

## Dunlap Music Boosters Meeting

### Minutes for September 2, 2014

**Attendance:** Officers present included: President Sheri Byrne, Vice President Linda Smith, Secretary Dianne Gootee, and Treasurer Bruce Hoerr. Directors present were Jen Reece, Jill Potts, and Robin Hunt. Others in attendance included: Theresa Schindler, Tonya Lang, Elly Fennell, Jason Castator, Linda Phillips, Karen DeHeer, Kathy Hoffman, Doug Tabor, Jill Harris, Marcy Finn, Wen Zhong, Rick Byrne, Lisa Lewis, Phil Rasso, Frandy Rasso, Leah Crosman, Peggy Jo Vilberg, and Charles Webber.

**Call to Order:** The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Sheri Byrne at 7:07 pm in the DHS Town Center.

**Secretary's Report:** The meeting minutes from May were presented and are also on the website for review. Tonya Lang motioned to approve the minutes and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bruce Hoerr provided the latest financial statements from June 30<sup>th</sup> and September 2:

Beginning Balance	\$ 27,353.32
Receipts	3,138.82
Expenses	(2,910.04)
Ending Balance 9/2/14	\$ 27,582.10

Bruce said that we started the year off approximately \$3,200 higher than last year. The Butter Braids fundraiser was really good. Even if a student is not going on the trip, we really need to fundraise. We have a lot of expenses that are not covered by the school and if we do not fundraise, we are going to have to cut our spending. Tonya Lang motioned that we approve the financial statements and the motion passed.

### Committee Reports:

Sheri Byrne said that the committees listed with the astericks on the agenda means that a chair will be reporting tonight.

**Marching Band:** Our next meeting is September 10 and the actual competition will be held on October 4. Please get on Volunteer Spot to volunteer. Jill Potts said that it takes many volunteers to run a competition so we need everyone to volunteer. Dianne Gootee said that food donation requests are going onto Volunteer Spot now for the hospitality room, so if someone cannot volunteer their time that day, we also need food donations. We do not know yet the exact start time of the event but it will be approximately 5-9 pm and right now we have 8 bands participating.

**Trailer Crew:** Nathan Ruby sent in a report that we are good with volunteers for this year but we need to start thinking about and discussing our trailers. Sheri Byrne requested pricing and Charles Webber said that we discussed this last year and that a big trailer would require an experienced driver. Jill

Potts said that Jason Shea would like to have a big, gooseneck trailer. Jason owns a vehicle that could pull a 1 ton trailer. Jill talked to the superintendent, Lisa Parker, and she said they will try to put a vehicle into the school district budget for future trailer pulling use. Charles Webber said he would contact Jason to get some specifics. Kathy Hoffman brought up the fact that CAT donated a vehicle to another school that was in the Toluca parade over the weekend. Could this be an option for us? Theresa Schindler will try to use her contacts to see if this would be a possibility. Jill said that Nathan Ruby may also be working on grant writing for this purchase. Charles Webber said that the cost may be approximately \$25,000- 30,000. Music Boosters currently owns the trailers and we will generate some income from the sale of our current trailers.

Jill said that we will be needing one more driver to pull the Shark trailer (which carries all the props) for this band season. We still need help for the Limestone competition on September 27.

Email/Web/Volunteer Spot: Michelle Unser said that if anyone wants to be added to the email blast, please fill out a form or sign up on the website. Lisa Lewis will be helping Michelle with this committee.

Sheri Byrne said that it would be a really good idea if each committee head would partner up with a parent of a younger student!

Varsity Uniforms – Home: Elly Fennell volunteered to take over this committee for Lila Schmick.

Butter Braids: This is a huge fundraiser that is not too difficult to run. Linda Smith volunteered to chair this fundraiser.

Marching Band Signs – Ordering: Jill Potts said she would take over ordering the marching band signs for the stadium. Sheri Byrne said that she will still look for a parent to do this in the future.

Cheesecake Fundraiser: The Cheesecake Company would like us to sell cheesecakes again this year and has provided some for us to sample tonight. Jen Reece said that this was a successful fundraiser and it could be sold anytime but prior to Thanksgiving is a good idea. We do need to sort the cheesecakes but she organized this in her choir room. Sheri Byrne said that we need someone to chair this and Linda Smith and Lisa Lewis volunteered.

### **Directors' Reports:**

Jen Reece (Choir): Madrigals will be running the concessions, 50/50 and possibly the VIP parking lot for the October 17<sup>th</sup> football game. Junior high bands will be in attendance at this game so we'll have a strong music support that evening. Madrigals has a \$ 700-800 deficit in the budget this year due to the budget cuts and we are working the game to make up for our loss in funding. We will also be fitting the kids into uniforms soon.

Jill Potts (Band): The band retreat is this Saturday, September 6 from 10 – 3 pm and we'll be completing the show. All Mid-Illini events will be held at Dunlap this year and so Monday, September 8 the Mid-Illini marching bands will be here at 6:30 for a show. Our first competition is September 13. When we get specific times, we'll get the information to Michelle Unser and get it posted on-line ASAP. We are in the process of scheduling a trip meeting. We will be performing at Disney World 2-3

times, taking a bus, every student is welcome to go, and the cost is approximately \$1,000. The dates are May 29-June 4.

Robin Hunt (Theatre): Show dates for next year are as follows:

Fall play – October 9/10 Set construction begins Monday, September 8 at 7:00 pm and will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 7-9pm.

Musical – “South Pacific” is January 23/24/25 with Saturday and Sunday being matinees

Contest play – March 18/19; Sectionals March 20/21; State March 26-28 I realize this is at the beginning of spring break but IHSA sets the dates. Please wait to travel for spring break until after the contest.

The contest play does require a vehicle to move the sets so please take this into consideration when purchasing a vehicle/trailer. Jen Reece said that we also need to use it for Madrigals to move the castle.

### **Old and New Business:**

Fundraising: Peggy Jo Vilberg said that Bergners was offering to let us sell coupon books at the competition and we could have individual students sell the books also. Peggy Jo said she would organize this. Bergners will also be advertising in the marching band competition program. Peggy Jo said that she sent out 225 letters to local businesses for ads for the program and only 15 have purchased ads. We will also be doing “shout-outs” to the students in the program for \$15.00 (these will be listed only in the program, not over the loud speaker).

The next Music Boosters meeting will be held on October 7 at 7:00 pm.

Our meeting was adjourned by President Sheri Byrne at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne Gootee