

DGN Music Boosters Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2006

- Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.
- Approval of the Agenda.
- Approval of minutes from April 4.
- **President's Report:** Since our last meeting there have been a few concerts, an art show and the spring musical. It's always interesting to see new aspects of our students' talents! We will present our slate of officers later in this meeting.
- **Secretary's Report:** No Report.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Not much activity this month. We received a check from the Athletic Boosters for ½ the agreed amount for football seat revenue. We have contacted their treasurer who acknowledged the error and will issue a check for the remaining amount.
- **Contributing Members:** We received 1 donation bringing our totals to 181 members, \$14,500. We also received \$40 in memory of Rose Binek, the grandmother of a band family who recently passed away.
- **Fundraising:** Joe held a meeting of all the fundraising chairpeople to discuss this year's successes. He will present a final report at the next meeting. Some ideas to consider:
 - 1) More email contact.
 - 2) Encourage parents/families of former members to purchase from the fundraisers.
 - 3) Purchase of a DGN Music Booster banner.

All agree: Thanks for your hard work Joe!
- **Value Cards:** Andrea would like a co-chair to help her, someone interested in taking over.
- **Fannie Mae:** The company has been bought by 1-800-FLOWERS. Mary has contacted Fannie Mae and they are excited about the opportunity to assist us again. Mary has also contacted another company, Sees Candy, to see what they might have to offer us. They presented her with information for us to consider. It will be up to Joe to make the final decision after further discussion. More to follow...
- **Spirit Sales:** Polly Backes will take over in the fall.
- **Flower Sale:** This year's sale is set for Saturday May 13, 6AM! Joe & Linda would like a co-chair for next year, someone interested in taking over.
- **Market Day:** The proceeds will revert back to the General Fund as bookkeeping is difficult for individual student accounts.
- **Student Accounts:**
 - **Orchestra:** No change. Close books by July 31, 2006.
 - **Band:** \$11,011.85. Close books by July 31, 2006.
 - **Choir:** \$280 transferred from student accounts, total \$14,422.74.
- **VP Finance:** This has been the best year ever! There is extra money available to the Directors. Bill has the proposed budget for next year. **The Directors have some needs that Brayer would like to discuss at this time.** The department budgets have been frozen by the district. Though the overall enrollment is slightly down in the concert bands, there is an increase in percussionists resulting in a lack of equipment. He has created a new Symphonic Band Percussion Class and various percussion ensembles, rotating groups of percussionists thru the concert bands for experience. Brayer presented a list of percussion needs, defining items approved for purchase with district funds and requesting Music Booster support in the amount of \$5588.92 for the remaining items. * A motion was made to support this purchase and passed by unanimous vote.

Brayer would like to create a replacement schedule for the orchestra's string instruments and purchasing a set of guitars to be used specifically for classes. The district has a budget for maintenance but not replacement. Bill Brower suggests we build instrument replacement into the budget and asks all to review the proposed budget. Call him to discuss any additions/adjustments that may be needed.

- **Hospitality:** Everything is ready to roll for the May & June concerts.

- **Publicity:**

-**Newsletter:** Sharon received a comment from a music parent who felt the last newsletter was a bit "band-centric". Next year we will try to solicit more input from the choir and orchestra. The staff LOVES the professional look of the newsletter. The pictures are great thanks to the school's digital copier.

-**Website:** Bill will solicit more input from everyone. Be sure to take a picture of the new percussion instruments for the website.

- **Directors' Reports:**

-**Janis:** Jazz Showcase, "And All That Jazz" will be presented on May 16! Musical accompaniment will be provided by the Dixie Beat Downs and the Jazz Ensemble. Tech rehearsal is May 15 from 6-9pm. They have enjoyed 2 full weeks of stage rehearsal!

-**Bill & Frank:** Thanks for an AWESOME year!!

-**New Business:**

-**Nominating Committee:** We are still looking to fill the Fundraising Chair position. We will continue to work this month and present a complete slate of officers for the 2006-2007 Music Boosters Board at June's meeting.

-**Brayer informs us of the following District 99 decisions:**

- 1) Fine Arts events will begin at 7pm next year. The members present decided to adjust our meeting schedule accordingly, holding our monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The vote was 17-1, Bill Younker the single opposing vote (Night owl...)
- 2) Families of music students (band, choir & orchestra) will be assessed a "lab fee". The fee is a result of discussions surrounding uniform replacement. The district is trying to create a revenue stream to fund eventual replacement of apparel and instruments. The fee will begin at \$20 for the coming school year, to be included on the bill with other school fees. (Financial Need waiver will be available for those in need.) It will likely be raised as district comptroller Mark Staehlin creates a long range plan for the next replacement cycle. We would like to thank him for his dedication to creative funding to keep music alive in our schools. Bill Younker will compose a letter "thanking" him and District 99 for stewardship of the lab fees to be reviewed at our June meeting.
- 3) The new marching band uniforms will cost approximately \$114,000.

-**Old Business:** Updated By-Laws will be available on the website.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

Members present: Barb Mech, Becky Connery, Tom Walsner, Frank Piekarcz, Bill Miller, Brayer Teague, Janis Guter, Dick Weil, Mark Lockett, Bill & Connie Brower, Linda & Joe Rush, Bill & Sharon Younker, Marianne Moscato, Diana Rhoades, Mary Siebert, Mary Paruszkiewicz.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Riley