DHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes January 8, 2020

Called to order 7:32 pm. Present: Rob, Cynthia, Annika, Mrs. Slabaugh, and parents

December meeting approved with the following corrections: The SF trip would be March 27.

Directors report: Mr. Slabaugh

 Good DHS representation for the honor bands, with 3-4 students at each.

 Spring calendar discussion and edits, then he will send out.

 Jazz band SF trip proposal, March 27: 25 tickets would be approximately $950. This is an extra outing proposed for this year and not in this year’s planned budget. While boosters support this outing, it is proposed to ask parents to first commit to the trip. If there is enough interest, then boosters can decide whether to buy the tickets, and ask parents for donations in addition to planning additional fundraiser to assist with the cost.

 Pep band is planning to perform at the DHS basketball games. However, Mr. Slabaugh reported events from last year which involved mistreatment of the band and its members, including reduction in playing time, and direct harassment of the band students from team members. This was despite Mr. Slabaugh’s conversations with coaches and administrators who verbally assured Mr. Slabaugh of their support for the band. If this mistreatment continues this year, the pep band may have to cease involvement.

Treasurer’s report: Cynthia, in Julie’s absence.

While current income (not including Victoria trip payments) exceeds expenses by about $6K, there are heavy expenses forthcoming, and we are down in fundraising projection by about $5K between the lower than expected direct donations and Tea Party fundraisers. Cynthia will include this information in the upcoming parent Victoria trip meeting and will send another announcement to parents informing them of the reduced participation so far this year, including reminding them of Direct Donation requests.

Victoria trip: Melinda

 Budget: food planning is in flux, plans still forthcoming to attempt to lower expenses.

 Cell phone needs will be discussed with parents at the upcoming trip meeting Jan 22.

 Tom to fill out performance application form.

Reno Jazz festival: Mr. Slabaugh

 Jazz band parent is needed for trip leader to plan and organize the trip. Cynthia agreed to draft an email for Tom to forward to the jazz bands.

Coconut Grove: Tamara

 Estimated expenses are around $5200. Ticket prices were kept the same this year, with suggestion to increase prices next year.

 Cynthia will ask Svenja (who is doing Brown Bag tickets) to assist in marketing. Stephen will contact the junior high music programs; Cynthia will contact the junior high schools’ general communities.

 Stephen is working on sponsors for local businesses and will send Cynthia a list (for Cynthia’s planning of other business solicitations so as not to ask same businesses twice).

 Instead of “Fund an Instrument” during CG, will do a “Sponsor a Student” for the trips we take.

 Stephen will contact A Grand Affair to try and get deal for tables/chairs, etc.

 Try to make a zero waste event (Annika will look into purchasing reusable dessert plates and more forks).

Other Fundraisers: Cynthia

 January 26: Mark has set up an Armadillo/Blaze combo event.

 Business solicitation to start (Cynthia)

Carbon offset from trips discussion: while we’d hoped to include in the Victoria budget a contribution to help offset carbon emissions during the trip, the Victoria budget is already very tight. Suggestions made to have the students organize which can include themselves planting trees such as outside the band room, coordinating efforts with other orchestra/choral groups which also travel, and getting the school members on board. Tabled plans until the spring, given other more pressing matters at this time.

Adjourned 9 pm