

Decatur Band Boosters Meeting September 19, 2012

Website: www.dhsbands.org

Meeting started at approximately 8:25 PM, ~25 attendees (Parents and Students)

Introductory Remarks: Brad opened the meeting and discussed several items dealing with how he would like to see the Band Boosters operate for this year.

- Our purpose is to raise money to supplement funding for the Band to improve the experience and opportunities of all the students. We also want to leverage expertise/talents within the Band Booster community.
- Encourage participation by parents and students. The more people that help out the lighter the workload and the more we can accomplish.
- Brad also expressed a goal that we should strive to increase the participation of the general public in our fundraising activities.
- Brad outlined the standard meeting format – goal is to finish in 1 hour or less
- Officers were introduced
 - President: Brad Johnson
 - Vice President: Steve Tanemura
 - Secretary: Susan Murnen
 - Treasurer: Heidi Falck
- Boosters are encouraged to visit the website for information. Please provide e-mail addresses so we can communicate important information with all.

Directors Report: Matt gave some introductory remarks and is excited to be at Decatur this year. He commented that students should not be discouraged that the 3 band format this year has resulted in smaller bands. This provides more opportunities for him to provide instruction to students.

Treasurers Report: Heidi reported on the following

- All paperwork for 501c3 status has been filed. Hope to receive final approval in mail soon
- Heidi gave a brief synopsis of the 2012-3 budget. This will be discussed in more detail at the October meeting. A copy of the budget will be posted on the website before the October meeting
- Our recognition as a 501c3 organization will require some changes in how we handle finances. This will be most evident in how fundraising is handled, in particular Booster events vs ASB events. Brad and Heidi briefly went over the differences and this will be discussed in more detail at the next Booster meeting. For returning Booster members please note this means some of our fundraisers may operate differently this year than they have in the past.

Business Items:

- **Big Band Showcase:** Brad gave a brief description of this event which is our primary fundraising activity of the year. There is an Auction so Booster members are encouraged to come up with potential auction items or businesses we can solicit for auction items. This event is typically held in mid-February but we may push this back this year.
- **GoodSearch/GoodShop:** The Boosters have been involved with these search engine fundraisers for several years. This needs to be better publicized with the Band Community and Brad asked for a volunteer to help administrate this fundraiser.
- **Other Fundraising:** Other fundraisers were mentioned (PhoneRaiser, Applebees, partner with local restaurant, raffles, sell items at Band Concerts, etc) – if member have ideas on fundraisers we should consider please contact the Executive Board or bring this up at a Booster Meeting.

- **Meeting Minutes:** Brad proposed an alternate method for approving the meeting minutes. To allow distribution as soon as possible, minutes would be approved by the Executive Board and posted on the website before the next meeting.
- **Future Meeting Date:** A discussion was held to determine the meeting schedule for the rest of the year. Consensus was the first Tuesday of each Month.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 2 at 7:00 PM in the Band Room

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