

## Dunlap Music Boosters Meeting

### Minutes for April 12, 2016

**Attendance:** Officers present included: President Nathan Ruby, Vice President Charles Webber, Secretary Dianne Gootee, and Treasurer Krista Hoerr. Directors Jason Shea and Robin Hunt were present. Others in attendance included: Lisa Lewis, Michelle Gross, Susan Colombo, Sandy DeSalvio, Frandy Raso, Linda Smith, Kris Anderson, Brian Jensen, Leah Crosman, and Dianne Klumpe.

**Call to Order:** The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Nathan Ruby at 7:04 pm in the Choir room.

**Secretary's Report:** The meeting minutes from March were not presented in time to be approved so they will be reviewed for approval at the April meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

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| Beginning Balance      | \$ 8,659.89  |
| Receipts               | 15,951.60    |
| Expenses               | (10,701.03)  |
| Ending Balance 4/12/16 | \$ 13,910.46 |

Krista said that income from two concerts and the Butter Braids fundraiser came in so the student trip accounts were credited for the funds raised. The Butter Braids raised \$593.00 in net profit which was down \$400.00 from what was budgeted. The first installment was made on the piano fundraiser plaque. Jen has asked for the first down payment on the trip by May 1.

It was asked what the carryover in funds has been historically at the end of the school year and Krista said at least \$1,000 to \$3,000. Our fiscal year is July 1 – June 30.

#### **Directors' Reports:**

Robin Hunt (Theatre): Both our contest play and group interp qualified for state and the kids performed really well. They finished in the Top 10 in the state of Illinois. "Annie Junior" began on Monday and over 50 kids have applied to participate. Robin submitted all of her costs from the state performance to the school.

Jill Potts and Jason Shea (Band): The band and orchestra concert went well and the kids played very high level pieces. The IHSA contest is on Friday and Saturday is the

Women's and Show Choir contests. The orchestra placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state at IHSA and they did receive a plaque. Courthouse performances are as follows: April 27 for the show choir and jazz band and everyone else on May 6.

The jazz band is performing at the Central Illinois Jazz Society at Landmark at 6:00 pm on Sunday, April 17. They will be sharing the performance with Western Illinois University.

### **Other Committees:**

Senior Dinner: Dianne Gootee requested extra funds for the Senior Dinner prior to the Music Awards Night. Lisa Lewis moved to allocate up to an extra \$150.00 on the Senior Dinner. The motion passed. Paper products can be obtained from Frandy Raso and candy from Jason for the event.

### **Special Committees:**

By-Law Committee – Krista Hoerr said that her committee has met several times to come up with these proposed new bylaws and copies were distributed to all present. Nathan Ruby said that they are ready to be sent out to the general membership. Bylaws are changeable and not set in stone but they are not easy to change though so we'd like to get take our time and them right now.

The main changes, per Krista are: consolidating some committees and creating four liaison positions to organize smaller committee positions. Lisa Lewis suggested changing the Jazz Band Festival Chair duties to say that this position "assists" the director in planning. The question was brought up if the Secretary mails copies of the minutes to the Superintendent. The minutes are posted on Music Boosters website but Dianne said that she doesn't currently email copies to her. This is a requirement per the bylaws. General membership members are not allowed to vote issues except for the election of the Executive Board and amendments to the bylaws. Dianne Klumpe asked why not extend voting to the general members? Nathan Ruby said that attaining quorum is an issue in these circumstances and we don't want loading of the room for different votes. Leah Crosman said that she takes exception to this as parents can volunteer but are not allowed to have a say. But everyone can come and voice their opinions but the Executive Board does the final voting. Jason Shea said that the Prairie Wind Ensemble has a "Member at Large" representative because they deserve a vote on the issues. Most of our Music Boosters operations is funding for different events or items.

Nathan Ruby wanted to throw out for discussion Article III – Section 1 and asked if other booster organizations have these type of requirements. The term "interested residents" was discussed and parents that have a break in their children's school years were used

as an example. They can participate as general members but what about being an officer? What would the chances be that they could be elected? As an example, Charles Webber is going to run for President next year but he will not have a child in high school. Dianne Klumpe asked what kind of liability there might be if just anyone wants to be a part of Music Boosters and be an officer? The greater question is who do we really want to have as our officers?

Brian Jensen brought up Article IV – Section II and asked if we could use commas in this section instead of slashes. These items should be listed separately. Krista will make changes and get them to Brian in the next few days. Nathan will create a letter and send the bylaws out to all of our membership in the next few days. The plan is to vote on the bylaws in May at our meeting.

Strategic Planning – Charles Webber said there is no report.

Fundraising: Dianne Klumpe presented a new fundraising proposal. The feedback that she has gained was that our membership has fundraising fatigue. We need to create an easier revenue stream for Music Boosters and the membership wants to move away from selling “stuff” to alternate fundraising activities. See the attached recommendations.

Sandy DeSalvio is stepping down from chairing the Holiday Greens fundraiser since they are moving. We need a chair for this event but Julie Henley has volunteered to be the assistant.

Dianne Klumpe wants roll out three new fundraising programs:

- 1) Tiered MB membership (actually called sponsorship) with a form to go in the registration packets
- 2) Kroger Community Rewards program – Susan Colombo has volunteered to coordinate this program and she passed out a sheet with directions to sign up using Kroger cards.
- 3) Schwan’s Cares program - There is no money to collect, all fundraising is done online, delivery is nationwide. Dianne proposes to make this the major trip fundraiser but also do this every year. We would like to offer this to middle school students also to earn money for trips early. We could also allow funds to be transferred to siblings.

We do not want to steal fundraiser from other Dunlap schools so we’ll be conscientious of this. The plan is to implement these fundraising ideas over the next two years.

There will also be a new funding request form that has more structure in asking for money.

**New Business/Unfinished Business:**

Nathan Ruby presented a slate of officers for voting to be held at next month's meeting. We'll also be voting on the bylaws.

There is no unfinished business.

The next Music Boosters meetings will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Our meeting was adjourned by President Nathan Ruby at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne Gootee  
Secretary