

Dunlap Music Boosters Meeting

Minutes for October 6, 2015

Attendance: Officers present included: President Nathan Ruby, Vice President Charles Webber, Secretary Dianne Gootee, and Treasurer Krista Hoerr. Directors Jen Reece and Robin Hunt were present. Others in attendance included: Leah Crosman, Lisa Lewis, Tonya Lang, Theresa Holshouser, Sandy DeSalvio, Michelle Gross, Stacy Brooks, Karrie Wurtzbacher, Maggie Perez, Judy Ingall, Doug Tabor, and Karen DeHeer.

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Nathan Ruby at 7:03 pm in the DHS Town Center. Theresa Holshouser led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Nathan welcomed everyone and presented the new slate of officers. Each officer introduced themselves and gave a brief background.

Secretary's Report: The meeting minutes from September 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 as listed on the website.

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

Beginning Balance	\$	6,864.58
Receipts		1,845.03
Expenses	(<u>1,362.88</u>)
Ending Balance 10/6/15	\$	7,346.73

Krista said that she talked to Terri Boedecker and she has a few more sales of Spiritwear coming in but won't know the profit until year end. Awards expenses were from last school year.

We accepted the monthly financial report. We are to only vote on year end reports going forward.

Directors' Reports:

Robin Hunt (Theatre): Robin introduced herself and said that she has been the Theatre Director for 5 years at Dunlap High School. Last Thursday/Friday evenings was the fall play. It was record setting in attendance and 50 students auditioned for cast and crew. The theatre schedule has one week off then next Monday workshops will begin for the

musical. She is estimating there will be 50-60 students in the cast, 20-30 in the crew, and 30 in the orchestra. So this is a very large show and will be held January 22-24, 2016. We will be hosting a fundraiser entitled "Tea with Mary Poppins" on January 9 which will include a show preview, pictures with some cast, and teach a brief bit of choreography. "Mary Poppins" is an expensive show to run but ticket sales will pay for the show.

We will be attending Theatre Fest at ISU on January 8. It is hosted by the Illinois Theatre Association and rotates between Illinois and ISU. Each school can only take 36 students and Robin opened invitations up to Int'l Thespian Society members first. This is our self-sustaining, honorary theatre society which currently has 39 members. Students must have 10 points to join. Adam Raso attended a state leadership conference and he was selected to be a state officer so he will do a workshop at the upcoming theatre festival.

Jen Reece (Choir): Jen has been the choral director at Dunlap for the past 15 years.

We have just completed IMEA and 53 students were accepted into the finals. We are heading to Augustana on November 14. There is a Jazz festival on November 11 in which 4 students have been accepted. Music Boosters provides the meals that day but don't know the student totals yet. Our fall concert is next week and we'll have two performances on Thursday at 1:45 during the day and one in the evening at 7:00 pm. Avoid the congestion and attend during the day, which is when the students also get to watch the performances. TBA is attending the Youth and Harmony Festival on October 22. This is a good preparation prior to state in April.

The Piano Benefit Concert is on November 21 and we now have a poster that is nearly complete. Jen is introducing a "Key" campaign which has two parts:

- 1) Benefit Concert – Alumni and music staff will perform at a concert. The students will be performing the Rudder Gloria. Tickets are available in advance and there is talk about having a spaghetti dinner prior to the concert. Jen is looking for someone to organize the dinner.
- 2) "Key" Sale – Jen is putting together a plaque and taking pledges to sell keys. She estimates \$7,100 can easily be raised with two prices of \$50 for an outer register key and \$100 for inner keys. Middle C will be auctioned off at the piano benefit.

Jen's goal is to raise \$16,000 to pay off the piano repair bill. It would be great to raise \$18,000 though to cover all the costs including \$850 for piano transportation back to Dunlap. Noah Webber is going to build a storage box as his Eagle Scout project and there may be costs associated with the construction. We currently do have a bench but may want to invest \$1,000 in the future to buy a new one.

