

Decatur Band Boosters Meeting October 2, 2012

Website: www.dhsbands.org

Meeting started at 7:00 PM, ~9 attendees (Parents and Students)

Directors Report: Matt (Mr. Sadowski) is pleased with the bands' progress so far this year.

- The Homecoming game is Friday, October 12th. Students are to wear black shoes, khaki pants and their band sweatshirts.
- Auditions for All State Band are due Friday, Oct 5. Matt can use his excellent recording system to help students record their auditions.
- Winter Concert is scheduled for December 13th. Matt welcomes decorating ideas and stage crew help for the night of the event.
- The bands will begin rehearsing concert music after Homecoming.

Treasurers Report: Heidi stated that there is no change to the financial report since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Review and Approval:

Brad and Heidi presented the proposed budget for discussion. Matt stated he is satisfied with the budget allocations, but might ask for additional funds for Professional Music Coaches later this year.

Dave Bomgardner moved to accept the budget as proposed. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved. (Approved budget posted on our Web Site).

Web Site:

Brad is excited about the ease and efficiency of the booster's website, www.dhsbands.org, and hopes band parents and students will refer to it for information. He plans to post band pictures in the near future. He welcomes feedback and ideas about the website.

GoodSearch/GoodShop:

Melissa Preiser volunteered to help revamp the promotional flyer and will act as administrator for this fundraiser. The Boosters have been involved with GoodSearch/Goodshop fundraisers for several years, but they need to be better publicized with the Band Community as they are an easy way to raise funds.

2013 Showcase:

We discussed preliminary preparations for the 2013 Showcase fundraiser. This is our most important fundraiser and we hope many parents will participate!

- Matt will determine the best date for the event so as not to conflict with other band events, school vacations, etc. Possible event dates may be March 23 (preferred), February 9, or March 2nd.
- We discussed the Showcase format, and whether we want to hire a comedian or guest artist to emcee the event. Comedian/Entertainer seems to be the preferred approach with the greatest potential to draw the most attendance and donations. Michael Falck will contact the entertainment agency for cost and availability of an entertainer to emcee the event.

- Michael Falck will contact last year's venue, Our Savior's Baptist Church, to check on cost and date availability
- Susan will write a procurement letter and mail to all businesses who donated last year.
- Brad will ask Stacey Keller (Booster Alumni) if she will make advertising posters for the auction.
- We discussed the committees needed for the event such as Donation Procurement, Promotion and Ticket Sales, Administration / Accounting, Facilities set up and decorating, and Dessert. We hope many parents and students will participate to make the event fun, easy and successful!

NEW BUSINESS

Parent / Student Email Addresses: Communication with parents is important for the success of the band program. Matt will ask students for their parents' email addresses.

Near Term Fundraisers:

- Boosters will not hold a fundraiser in the immediate future. We will consider this again at the next Booster meeting.
- Although ASB Fundraisers such as Entertainment Book Sales and Night of Giving at the Supermall are not Booster fundraisers, all parents are welcome and encouraged to help band members with these as needed.

Winter Jazz Night in December: We briefly discussed the December Jazz Night and will revisit this next month. Matt will help to determine a date for this event, and coordinate with the Lakota Middle School Jazz Band regarding their participation. We are considering whether to include Sub Zero Ice Cream as part of the ticket price as we did last year, and what other fundraisers we might hold? Michael Falck will check on the church's availability once a date has been determined. Brad Johnson will ask Stacey if she will make wreathes for the winter concerts.

Action Item Review

- **Melissa** volunteered to help revamp the promotional flyer for the GoodSearch/GoodShop fundraisers.
- **Matt** will check his calendar to determine the best date for the Showcase and the December Jazz Night.
- **Matt** will coordinate with Lakota Middle School Jazz Band regarding participation in the December Jazz Night.
- **Michael** will contact entertainment agency for cost and availability of an entertainer to emcee the Showcase.
- **Michael** will contact Baptist church to check on cost and date availability for the Winter Jazz Concert and the Showcase.
- **Susan** will write a procurement letter and mail to all who businesses who donated last year.
- **Matt** will ask students for their parents' email addresses.
- **Brad** will ask Stacey if she will make wreathes for the winter concerts and advertising posters for the auction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Next Booster Meeting – Tues, Nov 6th in the Band Room

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