

## **Decatur Band Boosters Meeting October 2, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm, ~20 attendees (parents and students)

President Brad Johnson welcomed the group and stated that while there was a lot of material to cover at the meeting, he would do his best to adjourn at 8 pm. He was glad to see a number of students in attendance, as their participation will make the Boosters more successful.

**Director's Report:** Jazz Band is up and running now as a zero hour class. The main focus of the bands is split between the Disney audition and the Homecoming marching show. There are 3 more Wednesday night rehearsals before the Homecoming game. Mr. Chang would like to finish close to 6 pm due to possible rainy weather and darkness falling.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wendy stated there is approximately \$14,700 in the bank account. There is nothing new to report.

### **Discussion items:**

**Disney trip:** nothing is cast in stone yet, everything is still in the planning stage. Currently, Mr. Chang is exploring scheduling the trip over the Memorial Day weekend. This is beneficial for many reasons, including a lower cost per student, the students not missing any school days for the trip and AP testing will be completed by the end of May. Sample trip outline:

Sat, Day 1: bus tour of LA, Grammy museum, dinner at Disney

Sun, Day 2: performance/ recording session

Mon, Day 3: recording session/ performance (whichever they did not do the previous day)

Tues, Day 4: Disneyland until 3 pm, flights at 6 pm, home by 10 pm.

To make this work, we will need parent chaperones.

Current bid costs are \$770 per student and \$395 per chaperone. This includes the airline tickets, hotel stay and admission to Disneyland. It does NOT include meals.

There are two options for moving the big equipment down to Los Angeles: either check the items at \$25 per item each way, with a \$2000 allowance built into the budget, or have two volunteer drivers take a truck with equipment down to CA. The drivers would receive free rooms and be considered chaperones. A financial analysis will be needed to evaluate which option is more economic. If items are all checked on the plane, the band will still rent a truck in LA to move the equipment from the hotel to Disney. This makes sense logistically, since it will be easier to move equipment to the back lots and the students are

not allowed to lug instruments through the Disney parks. When the truck is parked, it will have a padlock and be backed up into bushes to deter theft.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2014 Big Band Showcase:** It is the hope of the Boosters that we may be able to donate a travel scholarship sufficient to offset the cost of the upcoming Disneyland trip by approximately \$200 per student. To make this happen, we need to either have a lot of little fundraisers or one big one. It was decided to do the Big Band Showcase again, as it has the potential to bring in the most revenue at once. Brad explained the way the Showcase has worked in the past and the typical tasks involved. After discussing how everything comes together, the following Boosters volunteered to head up these main areas of responsibility:

- **Donations:** Steve Tanemura and Kim Duclos
- **Auction:** Melissa Preiser
- **Cashiers:** Jessica Sanford
- **Food:** Liz Austin
- **Promotion:** Kim Duclos and Tom Murphy
- **Tickets:** Bill Loranger
- **Talent:** Jeff Chang
- **Venue:** Tom and Sarah Logan
- **Security:** Bill Loranger

Brad will oversee everything and each focal person will need lots of help to make the Showcase happen. This is our most important fundraiser and we hope many parents will participate!

## **Near Term Fundraisers:**

- Football scarves- Melissa Preiser made 20 scarves in a bright orange fleece to be sold for \$5 each. Without any effort, 6 sold at the last football game; Tom Murphy has volunteered to sell the remainder in the stands at the October 10 game. If they sell well, more can be made for the following football games.
  - Follow-on note: Brad Johnson sold four (4) more scarves to Wind Ensemble students following class on 10/4, leaving only 10 remaining scarves for sale. Brad bought enough material for 14 more scarves for a total of 24 available at the October 10 football game. If these sell out, more material may be purchased and scarves made before the homecoming game on October 25.
- Although ASB Fundraisers such as Breakfast at Applebee's and the Magical Night of Giving at The Outlet Collection Seattle (formerly the Supermall) are not Booster fundraisers, all parents are welcome and encouraged to help band members with these as needed. Student representatives will present these fundraising ideas to their respective band classes and report back to Brad whether there is enough student interest to pursue. Appropriate Booster assistance will be determined based on this student interest.

**Budget:** Brad handed out two budget proposals and explained them briefly. In the interest of time, it was decided to table a vote this month and address it at the November Booster meeting.

- Liz Austin moved that the Boosters authorize up to \$300 in booster funds as a Band Uniform Scholarship to be appropriated by the director as needed for the benefit of the band. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Melissa Preiser moved to authorize \$50 in Booster funds for the purchase material to make scarves to be sold for Booster fundraising. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action Item Review:**

**Brad Johnson-** will add a Big Band Showcase tab on the Decatur Bands webpage and update the Donation Tracker for immediate use.

**Steve Tanemura-** will add a current donation request letter to the webpage.

**Wendy Musiak-** will look for the list of previous donors' email addresses.

**Tom Murphy and Kim Duclos-** locate a graphic artist/ design a new poster for this year's Showcase

**Brad Johnson-** contact Outlet Collection regarding the Magical Night of Giving fundraiser and collect the tickets for students to sell.

**Jeff Chang-** set up an ASB account for Night of Giving.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

**Next Booster meeting:** Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7 pm in the band room.

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