“Wicked” is December 12 and all 71 available tickets have been sold. 10 are adults and 60 are kids that will ride on the bus. Jen has reserved a 55 seat bus and a Suburban for the trip.

Theresa Holshouser asked if the District is helping to fund the piano. Jen said that she made a request to have a meeting but they said that there was no money available. It was suggested that if we did serve a meal prior to the concert, maybe the district could cover the cost of the food service. Jen said she would contact Theresa about this idea. The auditorium can seat 800 on the floor and students could sit in the balcony. The commons will accommodate 400 for a possible dinner. It was suggested to serve desserts which would be easier. Stacy Brooks planned a fundraiser at Banner and McAllisters donated Ball Park hot dogs. We will need advance tickets sales in order to plan a dinner.

Jill Potts and Jason Shea (Band): Report provided by Nathan Ruby as the directors were at marching band rehearsal. Dunlap hosted a big band competition on Saturday with 118 adult volunteers, 110 student volunteers and 29 people provided food. We had 11 bands competing and there will be a full report next month.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Dianne Klumpe was not in attendance but last month there was a fundraiser at Panera. There is no revenue total yet but the local staff were very helpful and we had a lot of people attending. She is moving forward on another fundraiser.

Greens: Sandy DeSalvio is working on the paperwork and the order forms should be going out on Friday.

Public Relations: Lisa Lewis said that Volunteer Spot has been very busy lately with so many events happening. A lot of alumni are receiving emails and Lisa is working to correct this. She is also putting together a separate alumni list and theatre list.

Facebook and the website are good sources of information and Lisa is also trying to put “fun” things on Facebook. There is a rolling blog on the website front page. More information is under each music group. Every Monday Lisa updates the site with “Upcoming Events”. She has made a contact with the Dunlap yearbook staff and Lisa can submit photos and information for the yearbook. Lisa will also talk to the DHS staff about getting a Fine Arts link on the main DHS website.

By-Law Update:

Nathan Ruby said the current by-laws are dated from 9/2008 and thus are outdated and do not reflect our current organization. We want to pull together a committee to look into the by-laws. The officers will also meet to discuss the by-laws. Currently only

officers and committee chairs (as listed in the by-laws) are allowed to vote per an attorney. So that means that officers and only the fundraising chair are allowed to vote.

Nathan asked for three volunteers to be a part of the By-Laws committee and Paul Thompson (per Jen Reece), Doug Tabor, and Michelle Gross volunteered.

Fundraising Request:

Jen has requested the Music Boosters to fund lunch for 54 students going to ILMEA. This is already a part of our budget and amounts to \$390.00 (\$8.00 x 54 students).

Old Business/New Business:

Nathan introduced an idea to discuss which evening is the best to hold Music Boosters meetings that create the least disruption to rehearsals and performances. Currently our meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each school year month. Nathan asked for thoughts and ideas: Charles Webber said we need to keep it on Tuesdays since the meetings have been scheduled since last year. Jen Reece brought up the thought of who's more important to be at the meetings, the directors or the parents? Krista said that with her previous experience, attendance has increased since moving the meetings from Mondays to Tuesdays. Lisa Lewis laid out the music calendars for the school year and has a proposal that in January and February we could shift the meetings to the second Tuesdays of the month so they do not conflict with Pep Band. There are no further conflicts in March, April or May for the first Tuesday of each month. Leah Crosman said that it seems that Tuesday are the best evenings and does not matter which one of the month. Tonya said that it seems the band is mainly affected by our regular meetings. But it may be hard to keep track if we keep switching Tuesdays of the month.

Nathan Ruby said that for now, November and December meetings will be held as scheduled. We will look into the second Tuesday for the new year.

New/Old Business:

Tonya Lang asked if there was an update on the trailer situation. Nathan Ruby said not at this point.

The next Music Boosters meeting will be held on November 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Our meeting was adjourned by President Nathan Ruby at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne Gootee
Secretary

