

Downers Grove North Music Boosters Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2005

- Meeting called to order at 7:30
- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of minutes from November 8, adding "6 Calculators"
- **President's Report:** The performances were neat! Does anyone have any feedback regarding the "new" volunteer ushers? Brayer has had nice comments.
- Secretary's Report:** No report.
- Financial Report:**
 - VP:** Contributing Members are up. We will add a budget line for the Listening Library in the budget. Next year we should consider a change to the bylaws, requiring that spouses should not be allowed to head a fundraiser if one of them is the Treasurer or VP Finance. This could prevent potential problems. We have not received a check from the Trojan Boosters for football seats; we'll contact their treasurer for an update.
 - Treasurer:** Not too much activity other than the trip deposit to Bob Rogers Travel of \$68,000 that is not reflected in the December statement.
 - Contributing Members:** Currently, there are 175 members that have contributed \$13730, up \$300 from last month. \$5050 contributed at "Fritz" level.
 - Fundraising:**
 - Value Cards:** There was an additional \$280 cards sold to be distributed among the students who participated in the sale, anywhere from \$.25 to \$10.00.
 - Market Day:** This month's sale will be held on Saturday. There has been a slight decline in participation.
 - Fannie Mae:** Awesome sale! There were 199 participants selling \$58133.90. The total distributed to student accounts is \$17440.17. The sale was down by approximately 9% - amazing! The 3 highest sellers were Richard Pospisil, Band, \$2247.60, Emma Webster, Orchestra, \$1781.40 and David Kolschowsky, Choir \$1247.10. There was a Fannie Mae Gift Certificate awarded thru a drawing from all participants that was won by Samantha Pacha.
 - Pizza/Cheesecake:** The sale will kick off with a presentation to the classes on December 16.
 - Spirit Sales:** The last set up will be at the Mosaic Concert. After that, all sales will be by phone. The sales total up to this point is \$2497. Paula Bakes will take over next year.
 - Student Accounts:**
 - Orchestra:** \$2910.74
 - Band:** \$25330.27. Student account balances will be sent out with trip meeting notices.
 - Choir:** No Report.
- Hospitality:** OK!
- Volunteers:** OK!
- Newsletter:** The next edition will be out in February.
- Website:** Bill did an overhead presentation highlighting some new features of our website he has added. AWESOME!!
- Directors' Reports:**
 - Brayer:** So much is happening!
 - IMEA selected 12 students for All State recognitions. Junior trombonist Rusty Jehangir was selected to the *Illinois All-State Jazz Ensemble*. In addition, his jazz composition has been selected to receive All-State recognition. The ultimate honor came as he was selected by audition to the *National Grammy High School All-Star Jazz Ensemble*. Jehangir is one of only 18 students from across the country (and the only student from Illinois) to receive this honor. His selection means that the Grammy Foundation will fund a ten-day all-expenses paid trip to Los Angeles for Jehangir in February of 2006. There he will record at a Hollywood studio and perform on a variety of telecasts for network and cable television. Of special note will be the Jazz Ensemble's performance during the pre-Grammy telecast, as well as the official Grammy post-broadcast reception for music industry dignitaries and stars. We're all so proud of him!!
 - We are also excited to announce that this year we have 8 students who will be performing at the annual the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic that will take place next week. We have never had so many students participate and they include (from District 99 Orchestra) Eva Mondragon, Sarah Sheber, Josh Zajac and Mike Salazar (South). Band students include Michael Jacobson, Natalie Lorch, Rusty Jehangir and J.J. Jehangir.

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-Our friend and fellow director, Reimund Schiffer from Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany, will attend the Midwest conference. It is our pleasure to announce that he will arrive a few days early in order to be a guest conductor at the Mosaic Concert!

-The shelf for the cds arrived and the trip pictures have been framed as well: Thanks!

-As Fine Arts Chair, Brayer was asked by Maria Ward (Principal) to make a presentation to the school board highlighting his department along with suggestions for improvement. He created a video with musical accompaniment that was incredible! It featured the students of course but highlighted each director/teacher and their unique contributions to the department. AWESOME!!

-Frank:

-He said that Brayer" did amazing work creating the video with many hours of preparation on short notice. He would like us to consider showing this to the "public", possibly before a concert.

- Various ensembles began outside performances today.

- The Giving Tree has been a humbling experience! Over \$3000 was raised in 1 week allowing students to adopt families in need. They enjoyed shopping and wrapping gifts, realizing that this is one way they can make a difference in the community.

-We're all gearing up for the Mosaic Concert!

-Old Business:

-Mid America Bank will donate a set amount to our organization when a new account is opened and DGN Music Boosters is designated as the recipient. They will also make a donation based on a percentage of an existing account. All personal information will remain confidential. The bank will distribute funds one time per year, in February, releasing names only and no other information. There is no expense to us. We will do a "soft sell" to booster members. Our organization can be removed at any time. There was a motion to approve our participation which was passed.

-14 used instruments were donated to U of I Instrument Drive. Thanks to all who donated!

-New Business: Mark & Pat Samel came to our meeting to discuss the "The Michael David Samel Spirit of Music Fund". The foundation was formed to honor the memory of their son, Michael, a DGS musician who was tragically killed. For the past few years, they have held an event, "Bike & Hike for Mike" which raises thousands of dollars. Our students were able to raise approximately \$525 for this event even though it conflicted with a marching band event.

The foundation supports the music program at DGS and at the Samel's church, where Mike was also active. They hold other fundraising events throughout the year and they would like to encourage our participation. Since they would like to extend their support to our organization as well, the Samels presented the DGN Music Boosters with a check for \$1000. We are grateful for their generous donation and decided instantly that we will use these funds to recreate the new line item in the budget for the "Listening Library" that was discussed earlier in the meeting. A thank you note explaining our use of their donation will be sent to the Samels.

-Meeting Adjourned: 8:40pm.

Members present: Becky Connery, Dawn Johnson, Dick Weil, Bill & Connie Brower, Linda & Joe Rush, Bill Younker, Ruth Schneider, Mary Paruszkiewicz, Brayer Teague, Frank Piekarz, Tina Riley

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Riley