

DGN MUSIC BOOSTERS MINUTES

December 1, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Introductions were made.

Agenda: Motion made, seconded and unanimously

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded, to accept the minutes of the most recent meeting. During discussion, it was reported that several corrections/additions or clarifications were necessary and are as follows:

In the Contributing Members Report: Dick is willing to write letters, but it was decided that it would conflict with the Shoemaker Band Scholarship Trust requests, so no further letters would be sent at this time.

Further, money from Louis Tailors is a general donation, not a part of Contributing Members.

With these corrections the minutes were approved.

President's Report: Chuck Martin reported that the concerts on the 17th and the 19th were fantastic and are looking ahead to the Mosaic. Thanks to all who participate in assuring that the concerts are so well organized.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Financial Reports:

V.P. of Finance: Joan reported that we took in \$96,000, \$42,000 of which was cheesecake sales. Also about \$30,000 in checks were written for trips. It should be noted that the down payments for the London trip have not yet been deposited. The invoice for the Lighting has not been received, so will be paid next month. The Clings were paid (\$727) and taken out of contributing members fund.

Treasurer's Report: There is about \$28,000 in student accounts, with our account sitting at about \$140,000, most coming from advance payments on trips (\$50,000). This leaves our available general fund at \$60,000. Discussion ensued as to whether it would be to our benefit to put some of this money into a money fund. It was stated that the return on money funds currently are not enough to warrant tying up funds for the time period they require. Chuck stated that if anyone would like to investigate a fund that would pay a decent return but not tie up our money unduly, the board would be happy to review the information at a future meeting. This matter was tabled pending further information.

Contributing Members Report: \$7,330, with \$100 to be deposited, still less than last year. A poster listing all members, and an area which would offer the forms to contribute would be made available during the mosaic concerts in an effort to generate more donations. The clings are here and look great.

Fundraising Report and Updates:

Market Day: Saturday pick up

Spirit wear: Will wrap up with the Mosaic. Sold about \$258 at band concerts

Cheesecake sales: No report

Fannie May Candy sale: Having worked on the orders today, it is estimated that \$50,000 with about 180 orders received. Discussion was held on the frustration that some students encountered when they went to ask teachers to buy from them it was discovered that the teachers had their own funds for ordering. These teacher orders, although not adding up considerably, did take away from students, with the exception of those teachers who indicated which student was to

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receive the credit for the sale. A suggestion was made to give the teachers forms at a later date. Chuck asked that the matter be tabled until we can get a tally of how many teachers ordered and the figures we are dealing with.

Magazine Sales: Forms will go home on December 16th with 1st turn in January 8 and second January 21st.

Plant Sales: Will be contacting the grower.

London trip: It was a good meeting, with ideas on ways to get as much money as possible from corporate sponsors, even to paying for the entire trip. The next series of meetings will be held on 12-15 for local business and 12-17 for corporate groups. Chuck mentioned that we will need a presentation kit to give to corporations. We will need a budget for materials with which to prepare. A motion was made and seconded to allocate up to \$200. Gwen will work on getting the materials together. Following the initial interest in going on the trip, more students can register through Spring 2010. Currently we have 164 students

Student Accounts:

Orchestra accounts-\$3445, including cheesecake sales. 26 students are going on trip, and another allotment of money is due on the 16th. Four families have not paid the next installment; after contact 1 family responded; what is the next step? After one contact, please inform Ms. Mullen who will then take over. After several non-responses a letter is issued stating the student's withdrawal from the trip.

Band accounts-cheesecake sales brought in \$7,689, with our balance now at \$16,573.92.

Choir account-cheesecake sales brought totals to \$8,362.21. Two Athenas are going to London and will use their choir account for that trip.

Volunteer Coordinator: supplies are stored by group bin and going well.

V.P. of Volunteers: Gwen talked with Patti for set up for the dinner between the mosaic concerts and all is going well. Will be getting water and cookies. Boxes of supplies are in good shape still! Thanks

Volunteer Coordinator: The list has been published; do all present have one?

Publicity Report:

Newsletter: completely electronic; deadline for February will be end of January, Helene to send an e-mail reminder. Discussion was held as to whether we should add a December newsletter. Following discussion, it was thought that a December newsletter would help with fundraisers and concerts, and since it is electronic, easier to distribute. Questions were asked about whether the newsletter was going to 8th graders in the area. Unfortunately, no, since we do not have those e-mail address. We do, however, have addresses for those registered for the London trip.

Directory: Complete and distributed.

Website: Getting up to date quickly. Reminder to send minutes to Burke and Chuck.

Director's Report: Mr. Teague welcomed back to school Mrs. O'Riordan. He also gave thanks to parents involved with the musicals and dinners. Plans are progressing in getting the mosaic up and running, it should be one of the best this year. We are proud to announce that we have 13 students selected for All State.

With the holiday season beginning, several of our choir ensembles are starting to go out into the community. Further, music students collected money and toys for the Direct Action club for distribution to area needy families.

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IHSA – 12 schools have been assigned to us. We expect 30-40 event rooms will be required. In each room, volunteers and runners will be necessary to take score sheets and results to judges. Also, guides for building directions and concessions. Usually we get students to help with some of these jobs.

For concessions, we are trying with the Mosaic to not use Armark, and use Skuttlebut's pizza as a "test drive" for the IHSA, but will table for now. Mr. Teague stated that we would need 40-50 adults throughout the day in shifts of 3 blocks of time. The date, again is March 6th.

New Business: Bob Jacobs passed away recently. Bob worked with groups since the 80's to arrange trips to Germany and was the start up person for our student exchange experience. The family has asked for assistance for a memorial scholarship or trust fund. South High has allocated \$200, to be used to purchase a memorial brick and the balance given to the memorial scholarship. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to donate \$100 to the fund and to purchase one brick for North. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the Music Booster share of the sale of football seats had not been received from the Athletic Boosters. Gwen said she would contact them, since she helped set it up last fall. Further, Gwen volunteered to take over this job, that is selling football seats and placing the name stickers on the bleachers at the appropriate place. All thanked her for stepping up to do this job.

Old Business: No report

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Unanimously adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 5th, 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance: Darlene Landstrom, Tom Walser, Joan Ralph, Chuck Martin, Dick Weil, Dawn Johnson, Kari Shatzer, Sue Kovanko, Margaret Wilson, Patti DePeder, David Schieeweis, Tom Smith, Gwen Box and Lynn Neime, Laura Stefanisin, Beth O'Riordan, Brayer Teague, and Helene Nogle.