

DGN Music Boosters Minutes

February 6, 2008

Meeting called to order by Dawn Johnson at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda: Add under New Business Choral Festival

Minutes: Approved as written

Presidents' Report: Marianne stated that this was a wonderful month for the music department traveling to Purdue as well as Peoria for different competitions. Many students and groups received outstanding placements. IMEA: 18 students for all state conference. Marianne expressed gratitude to the directors for all their hard work. Need 3-4 volunteers to serve on the by-laws review committee. Also, need 3-4 volunteers plus one faculty member to serve on the nominating committee for next year's board officers. Brayer volunteered for the faculty position, Linda and Joe Rush, Dawn and Marianne will serve. Marianne is looking for one more volunteer to help.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Joe reported as of 01/31/08 total deposits are \$11,448, total checks written are \$87,998.26, total outstanding checks are \$4970.87, total bank balance \$92,434.25. Deposit made today totaling \$18,800 from Market Day, Indy trip and Germany trip, which is not reflected in this balance. We may want to consider changing banks because Midwest Bank will no longer accept 3rd party checks from us. Consider Downers Grove National or Community Bank when we elect a new treasurer next year.

VP Finance: Tom reported General Fund Checking is \$60,663.33 and Student Accounts \$36,800.05. Just received a check for the football seats for band parents \$3820. Happy to report that the incoming money for the trips is greater or ahead of the outgoing monies at this time. The planning worked out well.

Contributing Members: Joan reported that there are 148 contributing members to date. Totaling \$12,000, this is down from budget but will continue to solicit. She has the up to date list of family names for the programs and website.

Fundraising:

Spirit Wear: Chuck reported sales are down a little. Marianne suggested that a table be set up at the freshman open house to sell Spirit Wear. Chuck will call Polly to ask her.

Market Day: Dawn reported \$324.58 for the month of January. Helps to have Sara Lee sell Market Day, which has brought in for the month of January \$188.

Fannie May: Chuck reported they had a meeting with the company on Monday to try to figure out what happened. We are their biggest customer for fundraising. The regional VP sales representative said he will be here next year to help and prevent future problems. The company is going to eliminate about 20 products from their catalog and they will extend to us a 40% to 50% discount. They offered us Pick and Pack, which means we would collect the orders and they would pack the products and ship them off to the customers. There is a 5% penalty and 5% additional postage charged. By using the Pick and Pack, we would eliminate the waste of time for the organizer with all the followup calls. Many families use Fannie May as gifts and would rather stick with them in spite of the mess-ups. For next year, Fannie May needs to call the customer by December 21 to ask if they still want the product or be reimbursed.

Cheesecakes: Chuck reported \$16,050 profit. This fundraiser may be replaced next year if the flower sale really does well. Joe Rush met someone from the company while in Peoria and he said the best time to sell cheesecakes is right before Thanksgiving.

Magazine Sale: Chuck will handle this sale and the kickoff is 02/11/08

Flower Sale: Kickoff is 02/20/08

Student Accounts:

Orchestra: Linda reported \$4202.11

Band: Pattie reported \$21,566.25

Choir: Lynn reported \$11,017.56

VP Volunteers: Sue reported things are going well. No concerts this month. Marianne is organized for the Pep Band Pizza Party this coming Saturday evening 02/09/08 for 97 Pep Band members. Ann Sassano in an email said that the Jazz Café went well. Has submitted the names of volunteers for the newsletter. In addition, \$500 was raised in cash donations for the instrument donation program.

Publicity:

Newsletter: Helene reported that the newsletter should be going out tomorrow. Has set 03/17 to 03/20 as the deadline to submit articles for the next newsletter.

Directory: Sue reported that Alison called this afternoon to say that her hard drive crashed and all the information she had done was lost. She is attempting to retrieve it. Discussion was raised as to whether we still need a director. Maybe just a list of parents in each group would do for this year.

Website: Burke Broholm, a freshman dad has a lot of experience with websites and will contact Bill Yonkers to work on taking over the website.

Directors' Reports:

Band: Brayer said he is on the IMEA board and has a unique opportunity to see how different schools operate and expressed how fortunate he feels to be working in a district that supports the arts. He also expressed appreciation for great leadership in the district. NIU jazz concert at DGS this Friday 02/08/08. Orchestra clinic with Barrage is set for 04/14/08. If you want tickets, ask student for order form. Mark Botti and the percussion section are using the instruments the boosters purchased last year to make a tape for submission for National Convention. Possible 45 percussionists in next year's marching band.

Choir: Beth reported that the students had a great time in Peoria at All State. Now they are preparing for Vocal Festival on 02/14/08, which will include solos, ensembles and judges working with the students. There will be a "run off" at the end of the day to prepare for recital in March. The students are also preparing for upcoming spring concert 03/11/08.

New Business: Choral Festival went fantastic. Students from Herrick walked over while Jefferson and Westview students were bused. Had a nice dinner, everyone got a tee shirt and the students were able to mingle and ask questions. Parents came for a concert at the end of the evening, which consisted of an ensemble, the middle schools combined and finally all the students together. There were 260 students on stage. Received good response from everyone and a nice thank you letter from Justin Sisul the Choral Director at Herrick. The festival cost a total of \$2625.41. The boosters budgeted \$500 for this year. Would like to propose a larger budget for next year, as this will be an annual event.

Old Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Members in attendance: Tom Walser, Chuck Martin, Brayer Teague, Beth O'Riordan, Rebecca Schumacher, Marianne Moscato, Dawn Johnson, Sue Knoebel, Joan Ralph, Helene Nogle, Joe and Linda Rush, Pattie DePeder, Lynn Niemi,