

**Decatur Band Boosters Meeting  
November 5, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm, ~15 attendees (parents and students)

President Brad Johnson welcomed the group and stated this meeting could be shorter than the previous meeting, as there weren't as many items to cover.

**Director's Report:** Night of Giving ticket money is due Friday, November 8. Students have sold about 100 tickets to this event. California trip deposit of \$150 per student and chaperone is due Tuesday, November 12. Payments for that are rolling in. The recording session for the Disney audition was earlier this afternoon (November 5) and the kids sounded great, especially after having just come out of pep band season. He is proud of the band and how well they performed at the Homecoming game. A special thank you went out to Brad Johnson and Joe and Melissa Preiser for all of their help with the marching side of the show.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wendy stated there is approximately \$15,000 in the Boosters' bank account. There is not a lot of activity right now. She will do an actual versus budget report for the next meeting once we have a budget in place.

**Discussion items:**

**Disney trip:** We are lucky that many parents signed up to be chaperones for the trip, but now we have more than we need. Jeff will decide who will go on the trip and contact them. We are still looking into transportation issues (renting a truck for the big instruments or checking everything as baggage); this will be decided after the trip deposit due date.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2014 Big Band Showcase:** By group consensus, it was decided to have a guest musician instead of a guest host at the Showcase this year, but still hold the Showcase at Our Savior's Baptist Church (the same venue as in years past). This will allow the Boosters to keep costs down yet still provide a quality venue to attract a bigger crowd. Included in last year's church rental fee were tables and chairs, as well as someone to run the lighting and sound system. We will need to confirm this will be included again this year. We will need to provide extra tables for all of the auction items, however last year we were able to secure these from Decatur's testing coordinator.

The date for the Big Band Showcase must be moved up from May into March, due to the final Disney trip payment due date of March 20<sup>th</sup>. There are many other musical events in March (it is traditionally Music in the Schools Month and many concerts, festivals and events are scheduled at that time). The date will be up to Jeff, according to when the calendar opens up- he is looking at either March 1 (the first choice) or March 22 (fall back date).

The Donation Tracker is live on the band webpage at 'dhsbands.org'. To access it, click the tab named Big Band Showcase, choose Donation Tracker. The Donation Tracker page is password protected. Brad gave out the password at the meeting, and will also provide the password to any Booster member that requests it in person or by email. The tracker is color-coded to identify potential donors and has space for the name of the person that will contact each donor. Any Booster can modify the page, or send an email to decaturboosters@hotmail.com with the change information.

The donation letter is also up on the webpage. To find it, look at the bottom of the donations page for the link. This letter can be printed or emailed to potential donors. If a Word version is needed, Steve can provide one. The letter will be updated with the final Showcase date and guest performer later, but it is useable now.

### **Near Term Fundraisers:**

- Football scarves- 46 scarves were sold, earning \$220. There are 14 left and Jeff will keep them in the office for students to buy. Special thanks go to Linda Johnson and Melissa Preiser for making the scarves, and to Tom and Mary Murphy and Kim Duclos for selling them at the football games.
- Breakfast at Applebee's - this ASB fundraiser is scheduled for 8 to 10 am on Saturday, December 14, 2013. This is not a Booster event, but some Booster members are assisting. Special thanks to Steve Tanemura for helping to arrange this opportunity for student fundraising.

**Budget:** After reviewing the three budget proposals for the Big Band Showcase, Liz Austin moved to accept "Showcase Medium- Guest Musician at the Church". Steve Tanemura seconded it and the motion passed unanimously. The accepted budget will be posted on the web site.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Winter Concert:** The concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 7 pm in the PA at Decatur. There will be a few Booster fundraisers that night: a 50/50 raffle, possibly a Holiday basket or two to raffle, and refreshments available for donation. The baked goods are provided by the Band families and packaged in \$1 portions and placed on a table at the side of the room for purchase. The Boosters will provide drinks.

**Booster Meeting Night Change:** Due to many unforeseen schedule conflicts, it was decided by group consensus to move the Booster meetings to the first Wednesday night of each month. It is hoped more Boosters will be able to make the meetings from now on.

**Open Forum:** Melissa Preiser proposed a new fundraising idea, based on her experience in high school: Band-o-grams. These are small groups of students (4 or 5) that are hired to come to someone's home and play 3 short Christmas carols. A person will hire the group for \$20 to \$25 to arrive during a block of time on a certain night (ie, 6 to 8 pm on Friday, December 7). The group can schedule in 3 or 4 visits in

an evening. There is work to be done to make this happen, such as assembling music and a list of students willing to participate. Melissa volunteered to head this up and will work with Jeff to see if it can happen this year, or is better put off until next year.

**Action Item Review:**

**Sarah Logan-** pick up the extra Night of Giving tickets from Jeff and bring them to the Outlet Collection by 5 pm on Friday, November 8.

**Steve Tanemura-** pick up Applebee's tickets.

**Brad Johnson-** remind people to bring holiday items to the next Booster meeting to put in a basket to be raffled off during the December concert.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

**Next Booster meeting:** Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 7 pm in the band room.

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