>, then November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>, all Tuesdays. President Sheri adjourned the meeting by 8:20 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Streitmatter, Past Booster Secretary (for Dianne Gootee, Secretary)