

## **Dunlap Music Boosters Meeting**

### **Minutes for September 1, 2015**

**Attendance:** Officers present included: President Sheri Byrne, Vice President Linda Smith, Secretary Dianne Gootee, and Treasurer Bruce/Krista Hoerr. Directors Jill Potts, Jen Reece, and Robin Hunt were present. Others in attendance included: Leah Crosman, Dianne Klumpe, Charles Webber, Lisa Lewis, Tonya Lang, Bill Boedecker, Teri Boedecker, Kris Anderson, Phil Raso, Frandy Raso, Jeff DeHeer, Karen DeHeer, Doug Tabor, Ken Erdman, Brenda McFadden, Missy Ruby, Nathan Ruby, Ryan Champion, Karina Champion, Theresa Holshouser, Kathy Hoffman, Angi Douglas, Vicki Rooney, Cyndie Kersh, Liesa Dugan, Kathy Kauk, Clelia Palmer, Susan Skinner, Leah Pery, Lou Rohlfing, Susan Colombo, Sandy DeSalvio, and Lori France.

**Call to Order:** The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Sheri Byrne at 7:02 pm in the DHS Town Center. Sheri introduced all officers to those present.

**Secretary's Report:** The meeting minutes from May were presented and could also be viewed online. Charles Webber motioned to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Krista Hoerr provided the latest financial statements (Combined June 30 and September 1 reports. See attached individual reports):

Beginning Balance	\$ 28,893.54
Receipts	4,102.27
Expenses	<u>( 26,131.23)</u>
Ending Balance 9/1/15	\$ 6,864.58

Krista said that check #2312 was requested in cash by the band directors and it was confirmed as distributed to band chaperones for reimbursement of lunch expenses by those chaperones that were present at the meeting. Krista said that \$3,450 was received as donations from approximately 170 families giving an average of \$20.00 each, with the forms included in the student registration packets (as listed on the 9/1 report). The form lists \$20.00 as the suggested amount per family donation. Krista presented the historical financials and there were no questions.

Leah Crosman motioned that we approve the treasurer's report. It was seconded and the motion passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

Sheri Byrne said to let her know if anyone is interested in chairing any open spots for our committees or consider co-chairing as another possibility.

Fundraising: Chair Dianne Klumpe stated that last May she sent out a survey for parent input into Music Boosters fundraising. She received back 25 responses and most parents wanted to get away from selling items, and toward working at events like football games, restaurants, etc. instead. Another major point was that parents requested there not be multiple fundraisers on top of each other. She brought a copy of the complete responses.

Dianne had two topics to present to the Music Boosters as follows:

- 1) Short term fundraising plan
- 2) Long-term fundraising plan

For the short-term, an email went out yesterday proposing that we spread out the fundraisers over the course of the year and providing information and a schedule now so that parents can plan ahead. We want to keep the Holiday Greens and Butter Braids fundraisers. Dianne has sprinkled in four restaurant fundraisers between these large sales. She is currently working with Panera but does not have a firm date. Any comments or suggestions are welcomed.

For future fundraising, Dianne presented a different proposal. After researching the Athletic Boosters model, she suggested that we might think about restructuring our fundraising to be similar. The Athletic Boosters (AB) is set up as its own separate club that does its own fundraising. Underneath the AB, are all individual teams and each team is represented by a parent. Each team is free to do all their own fundraising and the money they raise, stays in the team's budget. Music Boosters (MB) would be an umbrella organization and each discipline could do their own fundraising and the funds they raise would stay within their "club". This could provide more transparency and less confusion. The MB could do restaurant fundraisers to fund our overall organization.

Dianne opened up the discussion for questions and comments and it was stated that our expected revenue for each year is around \$10,000-\$11,000. Have we ever looked for a corporate sponsor to fund our activities? Bruce Hoerr said that our experience has been that there aren't many companies that would sponsor a club with such a large amount but that it was a good idea. Does anyone know of a possible company?

Dianne Klumpe said that half the people that responded to the survey said they would rather just write a check to the MB and not have to fundraise. Krista suggested a tiered sponsorship request and we could advertise in programs. We are budgeting only

\$3,000 this year for fundraising income since this is not a trip year. But we have to be careful since last year we only made \$19.00 on the Holiday Greens fundraiser and we have budgeted net profit to be \$1,000 this year, Krista said.

Charles Webber voiced the following concerns: We cannot compare the MB to the AB because a lot of our students are in all the MB activities. We also do not have a “season” like athletic teams but operate all year round. He also asked how does the AB spend their funds? Dianne Klumpe said that Greg Crider told her that the AB takes requests and funds items that help multiple teams and all of athletics in general, not just one team and they take emergency requests for funding. Dianne said that MB approves refurbishing a piano, which helps all areas of our Fine Arts organization. Examples include the piano and the trailers. Lisa Lewis voiced the concern again that she doesn’t know how their family could fundraise since she has a student in all three areas of fine arts. Doug Tabor said that we do not have a lot of politics now because we help each other out and have activities that run all year long.

