

## Dunlap Music Boosters Meeting

### Minutes for December 1, 2015

**Attendance:** Officers present included: President Nathan Ruby, Vice President Charles Webber, Secretary Dianne Gootee, and Treasurer Krista Hoerr. Directors Jill Potts, Jason Shea, and Robin Hunt were present. Others in attendance included: Theresa Holshouser, Phil Raso, Ken Erdman, Brenda McFadden, Leah Crosman, Kris Anderson, Teri Boedecker, Lisa Lewis, Linda Smith, Dianne Klumpe, Bruce Hoerr, and Frandy Raso.

**Call to Order:** The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Nathan Ruby at 7:00 pm in the DHS Town Center. Nathan led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Secretary's Report:** The meeting minutes from November were presented and could also be viewed online. There was one correction under the Fundraising committee report on the last page in the last sentence. "Dianne Klumpe is going to ask Lisa Lewis to put out a volunteer request." Nathan asked if there were any other corrections and since there were no objections, the minutes were approved as corrected and listed on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Krista Hoerr provided the latest financial statements. See attached individual reports:

Beginning Balance	\$ 8,689.76
Receipts	23,420.84
Expenses	( <u>2,200.35</u> )
Ending Balance 12/1/15	\$ 29,910.25

Krista said that all money has come in from the greenery fundraiser (approx. \$7,600), but the bill has not arrived yet. All money from the key campaign went into our savings account. Related expenses will come in over the next few months. The audit was completed and the information turned in.

The monthly financial report was accepted.

**Directors' Reports:** Robin Hunt (Theatre): "Mary Poppins" is rolling along and the performances are January 22-24. "Tea with Mary" is January 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please tell everyone you know. We are one scene away from having it all rehearsed.

Someone brought up that there are band and chorus concerts coming up and we should consider selling tickets at these events. Robin said she would prefer not to sell tickets at the concerts.

Jen Reece (Choir): Linda Smith presented in Jen Reece's absence: All keys were sold in the key campaign and the dinner was a success. The net profit so far is \$14,476.00 but there is one more outstanding expense of the placque. We are still about \$2,000 short in order to get the piano back. The estimated date of return is by the spring concert. Jen does not have a plan yet for coming up with the monetary difference.

The choir concert is next Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

IMEA went well as seven kids made it to All-State.

Jill Potts and Jason Shea (Band): IMEA was a huge success this year. 18 students were selected to go onto state which is the highest number ever!

The Band Concert is next Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm. After that we are in full theatre mode while also having two pep band performances prior to Christmas break (on December 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>). The brass ensemble will be performing on Sunday for the tree lighting at Dunlap Baptist Church and also later at Running Central.

Krista Hoerr said that she needs an assistant to help take money at the band and choir concerts next week. Lisa Lewis asked to have a list of all students that made it to All-State.

### **Committee Reports:**

Fundraising: Since the last meeting, Dianne Klumpe has heard back from Panera and our fundraising evening there raised \$327.59 and they will be sending a check. She is checking with Old Chicago who has asked for written documentation about the Music Boosters. They do not seem too excited to host a fundraiser. She is trying to set up an evening with Avanti's and she will also talk to Olivers Pizza.

Greens: Sandy DeSalvio thinks our profit may be approximately \$3,000. Anyone can still stop by her home tonight to pick up greenery.

### **Special Committees:**

By-Law Committee – Krista Hoerr said that she is not getting a response from two members of the committee. She will also send the information to the directors.

Strategic Planning – Charles Webber has received two names of individuals interested in being on the committee. Karen DeHeer has also volunteered.

## **New Business/Unfinished Business:**

There is no new business.

Unfinished Business – Jill Potts has requested that the band be reimbursed in the amount of \$1,650 which is half of the total (\$3,300) amount it cost to hire charter coaches to attend the band competition at SIU. It would have cost the band \$2,400 to take school buses to SIU. Terri Boedecker moved that we discuss this expenditure. Charles Webber said that he doesn't understand why the music boosters is being asked to pay the cost if the school does not pay for the buses. Jill said that the football team took charter buses to a game in Champaign. Charles thinks we do not need to take charter buses to events when school buses can be used. If we have to compete against schools that are over 100 miles then the school should cover those costs.

Music boosters raises money for items that the school will not pay for. Charles said that our money should not be spent on luxury buses to transport kids. Our money is better spent on other things. We should be spending our money on investments and awards like lights for the theatre, not items that are transient.

Robin Hunt said that sometimes, as directors, we make the best choices for your children. As an example, last year the theatre students spent the night in Charleston before the performance so that the students were well rested to perform early the next morning. It was an investment in our kids' performance. We always have the students' best interest in mind when we make planning decisions.

It was asked why the funds request was just being made, so long after the competition. Lisa Lewis said that she suggested to Jill and Jason at the time of planning, they wait until the end of band season to make the funds request.

Nathan asked if there were any large expenses coming up. There will be some IMEA expenses soon and Jason will figure them out tomorrow.

Robin said that we have not had t-shirts made from the music boosters for honors band/chorus students in a long time.

Nathan said that he believes in the "experience" of being in the band, choir, and theatre and giving the students opportunities to do fun things. Sometimes this adds additional costs. Charles Webber's new committee (Strategic Planning) will be defining what the music boosters supports.

Phil Raso wanted clarification that if teams make it to "State", then the district pays for buses, etc. but not for other events.

Nathan reminded everyone that officers and committee chairs were to be the ones voting on the motion to spend \$1,650 on bus expenses to travel to SIU. The motion passed.

Other unfinished business: The band's ice cream social budget amount is \$200. It was determined that the budget number was not reasonable. The cost last year was \$480 and the year prior was \$390. This year 285 people were served at the ice cream social even though we were charged for 250 (the number we RSVP'ed). The actual cost was \$587. The ice cream social is a really nice end of season event to thank parents and volunteers of the marching band. Barrack's Cater Inn caters this event. Yes, we went over the budget by quite a bit but we'll try to lower the expense next year. We also need to increase the amount budgeted per Lisa Lewis.

The next Music Boosters meeting will be held on January 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm. This is the second Tuesday of January. Our meeting was adjourned by President Nathan Ruby at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne Gootee  
Secretary