

Dunlap Music Boosters Meeting

Minutes for January 12, 2016

Attendance: Officers present included: President Nathan Ruby, Vice President Charles Webber, and Secretary Dianne Gootee. Directors Jen Reece and Robin Hunt were present. Others in attendance included: Leah Crosman, Lisa Lewis, Linda Smith, Dianne Klumpe, Brenda McFadden, Sandy DeSalvio, Clelia Palmer, and Michelle Gross.

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Nathan Ruby at 7:01 pm in the DHS Town Center. Lisa Lewis led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report: The meeting minutes from December 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: Nathan Ruby presented the latest financial statements as provided by Krista Hoerr. See attached individual reports:

Beginning Balance	\$ 29,910.24
Receipts	2,277.13
Expenses	(<u>6,516.00</u>)
Ending Balance 1/12/16	\$ 25,671.37

Nathan said that the report will be discussed next month.

Directors' Reports:

Robin Hunt (Theatre): "Mary Poppins" is opening a week from this Friday (January 22). We had a great time at the "Tea with Mary" fundraising event which will help offset the cost of the "magic" in the show. There were 100 in attendance. There remains lots of painting to be done on the set.

Jen Reece (Choir): At the end of January we will be taking the kids to All State. The Mid-Illini Chorus Concert is February 8 in Morton. February 12-13 is the Show Choir lock-in. A piano update: the tuner is visiting the piano and Jen should get more feedback from her, but the projected return date is in March, prior to the spring concert on March 24. Jen has \$15,000 from the fundraiser but needs another \$1,000 to 2,000 depending on whether we will be also purchasing a bench. Charles Webber mentioned

that he hasn't talked with Jen yet but he'll be asking for additional funds to build a piano cover to protect the piano. The cover must be moveable and have electricity. This may be Noah's Eagle Scout project, but either way, Charles will still see that it is constructed. Jen is not certain of the piano's storage location, but it must be protected by a cover. The piano has giant wheels and is on a dolly.

Jill Potts and Jason Shea (Band): Nathan is presenting on behalf of the directors. The band calendar is on the website and includes pep band dates. Lisa Lewis asked about the Jazz Band Festival details. It is February 5-6. Clelia Palmer volunteered to chair the hospitality room and asked some organizational questions. She is to contact Jill Potts for further details.

Committee Reports:

Greenery – Sandy DeSalvio said that the net profit from this fundraiser is approximately \$3,384 and she believes this is a record year.

Special Committees:

By-Law Committee – This is to be discussed in February.

Strategic Planning – Charles Webber has four members for the committee and they are trying to get a meeting on the calendar. Items to be discussed are:

- 1) The mission statement.
- 2) How to spend the money that the Music Boosters raises.

Charles wants reports from the directors so the committee can possibly present ideas at the March Music Boosters meeting. Lisa Lewis brought up having a little fund of money that each director can use at their discretion and not have to seek Music Boosters approval. Charles said that our purpose is to support the directors but they can ask for specific funding needs. Jen said that each year is different and she doesn't need the same things, so making funds requests would be appropriate.

Fundraising: Dianne Klumpe talked with Greg Crider last semester about working concessions for basketball games but has found out that the teams are working their own games. It may be possible to work at baseball or softball games as this is an unmet need. It would be better to work a double header to maximize the profits from our efforts. Dianne is talking to Oliver's, Avanti's, and DQ at Grand Prairie. She will let us know dates as soon as these opportunities are set. Kroger has a new program for a community rewards fundraiser. This would be a no-brainer as it's an easy way to make money. Individuals shop at Kroger, swipe their Kroger card, and the store will rebate a percentage to our organization. Target also offers this. Dianne is looking for a parent to lead this fundraising idea. There is a committee meeting on February 18 and Niki Cole

(has a fundraising background) and Biz Middleton are on the committee. They plan to tackle one topic each meeting. Registration packets are being prepared soon and the committee will explore new ideas for the Music Boosters form, ie. can we ask for more donations, maybe we could have a tiered membership with different benefits, etc. The packet goes home at the end of April.

Jen asked who is in charge of the Butter Braids and Linda Smith is the committee head. Jen said that we usually deliver butter braids before Easter and it is coming up soon this year as Easter is early. Proceeds of this fundraiser will be earmarked for the choir trip deposit. The choir is going to Asheville, Atlanta, and Savannah in the summer of 2017.

New Business/Unfinished Business:

There is no new business.

Unfinished Business – Nathan asked what the final bill will be for the piano and Jen said she has an estimate, but will ask the tuner how it works and what the total may be.

Nathan said that there is no trailer report but he'll work to get an update for February.

The next Music Boosters meeting will be held on February 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm. This is the second Tuesday of January. Our meeting was adjourned by President Nathan Ruby at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne Gootee
Secretary