

## **Decatur Band Boosters Meeting January 6, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm, ~9 attendees (parents and students). President Brad Johnson welcomed the group requested that everyone sign in on the attendance sheet before they leave tonight.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wendy was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Brad noted that we received about \$800 in contributions at the winter concert.

**Director's Report:** Mr. Chang said he is pleased with the progress of all bands so far this year, and was happy with the performances at the winter concert. He also advised of the following upcoming events:

- Jan 15 – Silverwood trip deposit due to DHS Finance Office - \$60
- Feb 26 – Combined concert – Decatur and feeder school bands – Decatur gym.
- Feb 28 – Solo/Ensemble event – Puyallup High School

Decatur Wind Ensemble will not be participating in Windfest at CWU this year due to special circumstances involving the CWU band director retirement.

Decatur Jazz Band still expects to participate in the Central Jazz Festival at CWU in May.

### **Discussion items:**

Winter Concert – Brad thanked everyone for their help in making this a successful event. He appreciates everyone taking initiative to get things done. Special thanks to Libby Ray for her help with the 50/50 raffle. Brad commented this is one of the best sounding bands in several years, especially the Jazz Band. Also, many positive comments were received about showing the soundstage workshop video from last year's Disney trip.

### **Old Business:**

Big Band Showcase –

- Mr. Chang says things are set to go with the FWPS Jazz Band. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like we'll be able to get a promo picture to use in the promo materials.
- Design is completed for the promotional materials (posters, handbills, etc). Tom has a few printers selected and will put the graphics out for bid. Tom hopes to have the actual printed media in hand by the Feb meeting. There was some discussion on a distribution plan for the promo materials and possible sponsorship programs. These will be considered and discussed more at the Feb meeting.
- Brad expressed disappointment in how little activity there has been on the Donation Tracker, and noted that we need to get moving on this if we're going to be successful with our auction. Steve volunteered to draft a communication for distribution to all Boosters encouraging their help and participation in soliciting donations. Brad will email it out to the Booster email distributions.
- Sara noted that we have most of last year's decorations left over and will not need as many supplies this year. She and Tom will confirm what we have and keep on the lookout for good deals on what we will need this year.

- Additional Showcase focal areas will be discussed in further detail at the Feb Boosters meeting.

**New Business:**

No significant new business discussed.

**Open Forum**

Brad noted that he will be starting a new job in mid January that will require significant time and commuting to Everett every day. He will need additional help from fellow Boosters, especially with the upcoming Big Band Showcase and auction.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

**Action Items:**

Steve Tanemura – Will draft a communication regarding help with requesting donations for Showcase auction items.

Brad Johnson – Will send the above communication out to the Booster email distribution lists.

Jeff Chang – Will order round tables for the Showcase

Sara and Tom Logan – Will check current inventory and start looking for deals on needed venue decoration items.

All – Continue efforts toward soliciting donations for the Showcase auction

**Next Booster meeting:** Tuesday, February 3 at 7 pm in the band room.

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