

DHS BAND BOOSTERS – MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2015

Meeting began at 7:40pm

Randy made a motion to approve the April and May minutes. Cheryl Walker seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Director's Report: The spring tour was a "hoot". It went really well. He enjoyed it and the students did too. It was an honor to play on the Midway, an historic battleship. One student got sick, but he returned on a flight with a parent. We had a physician on the trip this time that helped out too.

Next year there is a change in class order: fourth period will be concert band, fifth period will be symphonic band, and sixth period will be jazz band. These classes are maxed out for enrollment. Due to an increase in single classes being offered at DHS there has been a challenging situation when students are trying to schedule music classes. Many students are not able to play in more than one music class as a result. He is exploring opportunities to combine music programs, for example, as was done with Cabarets this year. Band members also played with the Madrigals and ATC. There will be jazz combos next year as well. They will have symphonic students volunteer and gain "you choose points", which is about 30% of their grade to play with the symphony orchestra. There are several rehearsals and then concerts. He is collaborating with Mr. Moreno who provides students with a totally different teaching approach.

Student band officers will be announced tomorrow in classes. Teddy Knox and Kyle Horn will be the officers. Paula and Casey will be librarians. Ray Zhang will be the stage master. Jessica Boyers will be the challenge master.

An instrument acquisitions and repair request was submitted for Band Boosters consideration. The Director is seeking approval for \$5,000 in expenses for overhaul and repair of instruments this summer. There are about 13-14 instruments that need repairing. The Band Boosters will look at the full acquisitions list in the fall. A traveling piano is the only priority for now. Purchases can stretch out 4-5 years. The Director will put together a priority list with purchase prices and staged acquisitions over time. The Band Boosters can then use this as a list for fundraising for specific instruments. There was a discussion clarifying existing budget and categories the Band Boosters spends funds on. The Director submits a request and then gets an annual contribution to support various music-related purchases and costs. **Phil Bachand made a motion to earmark an initial \$5,000 for summer repairs. The Executive Committee will be meeting this summer and can assess whether additional resources are needed for repairs and overhaul. Darlene Comingore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 10th at 6:00pm – Jazz Band end-of-year party at the Horn family's house.

July 4th – Parade, pep band pieces will be played. This is the last event of the year.

Band Boosters Officers:

Nominations were put forward for:

President – John Horn

Vice President – Wes Young & Phil Bachand

Treasurer - Ron Mikalson

Secretary - Cheryl Walker

After discussion, **Darlene Comingore made a motion to approve the nomination slate. Karen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Upcoming issues to address:

This year the Band Boosters hope to address the problem that parents cannot serve as officers on the Band Boosters if their kids are not yet in the program. There is a proposal to shift the timing and change language within the official bylaws. Changing the language would include the notion that those parents of actively enrolled students, which would include students now in June at the end of the school year. There is also a need to change the fiscal calendar. September 1st is the current fiscal year. However, it would be better to start the fiscal year August 1st. There would then be a month overlap then with treasurers communicating and transitioning the budget and taxes being filed by the outgoing Treasurer.

Committee items:

Mostly wrapped up this year. Receipts for expenses and payments are still coming in from the Spring trip.

The Director is working on the calendar for next year. The Jazz Band trip for New Orleans (April 7-10) looks like a strong possibility. This is the trip where they will play in various sites in the French Quarter and attend, but not play in, the French Quarter Jazz Festival. The Spring trip (in May after AP testing) is to Disneyland next year.

We will want to align fundraising around these events.

Phil Bachand suggested conducting a survey that would be done annually and sent to the parents and students, asking for feedback on trips, music, fundraising, and get background information on where students going, which band they were in, are they returning in the coming year, what do you anticipate they will reflect on in the future about their experience. The Director would like to know what programmatic challenges there are (e.g., scheduling conflicts, overload on courses). He is constantly having to work to get them to pay attention, shift into their “music brains”. The goal would be to try to get this survey out soon, some time after the school year ends. Phil Bachand will get a draft to the Director and the Band Booster Officers this weekend. The focus will be on what the student’s experience was, rather than what they learned musically.

There will be a Jazz-Beat Festival next year.

Coconut Grove: Phil and Sandra Bachand will be the Co-chairs. They will file for raffle approval from the State of California soon as it takes about 4-6 weeks. Phil will seek volunteers to get started on planning this summer. He also wants to get started on forming a fundraising committee. The summer is a good time to hit the local businesses!

The Director will put together a list of events and parent needs for each of these events. The Band Boosters will be taking on the responsibility of layout and printing programs for each event.

Treasurer's Report

May 29, 2015

Savings \$ 15,819.98

Checking \$ 53,040.92

• General Fund	\$ 45,838.80
• Music Fund	\$ 2,620.99
• Scholarship Fund	\$ 987.40
• IPAB Fund	\$ 3,132.50
• Trips	\$ 461.23

Income:

Scrip	\$ 9.00
Trip Payments	\$ 6,525.00
Total:	\$ 6534.00

Expenses:

Band Trip	\$ 21,288.37
Coconut Grove	\$ 640.00
Sheet Music	\$ 285.55
Director Expenses	\$ 290.00
Total	\$ 22,530.92

Other Notes:

Student payment \$ 42000
Monday night \$2350
Expenses (-\$54000)
Net (so far) ~ (-\$10K)

Submitted by Deepali Bhargava, June 3, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm – minutes compiled by Gwynn Benner, Secretary