Dianne stated again that she just wanted to bring this up and have everyone brainstorm before discussing this idea and topic more in the future.

### **Directors’ Reports:**

Jen Reece (Choir): Jen reported that we recently supported “Tee It Up for the Troops”, a local fundraiser, as Claire Challacombe sang the National Anthem and Aaron DeSalvio played taps for the event. The next choir trip to Savannah, GA has been approved by the district board. Deposits are due May 1 for students in Chorus only. The spring Butter Braids fundraiser will be used to help students make the deposit.

Jen will be taking a group to see “Wicked” at the beautiful Fox Theatre in St. Louis in December. No date has been set yet. 80 kids and parents that are interested may go along on a first paid basis.

Claire Challacombe will be singing the National Anthem at the first football game on September 11. Our students have done a very good job singing the National Anthem in the past, as Isaac Funk won the state National Anthem contest in the past.

TBA begins rehearsals tomorrow. 45 students have signed up for IMEA. We have very talented students that are working on the Rudder Gloria. Mr. Shea is collaborating with the brass to perform it also at the November 21 Piano Benefit concert. Jen will be asking people to set up a spaghetti dinner prior to the concert as an additional fundraiser. She will be also selling piano keys to raise money.

Jill Potts and Jason Shea (Band): All band parents should be receiving information through emails from Mrs. Lewis concerning marching band. Check the website for

departure times for parades and competitions. Volunteer Spot is pretty full for the marching band volunteer requests. Monday is the Labor Day parade in Toluca. The students will wear their summer uniforms. September 11 is the first home football game and the students are to wear their long, black socks, long gloves, and MTX shoes.

The Jazz Band Festival has been scheduled for February 5/6, 2016. We'll be needing to set up a hospitality room. Jen said the show choir lock-in is the following weekend in February.

Robin Hunt (Theatre): Robin said they are 3 weeks into rehearsals for the upcoming fall play, "13 Past Midnight" which is a murder mystery. The show is October 1st and 2nd at 7:00 pm both nights. There is a cast of 16 and a crew of 35 and Robin had the largest group of kids to audition in DHS theatre history. Robin is looking for a poker table/card table for the show (Jill Potts knows someone with this) and other props are needed like an ice bucket. She will put her requests on the website. The show takes place in the game room of a soap opera producer's home.

"Mary Poppins" will be the musical performed on January 22-24, 2016. We have been out and about doing advanced advertising at the Riverfront Museum showing of the musical, by passing out flyers to promote our show. Next week there is a CAT production of chorus' and we'll be there to promote our musical also. This show will be a very big production due to using magic during the performance.

### **Old Business/New Business:**

Sheri Byrne said we have been saying for a few years that we need to update our bylaws, so most of the officers got together over the weekend to create new bylaws. We have sent out a copy of the proposed new bylaws and will send out a copy of the old ones. Theatre has not been previously included in our organization so we must update the bylaws with the addition of the theatre program. Please take the opportunity over the next month to review the proposed bylaws and we will vote on them at the October meeting.

She reminded everyone that only a chair or officer can vote on all issues except for the bylaws, which the entire general membership may vote on.

We are providing an update on the trailer issues. Our district attorney is working to solve the problem of possible fraud on the part of the company hired to build our new trailer. In early July, Jason was trying to contact the company and they were not responding. It seems that the company closed and reopened differently. We have to work through our sheriff's department who works with the police department in Florida. A visit to the company's location is planned for this week by the local law enforcement in Barto, FL.

A check was sent by the MB to the trailer company on May 9 in the amount of \$13,000 for a deposit to Husky Cargo. The balance of \$13,000 was also sent to the company from the district. Nathan Ruby stated that at no time were sponsors recruited to contribute to the funding of a new trailer. The school board is aware of the situation as confirmed by Theresa Holshouser. Our current trailers are available and adequate for this school year. Nathan Ruby stated that through many conversations and emails with Jason Shea, this was a well thought out, heavily researched transaction. It was not a quick, random decision. The district attorney is involved and we did the best we could with the situation.

Sheri Byrne stated that we needed a nomination for Vice-President Charles Webber to be voted into office. All voted in favor of Charles being our 2015-2016 Music Boosters Vice-President. Nathan Ruby was nominated and then voted into office as the 2015-2016 Music Boosters President. They each accepted their new offices.

The next Music Boosters meeting will be held on October 6, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Our meeting was adjourned by President Nathan Ruby at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne Gootee  
Secretary