

DGN Music Boosters Meeting Minutes September 6, 2005

-Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

-Approval of the Agenda

-Approval of minutes from June 7, 2005 meeting.

-President's Report: Welcome! Bill looks forward to serving as our president! As an added bonus, he will keep the Music Booster website current.

-Secretary's Report: Please update the contact sheet.

-Financial Report:

-Treasurer: The current report explains the account activity. Becky informed us that an audit will occur this month.

-Contributing Members: Diana reports that that we currently have 116 members. The total contributed is \$8695, with 4 at the Fritz level and 3 Honorary Conductors. We have spent \$74 in postage for thank you letters, which will be sent as soon as the window clings arrive.

-Fundraising:

-Joe informs us that there are 3 fundraisers throughout the year that go to student accounts. The first one, **Value Cards**, will begin on September 14 and run thru October 7. We would like to make a fast 5-10 minute presentation to the students to kick off the sale. The second fundraiser for student accounts is **Fannie Mae**, run by Mary & Len Paruszkiewicz, which will take place in November and extend thru Thanksgiving break. The third fundraiser is the newly combined **Pizza & Cheesecake Sale** that will be held in December and run by Peggy & Dirk Gutzke.

-Key dates for all fundraisers will be included in the first newsletter. The fundraising schedule corresponds very closely to the trip payment due dates. We will post student ID numbers with their totals for trip payment purposes.

-Superosa: Diana will handle the scheduling of this event. Because of time constraints it may be necessary to choose a date other than November 28. She will discuss with the Directors.

-Market Day: Dawn reports that we had a great first sale with 57 orders. She will put the sale dates in the newsletter.

-Spirit Sales: Connie reports that we have raised \$588.75 at fee payment day, Purple/White game, and the first home football game.

-Student Accounts:

-Choir: Mary reports the beginning balance is \$8309.16, with \$908.15 from senior account balances deposited into the General Fund.

-Orchestra: Linda reports the beginning Balance is \$1557.29, with \$146.60 from senior account balances deposited into the general Fund.

-Band: Ruth reports the beginning Balance is \$13,976.73. Ruth informed us that some parents were concerned with the deposit of senior account surpluses into the General Fund. After some discussion it was decided that when we do our yearly review of the Bylaws in the spring we will be sure to pay particular attention to Section 4 which pertains to this matter.

-VP Finances: Bill presented the Account Balance sheet and Income Statement Sheet for the past 12 months. The past few months have been quiet which is why we closed the books in July. The boosters paid \$12,000.00 for Wicked tickets, which will be reimbursed from student accounts once trip deposits come in.

-Hospitality:

-Band: Marianne reports that Molly has a great group of volunteers helping with water for the band. The band had a party at the end of band camp where enough cash was collected to cover food expenses. There was an extra \$240 collected, which we would like to contribute to help supplement “extras” for the new band uniforms.

-Choir: Pat is ready for the updated volunteer list.

-Volunteers: Barb has assembled the volunteer lists, requesting that next year we use one form for simplification. She suggests that we be sure to incorporate “new” volunteers so they can learn from the veterans. Bill will post the unified volunteer form on the website.

-Publicity: Sharon reports that the first newsletter deadline is September 10 and will include many fundraising articles. Please be sure to get you information in on time.

-Directors:

-Brayer: It’s great to be back! You are the lifeblood of the organization and we thank you for your time. We will try to split meeting attendance between all staff members. Feel free to contact us at any time.

-Anne: It’s great to be back in my third year working with students and staff members. Our trip to Germany & Austria was wonderful! Our first week was most valuable as a cultural experience, staying with families and being warmly welcomed by their community. There were 90 students and 20 chaperones/staff members and Becky Connery was a fabulous head chaperone! To keep with tradition we have a group picture signed by all participants. Can we count on the boosters for help with the framing expenses? Our first concert of the season is here at North on October 18. Herrick Middle School will be joining us. The plaque acknowledging the piano contribution has been hung outside the choir room and it looks great!

-Frank: This is year 10 for me! Ensemble tryouts are this week and we are preparing for our concert on October 20. We had the new piano tuned and the piano tuner was happy to report that this is a very stable instrument!

-Janis: We will need a chairman to assemble a group of volunteers to help with choir robe & shoe fitting. Barb will talk to Janis to make arrangements.

-Bill: Year 11! Marching Band is off and running! Thanks to the awesome leadership team and all the parents, including Mrs. Rhoades for uniforms and Mrs. Lorch & Co for thirst quenching.

-New Business:

-Brayer presented a fundraising opportunity: Mike Samel was a DGS student killed 4 years ago in a tragic accident. His parents created a Not For Profit organization in his honor, The Michael David Samel Sprit of Music Fund, raising over \$50,000 at DGS and their church. Their board of directors has targeted DGN as a potential recipient of their fundraising efforts. Brayer would like to

make this available to all students who wish to be involved, suggesting a 1 year trial period with all proceeds going to the General Fund. All moneys raised will be returned to our organization. As per the printed announcement, "Bike & Hike for Mike" will be held on September 10, with an alternative hike for our students on September 11 because of the band day conflict.

-Directory: Barb is preparing the directory and would like to create a complete music directory with no separate band, choir or orchestra sections. It would be alphabetized and the group would be listed as part of the each student's information. We all decided this will be easier to navigate-great idea!

-Old Business:

-Music Yard Signs: It has been decided that although the signs created by Dale Patti are nice, the price is high. At this time we don't want to commit to an expenditure without knowing the demand.

-Student Accounts: Bill asked if we would we consider posting student accounts by student ID number online? A motion was made and passed to post this information on the Music Booster website.

-Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Members present: Diana Rhoades, Joe & Linda Rush, Linda Schranz, Becky Connery, Dawn Johnson, Bill & Sharon Younker, Bill Miller, Anne Branch, Bill & Connie Brower, Dick Weil, Barb Drobney, Ruth Schneider, Brayer Teague, Mary Siebert, Barb Mech, Janis Guter, Lynn Niemi, Mary Paruszkiewicz, Pat Caldwell, Molly Lorch, Frank Piekarz, Marianne Moscato, Tina Riley.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Riley