

DGN MUSIC BOOSTERS MINUTES

September 1, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Chuck Martin. Chuck asked for a roundtable of introductions..

Agenda: Motion was made to accept the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Minutes: Minutes of the most recently meeting were approved unanimously, with Chuck asking that they be e-mailed to him and Burke Broholm, booster web master.

President's Report: No report, just ask that everyone take the opportunity to invite friends to further meetings.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Financial Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report – Closeout of June and July statements was made with final distributions. Bank balance is just under \$69,500. Of course, the largest expense was the harp. It should be noted that not all funds in the balance are available for use; they are student accounts.

B. Vice President of Finance: We took in approximately \$6,387 more income than expenses. We are just under \$56,000 in general funds and \$18,000 in student funds. For Spirit sales, all inventory has been considered “tossed out” and the value of such merchandize has been eliminated from any balance. The spirit sales will have a \$1,000 start up fund we all monies made/spent will come out of that amount.

Mr. Teague thanked Joan and Tom for their great work in reporting with accuracy and all their help in financial matters.

C. Contributing Members: It was noted that this fund was solely used for music-related scholarships, with the current balance at \$4,305.

D. Fundraising Report & Updates:

- a. Market Day receipts were \$230 for June. Total for the year was \$4,519.62 with the addition of Sara Lee sales of \$1,787.39.
- b. Spirit Sales: With sincere thanks to Sydney Nogle for the several logo options she designed for us, items were purchased using the most popular. A table was set up for schedule pick up day and some items were sold. Tables will be set up whenever possible, including open house and all games, etc. Among the items purchased were rain ponchos, without logos, for a very small price, that will be sold when needed, remembering last year's rainy games.
- c. Cheesecake sales: Samples will be available at Band-o-rama and the upcoming choir and orchestra concerts. The sale will begin October 14 with a deadline for orders of October 30th. Pick up will be November 14th.

E. Student Account Reports:

- a. Orchestra: \$3,230.
- b. Band: \$9,071
- c. Choir: \$5,600

A graduating senior donated his account to the Contributing Member fund.

Vice President of Volunteers: Gwen asked if there was somewhere more secure to store the tubs of supplies? Unfortunately, we must use the storage in the Band room, but a recommendation was offered as to the possibility of keeping some items at the chairman's home, both for security and convenience. Gwen also indicated she was asking certain grades to bring cookies for each event. She thought the ice cream social for Marching band went well, even though everything had to be quickly brought into the field house due to heavy rains. She has volunteers for Marching Band water; and mentioned that the uniform distribution went well. Further, she mentioned that she needed an Orchestra Hospitality Chair. Attending member Allison Clemons volunteered and was thankfully accepted.

A. Volunteer Coordinator: Copies of the list of volunteers was available, with more forms still arriving in the mail.

B. Publicity Report:

- a. Helene stated that the information for both the September and October newsletter needed to be received soon. She will send an e-mail requesting necessary information. The newsletter will carry the P.O. Box as a return address. Discussion was held concerning sending the newsletter electronically instead of printing and mailing. It was decided this could be done if it was in a PDF file and we had good e-mail addresses. Brayer stated that the school did have the necessary addresses. Further discussion was held and it was decided to print and mail the September issue, with the announcement that further newsletters would be sent electronically. Of course this would mean a reduction in cost and volunteer labor.

Director's Report: Dr. Piekarcz stated that it was a nice start to the year so far, with many avenues being explored for better sound, etc.

Mr. Teague announced that Mrs. O'Riordan had her baby and the family was doing well. Further, North was honored to have Brett Goad during her absence, as he brings over 30 years of teaching, and is working well with the entire music department.

Robe and shoe fitting is scheduled for September 11 and 14.

Ms. Mullen reported that there was a concert for students at South at 2:30 on Friday, September 4th. The Europe trip meeting will be held on September 14th at 7:00 p.m. The next orchestra concert is October 14th. And finally, many thanks for the harp.

Mr. Teague reported how great it was to get the harp, especially the music boosters loaning the administration the money until funds are expected to be available next summer, in order to get the harp now. The purchase was a great bargain made possible by several members of the community.

As reported, the board of education must approve all trips taken by students. On the docket for approval is an exciting opportunity for travel, but until it is approved, nothing can be reported. However, by Homecoming all will be revealed.

Thanks to Gwen and her servers for the ice cream social, and all volunteers who made fee payment and uniform fitting go so smoothly.

He reported that the Band will go to Northwestern for "band day" in September.

Further, he stated that Band Source, a new store dedicated to instrument repair, sales, etc. would like to offer a contribution to the music department. However, rather than a monetary gift, they want to offer \$1,500 in services. This is quite a boon for us, especially in the maintenance of school-owned instruments. This would be listed in the bulletin as a Fritz level donation with a short explanation.

North is hosting the IHSA on March 6, 2010, and he is asking us to consider volunteering.

New Business: Budget: Mr. Miller does the lighting for all activities held in the auditorium. He recently began using a better type and of light and lights that can be used more creatively. These lights are rented for each event, in part because previously the lights were extremely expensive, but with technology advances these lights have become less so. Mr. Miller does have a budget from the school and the BOE, but he is looking to raise \$13,000 to buy new lights so as to avoid renting. With combining different funds, he is still \$4,200 short in their purchase. He has also had talks with the theater department as they would use the lights for their productions as well.

It was mentioned that the Bike for Mike Fund asked the music boosters how it could help with funding a project. The fund donated \$1,000 toward the harp, and wants to give more to the boosters pending this year's Bike for Mike Day (September 12). What this means, is that the extra money (1K and other offered amount) could be used for lights since the harp purchase has already been budgeted and spent. Motion was made and seconded to provide up to \$2,100 toward the purchase of the lights. Discussion followed as to the desirability of buying these lights and that we had the funds to offer.

Motion was voted unanimously to provide up to \$2,100 for the lights.

Tom Walser presented the rest of the budget, which was fairly unchanged from last year's. Some notes: the harp expense is more than agreed due to our "floating the BOE's portion," and postage should be less due to the electronic method of distributing the newsletter.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

New Logo: should we remove "boosters" from logo? After discussion it was decided not to remove the word. Further, window clings for contributing members need to be ordered, but should not come from the spirit sales budget. Logo 3 would need to be in color to look it's best. After discussion, it was decided that "logo 2" be used for clings and Laura was asked to order the clings.

Discussion was held next for the best logo to be used for letterhead. "Logo 3" was decided upon for booster letterhead and Chuck will send out a template for approval and use.

Forms: New forms for requesting funds from student funds and reimbursement of expenditures were distributed. Motion was made and seconded to accept these forms as presented, making them available from our website. Motion carried unanimously.

Keys to the Post Office Box?: John and Joan each have a key. The third? It is believed that Marianne still has. Chuck to request she give it to Mr. Teague.

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 3rd

Members in attendance: Susan Kovanko, Chuck Martin, Tom Walser, Gwen Box, Darlene Landstrom, Dawn Johnson, Helene Nogle, David Schneewies, John Katrenak, Brayer Teague, Frank Piekarz, Laura Stefanisin, Karen Ford, Dick Weil, Margaret Wilson, Pattie DePeder, Kari Shatzer, Tana Williams, Jennifer Mullen, Sandi Murray, Marcia Edel, Lynn Niemi and Allison Clemons. .