

## Dunlap Music Boosters Meeting

### Minutes for May 17, 2016

**Attendance:** Officers present included: President Nathan Ruby, Vice President Charles Webber, Secretary Dianne Gootee, and Treasurer Krista Hoerr/Bruce Hoerr. Directors Jason Shea, Jill Potts, Jen Reece, and Robin Hunt were present. Others in attendance included: Lisa Lewis, Michelle Gross, Sandy DeSalvio, Aaron DeSalvio, Frandy Raso, Phil Raso, Linda Smith, Brian Jensen, Tonya Fant, Tim Roberts, and Dianne Klumpe.

**Call to Order:** The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Nathan Ruby at 7:02 pm in the band room.

**Secretary's Report:** The meeting minutes from April 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:**

Beginning Balance	\$ 13,910.46
Receipts	10,694.00
Expenses	<u>(2,102.23)</u>
Ending Balance 5/17/16	\$ 22,502.23

Krista said that the choir trip deposits went into the kids' accounts. Upcoming expenses will be as follows: \$398.00 for the Senior Dinner, drum major camp (which we'll want to pay prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> year end), and Music Awards Night expenses which were \$100-150 over budget for pins, letters, and chairs. It was motioned that we pay the expenses that were over budget for this line item and the motion passed.

The status of our audit was brought up and Krista said that we were audited in November, she heard back in December or January, and all was good.

#### **Directors' Reports:**

Robin Hunt (Theatre): We are currently in the middle of preparing for "Annie Jr." It is June 6-10 and we have 68 kids in the program. The show is June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Jill Potts and Jason Shea (Band): Jason reported that the music program recently attended Art in the Park. There were parking issues but no problems with the trailer.

Jen Reece (Choir): Art in the Park went well. She has 92 students signed up to go on the next choir trip. There are 4 available student seats remaining. She has set up a few fundraisers for the fall. The first deposit to Bob Rogers was due and a \$150 deposit was made by each student.

### **Special Committees:**

By-Law Committee – Krista reported that copies of the new by-laws were sent out two different times and are also on the website. Nathan Ruby said that we need a motion to accept the by-laws as written and then we will hold a discussion about them. Jason Shea asked if we propose to change the name of an organization would that be an issue with the bank accounts or tax exempt status. Krista said it would not effect either.

Nathan Ruby stated that there are two major differences between the old and new bylaws:

- 1) The new bylaws are changing who can be members of the Music Boosters. The old bylaws said that in order to be a member, the person must be a parent of an involved student. The proposed bylaws state that any member of the community can be a member or officer. Brian Jensen asked what was the reason for this change? Krista stated that it was to open up the number of volunteers that could serve and parents often have breaks between children at Dunlap and we want them to be allowed to stay involved in our program. There have been numerous requests from people in this situation who want to be involved with the Music Boosters. Someone asked if the Athletic Boosters does it this way? It seems broad to open up membership to anyone in the community. It was stated that anyone can be on the Dunlap school district board. Jill Potts said that she doesn't see a downside with this option, but if we have a parent with a child in the program that's interested in being an officer, they should be given first consideration. Nathan Ruby said that bylaws are necessary for situations when an issue arises.

Another organization model is that of Boy Scouts of America. When a child outgrows the program, parents/volunteers may still be involved. What if a student participates in the music program and then drops out? We do not want to alienate any volunteers.

- 2) The other big change is the committee chairs which have been consolidated into 11 positions. Liaisons have been created from each music program. Lisa Lewis raised the concern that the liaisons were representing the directors and might not want to vote according to their personal feelings on issues. Krista said this position communicates to the Music Boosters on behalf of the directors.

Brian Jensen said that a lot of organizations have general members and then active members who have paid dues. We could possibly use this type of model.

The way the new bylaws are written says that anyone can be a member and vote for officers, committee chairs, and bylaws ONLY. All members have a voice, but just not a vote on all issues, and all 11 votes are equal. The old bylaws state the same except members can only be parents of Dunlap high school student. All members have an equal voice but just not a vote.

Following the discussion, the new bylaws were approved.

Fundraising: Dianne Klumpe said the last fundraiser at DQ at Grand Prairie made a \$70 profit. We had good success with Panera and Avanti's this year. She will try to set up fundraisers next year with Pizza Ranch and Buffalo Wild Wings. Jen suggested that Madrigals or the Jazz Band could perform depending on what time of year the fundraisers were held.

Dianne is looking for help with fundraisers for next year. Someone asked her how the new fee structure was going for the registration process? Dianne said that it was too early to tell since the office is just beginning to open the packets now. We did not budget more income with the new fee structure as it had been part of our budget in the past with any donations. Krista said that we will hold these checks and they will be a part of our income for the next school year.

#### **New Business/Unfinished Business:**

Nathan said that we need to schedule the Music Booster meetings for the next school year and asked what night was best to hold the meetings? We need to consider the pattern of meeting attendance as the fall has typically larger attendance and winter/spring historically has a lower attendance. The band directors cannot attend on Tuesdays in the fall. We need to set the schedule now to get on the district calendars and book the room. After a brief discussion it was moved to hold the Music Boosters meetings on the first Tuesdays of each month next year. The motion passed.

An informative budget for 2016-2017 was presented by Krista and Bruce Hoerr. The treasurers suggested waiting to finalize and vote on the budget at the first meeting in the fall, which is also a good time since attendance at our meetings goes up then. Lisa Lewis said that we do not need to budget \$5,000 for piano repairs since we have just completed it. It was recommended to increase the budget amounts for the Senior Dinner and Music Awards. Dianne Klumpe suggested setting aside more money for the choral accompanist (currently she is being paid \$12.00 per hour). We still need a chair for the Holiday Greens fundraiser since that's an important fundraiser for the Music

Boosters. We need to have a discussion about how to spend our money (ie. More on events or capital items) and let the directors know so they can plan to spend their own budgets. Charles Webber stated that it is not our job to tell the directors how we'll spend the money. We are here to support the directors.

Slate of Officers – There are two individuals running for President for next year: Charles Webber and Brian Jensen. Each individual talked a few minutes about themselves and plans for the Music Boosters. A vote was held and Brian Jensen was elected as President.

The remaining positions are as follows:

VP – Tim Roberts

Treasurer – Bruce/Krista Hoerr

Secretary – Michelle Gross

Public Relations – Lisa Lewis

Fundraising – Dianne Klumpe

Special Events – Linda Smith

Band Liaison – Leah Crosman ???

Orchestra Liaison – Marni Fiddler

Chorus – Charles Webber

Theatre – Frandy Raso

Nathan Ruby asked if there were any nominations from the floor and none were presented. A vote was taken, the motion passed, and the slate was approved.

There is no unfinished business.

The next Music Boosters meetings will be held on September 6 at 7:00 pm. Our meeting was adjourned by President Nathan Ruby at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne Gootee  
Secretary

