

## DGN Music Boosters Meeting Minutes March 6, 2006

- Meeting called to order at 7:40pm.
  - Approval of the agenda.
  - Approval of meeting minutes from February 8, 2006.
  - President's Report:** This has been a busy time, especially for the directors just returning from New York! Though I was unable to attend the Vocal Festival I look forward to hearing the details. I have been happy to see the new faces of volunteer greeters distributing programs at concerts.
  - Secretary:** No report.
  - Treasurer:** There is \$1300 still outstanding to be paid from the trip. Many checks were written for student account spending for the New York Trip.
  - Contributing Members:** We have received 1 more contribution. We now have 179 Contributing Members totaling \$13970 in contributions.
  - Fundraising:**
    - Flower Sale:** The sale has begun. Forms are available online. The sale will close on March 23.
    - Joe will begin meeting with chair people to review all fundraisers. He solicited feedback in the last newsletter and has received 1 response to date.
  - Student Accounts:**
    - Orchestra: No change.
    - Band: No report.
    - Choir: No report.
  - VP Finance:** We have not received a check for NIU Jazz or from the football seats. Diana will contact Dale Bolt to check status. We are ahead of last year by approximately \$2500.
  - Hospitality:** Marianne had a "dress zipper emergency" and could not be here tonight! She reports that all upcoming events are covered.
  - Volunteers:** Barb reports that she has had great response to her requests. Mrs Ozog has reports from supervisors that they are running out of programs. She asks that volunteer greeters try to limit distribution to 1 per family where possible.
  - Publicity:** The deadline for the next newsletter is April 7.
  - Website:** Bill will have plant sale order forms available on the site. Email corrections or additions to [BillYounker@Comcast.net](mailto:BillYounker@Comcast.net).
  - Directors Reports:**
    - Janis:** The Vocal Festival featured 110 events with 4 judges. It was well received by performing students as well as those who observed. The results of the judging will be announced at the Honors Recital being held at Gloria Dei on Monday March 13. Currently, Janis and Frank are evaluating the students experiences at IHSA Solo and Ensemble Day compared to our Vocal Festival. We can only attend the IHSA contest every other year because of our tour schedule. The quality of each IHSA contest is largely dependant on the host school and the judges they hire. There is no immediate feedback from the judges, with brief comments written on evaluation sheets received after the event. The biggest advantage to the students of our Vocal Festival is the immediate verbal feedback the students receive from the judges. We control the quality of judges as well as the conditions surrounding the performances. They will let us know their decision after the evaluation.
- This year's Showcase will be a Jazz Showcase featuring the band's Jazz Ensemble!
- Brayer:** The New York trip was a successful tour! The students performed and behaved beautifully! There were many unsolicited comments praising their conduct by

many who encountered them during the tour! Some highlights include the educational clinics with Rob Mikulski, Broadway Conductor, David Berg, Duke Ellington expert, and of course the Broadway performance of Wicked. The travel agent and our guides excelled and we had a cohesive chaperone team!

We are getting busy, with an orchestra concert this week, choir next week and a band performance the following week. We will hold our Community Outreach program on Friday March 17. The performance will have an Irish theme featuring Irish dancers. We had invited 3 elementary schools but 2 had to cancel because of mandatory school testing that was rescheduled for that day. Highland School will attend. Anyone that knows a group who would like to attend should contact Brayer.

The district wants to move concert times from 7:30 to 7:00. They have had positive feedback from families. Would we like to consider moving the booster meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00?

Brayer is also considering a change in Solo and Ensemble Day participation from the IHSA to North Shore Concert Band held at the Northwestern School of Music.

Musicians have created a music contest featuring interesting clinics and constructive music activities for students between performances.

**-New Business:**

-Lynn Niemi from the Parents Club presented information regarding The After Prom Cruise including the opportunity for volunteer chaperones. She would like our help encouraging student participation in this safe activity. Contact Deb Martin 968-6447 if you would like to chaperone.

-We need to form a committee to review the bylaws. Joe Rush, Mary Paruszkiewicz, Diana Rhoades, Bill Younker and Tina Riley will meet sometime in the coming weeks and report their suggestions at the April 4 meeting.

**-Old Business:** Orders for "old uniforms" will be collected on March 20 with distribution planned for March 23. Diana has some volunteers to help with distribution. She has received requests from alumni and will offer remaining uniforms for sale to them after spring break. \*\*The students will be measured for new uniforms next week!\*\*

-Meeting adjourned 8:15.

Members present: Becky Connery, Janis Guter, Bill Younker, Bill Brower, Mary Paruszkiewicz, Sharon Younker, Joe & Linda Rush, Brayer Teague, Barb Mech, Lynn Niemi and Tina Riley.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Riley