

**Decatur Band Boosters Meeting
January 9, 2013**

Website: www.dhsbands.org

Meeting started at 7:00 PM, 8 attendees

Directors Report:

The bands are practicing new music. Matt will combine the concert and symphonic bands into one entry and the wind ensemble into the other entry so that all band students can participate the Valley Region Large Group Contest on March 9, 2013. (Only two entry's are allowed per school.)

Five students attended the PLU Honor Band held on January 5th. One placed in the symphonic band and three students held first chair in the Concert Band. They all had fun and played well. Congratulations!

1/18 - The band is working on recruiting 8th graders for next year. On Friday, January 18, the pep band will host 8th graders to show them the fun of high school pep band. The drum line will teach a few cadences to 8th grade drummers so they can participate in drum line at the game. Matt asked for Booster parents to attend the game for any needed support.

1/22 - Jazz Band is scheduled to play at the school board. Rex Tucker cancelled the previously scheduled school board performance due to a scheduling error. We discussed advertising our upcoming Showcase at this event. Heidi agreed to create a "Save the Date" flyer for Matt to distribute.

2/11 - Decatur is hosting a High School Planning Night from 6 – 7:45. Matt would like a band display including trifold boards with photos to advertise bands. Matt needs photos and display items! Brad offered to help the night of the event.

2/23 - Solo/Ensemble competitions will be held February 23. Some of the participating students may perform at the March 7 Spring Concert.

Treasurers Report:

- Heidi distributed a cash flow statement showing total inflows of \$1,471, including income from Good Shop of \$109, the Winter Concert of \$579, Jazz Night of \$610 and the Wendy's Night Raffle of \$123. It does not reflect the 10% earnings from the Wendy's sales during the designated time. Total outflows were \$410 which includes payment of our liability insurance and expenses related to the concerts. Our checking account ending balance is \$3,823.30.
- 501c3 status: We are all discouraged by the lack of response from the IRS to our 501c3 application. It has been over 1 year since Heidi initially filed the 501c3 application paperwork and has replied in a timely manner to IRS requests for additional information. Heidi is trying to determine the status of our application and is frustrated with the lack of response from the IRS agent handling our account.

OLD BUSINESS

Recaps of Winter Concert and Winter Jazz Night: Concerts were well attended, the bands were great, and we are pleased with the results of our fundraising efforts. Thanks to all who participated and supported our bake sale and raffles!

Wendy's Fundraiser: This fundraiser will pay 10% of the restaurant's earnings for between the hours of 4 – 8 pm. Despite the evening's inclement weather, we are pleased at the number of families who supported the fundraiser. We will ask Wendy's if we can try this fundraiser again in the spring when the weather should be better and we can advertise outdoors.

Showcase – March 23, 2013:

- **Refreshments:** Michael and Susan have contacts for desserts. They will report back next month with specifics.
- **Venue:** Michael will send the church reservation form to Band Boosters for Brad to sign and return as soon as possible.
 - Michael will ask for 3 solo microphones, a piano microphone and an MC mic up front.
 - Michael will discuss using the church's round tables and linens.
 - Michael will ask if our reservation will allow us early access to the church to set up the auction tables and items.
 - The church is planning to get rid of its stage risers. Michael will ask whether the risers will be available for the concert.
- **Entertainment/Emcee:** Michael will continue to work with the talent agency to secure an entertainer.
- **Theme:** Matt will ask students to help think up a theme for the Showcase by 1/18/13 so Stacy can start designing posters.
- **Price:** We discussed entry price and will discuss this further next month.
- **Donations/Procurements:** It is time to procure donations! We appreciate help with this from all band parents!
 - Brad will post the procurement tracking form on the internet.
 - Brad will email families for donation and procurement help.
 - Matt will organize class theme baskets with the students.

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Near Term Fundraisers:

- **ASB Fundraisers:** We agreed that we will concentrate our efforts on Showcase and other upcoming activities at this time.

Action Item Review:

- Heidi will create a "Save the Date" flyer for Matt to distribute at the school board meeting.
- Susan will research desserts with her contact.
- Michael will
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 - Ask church for 3 solo microphones and a piano microphone.
 - Negotiate using church's round tables and linens.
 - Negotiate early access to the church to set up the auction tables and items.

- Clarify whether the risers will be available for the concert.

- Matt will
 - Ask students to help think up a theme for the Showcase by next week
 - Organize class theme baskets for auction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Next Booster Meeting – Tuesday, February 5th in the Band Room

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