

# DHDJ Music Boosters General Meeting 5

March 21, 2023

## Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

Dawn Bauman, VP Band	Jackie Gillespie-Stokland, 50/50
Linda Blackman, President	Chairperson
Chad Bobik, Music Educator (guitar)	Anthony Gnutek, Director of Bands
Lisa Devona, VP Choir	Amy Moran
Arlene Dubiel, Vice-President	Jennifer Parker, Director of Choirs
Terry Foster, Director of Orchestras	Gretchen Richards, Secretary
	Laura Thiesse

I. Call to Order – 6:30 P.M.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Dawn Bauman, seconded by Terry Foster

III. Director Reports

A. Terry Foster

- Doors will be ordered and installed this summer. They will be billed on next year's school budget (July) but the Boosters can make our payment from this year's budget
- Pops Concert and fundraising – We need a better fundraising opportunity. The directors do not want to return to this event being held in the competition gym. This event is currently only attended by parents with no way to involve the public or businesses. Comment from Linda - some parents were unhappy because they had to pay to get in and then had to choose which student to see because they were scheduled at the same time. In the past the Pops event could raise \$6-8 thousand dollars. Possible new options were

introduced. Possibly a winter holiday event with music related carnival games, elementary and middle school kids, and performances at different locations in the school. There would be some up front costs for the Boosters to purchase the things required for an event like this but it may pay off in fundraising after several years. Another option is a spring gala fancy dinner event for around \$50 per plate and offering silent auctions. Possible dates, December 15-16 and May 4. These are on the calendar for next year in case we want to use them. Pops would become a regular concert, not a fundraiser. The curriculum requirement is only for 3 concerts, but the directors and students enjoy Pops and feel there is value in teaching different styles of music.

#### B. Jennifer Parker

- Choir has been talking about options for after high school
- Choir students performed at a concert at DMS
- They have choir and jazz concerts at end of April
- May 13 is the Six Flags trip. Boosters will pay the invoice and then the students will pay Boosters back with checks.
- Great job Lisa Devona organizing the fundraising for the Florida trip.

#### C. Director Reports – Anthony Gnutek

- Pep Band finished basketball season.
- The Wind Ensemble went to NIU for a performance and were well received
- There will be a Marching Band info meeting in April
- A Band trip is being planned but he is waiting on a lot of information.
- He is also waiting on information about Memorial Day and Founders Day parades
- Boosters is being asked to pay for the copyrights for music both this spring and next spring. Linda pointed out that this wasn't requested last year or built into this year's budget. This was an oversight during the budget process as

Boosters usually covers this cost, not the school. Linda will look into using the Other Opportunities category to cover this.

#### D. Director Reports – Guitar

There will be a Guitar ensemble starting up, and an extracurricular electric guitar ensemble. There is a lot of interest in these with around 30-40 students. The school has guitars and the students will bring their own electric guitars.

#### IV. VP Reports – Lisa Devona

Lisa has ordered the silk flower stick pin senior corsages and the music ribbon. She will have a few extras. This will save a lot of money as compared to the fresh rose corsages used in the past.

#### V. President's Report

- Our next meeting is the “Annual Meeting” on April 11 when we will vote on new officers for next year. We must have a President, Treasurer and Secretary for the Board of Directors. We can also have a Vice-President on that board. We have nominees for everything except Vice-President, and it would be beneficial to have a nominee for that position. The nominees are Arlene Dubiel for President, Jackie Wysong for Treasurer, and Gretchen Richards for Secretary. In addition to the Board of Directors, we also have positions of VP of Band, Choir and Orchestra. These are appointed positions, chosen by the directors with the agreement of the Board of Directors, and the seven positions together make up the Executive Board. Most of the decisions outside of member meetings are conducted by a vote of the Executive Board.
- In the Annual meeting, we also vote to approve the budget for the next school year. The budget is for financial planning and pre-approval of funds for specific expense categories, so that most requests are already approved by a vote and will not require discussion and approval in a meeting. For requests that were not part of the budget, we can always vote in a meeting.

We can also vote to spend more than was approved for the budget. The bylaws do allow for financial flexibility and the budget is not a final determination of spending. Linda presented the draft version of the budget with handouts. 30% of the estimated year end balance was added on to the projected income to arrive at a total, and the directors' requests by category were reduced to meet that total. We do not commit all of our projected end of year balance to the new budget. We do need to keep a reserve of at least 3-6 months of operating expenses, and having a reserve allows for financial stability and flexibility when additional requests are made.

- The minutes and financial reports are published on the website after each meeting at [www.hdjmusicboosters.org](http://www.hdjmusicboosters.org)
- We will need parents to become involved in assisting with the Craft Fair planned for the first Saturday in November. This event is on the calendar for next year.

## VI. New Business

### A. Scholarships

Music Boosters traditionally makes some funds available to be awarded as scholarships to reduce student expenses for director-approved non-D300 music programs. Each student who applies has their application approved by their music directors, and the funds are paid directly to the programs on the students' behalf, not to the families. We did not include scholarships in this year's budget because funds were limited when this budget was made. A question was presented to vote on up to \$1000 for scholarships this year, with a yes proxy vote from the treasurer Jackie Wysong who was not able to attend the meeting. A motion to move to a vote was made by Lisa Devona and seconded by Jackie Gillespie-Stokland. The vote in favor was unanimous and the motion passed. Linda will provide the directors with the scholarship applications to distribute after Spring Break.

## B. Perpetual Plaque

There was a discussion about the request for the budget to include funds for a perpetual plaque for All-State musicians. The directors would like to go back in time and fill in the names of the students who have had this honor, and add new names going forward. This project will require some initial investment to create the plaque and set it up, and then low expenses each year going forward. Linda suggested that instead of including the initial costs on the budget, this is a project that can be voted on in a meeting next year, perhaps after Craft Fair is complete as the amount of funds raised will be known by then. The normal end-of-year awards should stay on the budget request as a category that at this time does not include the perpetual plaque. Jennifer Parker would also like to include accompanists in the category for instruments/equipment. Linda will include this change in the final budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

## VII. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Lisa Devona and seconded by Arlene Dubiel.