

Dunlap Music Boosters Meeting

Minutes for February 9, 2016

Attendance: Officers present included: President Nathan Ruby, Vice President Charles Webber, Secretary Dianne Gootee, and Treasurer Krista Hoerr. Directors Jen Reece and Jason Shea were present. Others in attendance included: Lisa Lewis and Dianne Klumpe.

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Nathan Ruby at 7:06 pm in the DHS Town Center. Dianne Gootee led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report: The meeting minutes from January were presented and could also be viewed online. Nathan asked if there were any corrections and since there were no objections, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: There were no receipts or expenses in the past month.

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 25,671.37 |
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| Receipts | |
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| Expenses | |
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| Ending Balance 2/9/16 | \$ 25,671.37 |
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Jason said that he has revenue from the Jazz Festival in the safe. We also reviewed last month's financial statements. The net profit from the Greenery fundraiser was \$3,400. Krista asked if we have received a check from the fundraiser at Panera. Dianne Klumpe will call Panera to double check as we should be receiving approximately \$327.00.

Directors' Reports:

Robin Hunt (Theatre): Robin's report was presented by Nathan Ruby. Thank you to everyone for a great run of "Mary Poppins". The musical exceeded last year's revenues due to the "Tea with Mary" fundraising event and pre-show sales alone. Over 800 seats were sold per show.

Jen Reece (Choir): Jen asked if show choir could have access to the Music Boosters paper products, which was approved. The show choir lock-in is this weekend beginning Friday at 4 pm until Saturday at 4 pm.

Emails went out about the choir trip and included a very tentative itinerary which was also posted on the Eagle Music website. Notice also went out to the 8th graders. It has been reviewed by Mr. Welch.

Butter Braids fundraising information will go out on February 27 or 29. Sales will be held for two weeks and all products will be delivered before Easter. 8th graders will also have the opportunity to sell Butter Braids. Jen will get a list of all chorus students to Krista in order to credit their accounts with the related sales for the trip.

The master chorale attended the Mid-Illini concert last evening and the kids did a great job. Two schools did not show and Jen has made a formal complaint to our AD stating that the conference must have the full support of all the schools.

The choirs went to a clinic on Friday with Dr. Jost at Bradley. We worked on pieces, watched Bradley rehearse, and also saw Alex Scranton.

Jen is working on the piano plaque with Jason. She emailed all donors to confirm names for the plaque. It will hang in the entry. We should have a quote soon.

We have a request that the Music Boosters sponsor a day at the Spring Celebration at Art in Education (Art in the Park). Sponsoring one stage costs \$250 and two stages cost \$500. Beth Crider Derry donated \$500 to cover our day on May 6th. Dianne Klumpe motioned to spend \$250.00 to sponsor one stage on the other day that DHS is performing. The motion passed.

Jen looked into purchasing a new piano bench and Kris Stewart recommended getting a duet bench so two people can play at one time. Jantzen benches cost as follows: an adjustable bench is \$675 and a duet bench is \$908. She has looked on Ebay and found a new Fredrick duet bench for \$369 plus shipping. It was asked what the total cost of the piano was and how much is needed to pay the remaining balance:

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| Cost of piano repair | \$23,975 |
| Initial deposit | (8,000) |
| Amount raised | (14,500) |
| Cost to deliver | 850 |
| New bench | <u>450</u> |
| Remaining balance due | \$2,775 + money for the plaque |

Krista motioned that we spend up to \$5,000 from the Music Boosters funds to cover the balance remaining on the piano. She also said that expected upcoming revenue for the year should include Butter Braid, Jazz Festival, and Panera income. The motion passed. It was suggested that we could have a basket raffle at Fine Arts Night to raise additional funds to cover the extra costs.

Jill Potts and Jason Shea (Band): DHS hosted the Mid-Illini Jazz Festival and we had 9 additional bands in attendance. Jason feels that it was because the festival was held in one day instead of two days as in the past. The gate proceeds were \$1,000 but he was not sure of the outcome in the concessions area.

Special Committees:

By-Law Committee – Krista Hoerr said she is working on it.

Strategic Planning – Charles Webber sent out a mission statement to his committee as a starting point. The committee is trying to meet on Thursday evening. He is going to ask for Krista's help, as treasurer, in order to plan for future spending. He voiced the idea that maybe we need to have two separate committees.

Fundraising: Dianne Klumpe said that Nikki, Biz, and herself have been meeting regularly. They are focusing on how to raise more income for Music Boosters. They have worked on the MB sheet that is included in the registration packets (see attached). For a long time we have requested a \$20.00 donation but they are thinking about a tiered sponsorship. The form draft stimulated lots of conversation. Charles Webber suggested talking to Robin about providing theatre tickets. It was suggested adding a \$25.00 level as a straight donation. Dianne will update the front of the form and it must be turned into Carla Passmore before spring break. Dianne will discuss other items at our next meeting but will email out a final draft of the registration sheet.

New Business/Unfinished Business:

Lisa Lewis asked if there were any expenses related to IMEA (ie. Hotel rooms, etc.) but Jason did not know yet.

Nathan Ruby brought up the question of how to handle officers/committee chairs for next year. We need to look at the bylaws but Krista said that a slate is presented in April and elections occur in May.

The next Music Boosters meeting will be held on March 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm. This is the second Tuesday of March. Our meeting was adjourned by President Nathan Ruby at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne Gootee
Secretary

