

Call to Order: 8:18 p.m.

The meeting opened with President Pro Tem Brad Johnson welcoming the group and stating there would be elections at the end of the meeting as the organization still needs to elect officers. He took a few moments to provide the background and mission of the booster organization. He stressed the importance of student participation in the organization to develop a sense of commitment to the band. Johnson also stated it was the many talents of all the parents and students contributing to the organization that will make it successful.

Johnson stated the regular meeting times are usually 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the group can determine tonight what day they would prefer to meet regularly.

Director's Report: Due to the Decatur Open house, Director Mr. Chang had already shared with the parents everything he wanted to share.

Treasurer's Report: Pro Tem Treasurer Wendy Musiak stated the Boosters has approximately \$14,000 in the bank.

Discussion Items:

Travel Year: The money raised by the Boosters helps in reducing the overall cost per student for travel expenses. Johnson gave a brief overview of the differences between Decatur and the middle school booster organizations. Many expenses are mandatory and will be paid by parents for their individual students. The goal is to raise funds outside the band organization to help reduce individual costs.

The bands typically travel, taking a large trip, every other year. 2013 is slated as a travel year and Mr. Chang is considering traveling even though this is his first year at Decatur. In order to take a trip, students must commit to their craft to build a formidable band. Some trip options may require submission of an audition very soon. Parents will also need to commit to chaperone and assist with fundraising.

Johnson explained for new parents that all band students have the option to attend the band trip. Some smaller, local festivals are only for certain ensembles. Historically, large band trips have been scheduled near spring break or in late May. Academic events such as AP testing are considered when scheduling the band trip.

Communications: Johnson provided attendees the website address, www.dhsbands.org that has all the band information for parents and students. Booster communication is also sent via email; parents provided their emails on the band contract. There are also Facebook groups for the bands, parents and boosters but it is not considered as a primary communication tool.

New Business:

Budget: The elected executive board will develop a budget proposal for the boosters to approve. This will incorporate the group's expenses and potential scholarships.

Minutes: Rather than post the minutes after they are ratified by the entire group, Johnson proposed the group delegate approval of the minutes to the executive board to accelerate posting the minutes,

making information available to the boosters more quickly. The group agreed with this proposal by consensus.

Fundraising: Johnson outlined the fundraisers done in the past. Historically, the Big Band Showcase has been the largest fundraiser, but it will require a large number of participants to be successful. The Big Band Showcase raises funds through ticket sales, live and silent auction items. It requires a lot of work but is worth doing if enough people are willing to participate. More details will be discussed at the next meeting, but Johnson encouraged the group to consider if they would like to commit to participate. The event netted approximately \$10,500 with an overhead of \$3,500.

Johnson explained there are typically two types of fundraising opportunities; one is managed by the boosters the other is managed through the ASB, with the majority of the work managed by the students. He asked the boosters to consider what type of fundraisers they would be willing to contribute to throughout the year.

The boosters are members of GoodSearch and Good Shop; searches and purchases online yield a percentage of funds to the organization. Johnson asked for a volunteer to update the information for GoodSearch and be the promotional contact for that fundraising source.

He also proposed the idea of selling scarves at the football games. He asked for input from the parents and students as to whether it was worth pursuing. With a consensus approval from the boosters, Melissa Preiser volunteered to get scarves ready for the next football game.

Previously the band has participated in a Breakfast at Applebee's fundraiser; another idea is to sell a block of tickets to a Tacoma Rainier's game or perform the National Anthem. Johnson stated the recycled phone fundraiser will continue to promote at concerts to donate old phones.

Election of Officers:

Brad Johnson nominated Liz Austin as Vice President; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe Preiser nominated Wendy Musiak for Treasurer; the motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Brian Johnson nominated Brad Johnson as President; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Melissa Preiser volunteered to run for Secretary; the boosters elected Preiser as secretary unanimously.

Board Officers:

President – Brad Johnson

Vice President – Liz Austin

Treasurer – Wendy Musiak

Secretary – Melissa Preiser

With the board officers elected, Johnson noted that signature authority for the bank account would need to be updated such that current Booster board president (Brad Johnson) and treasurer (Wendy Musiak) now have signature authority. All other prior officers including but not limited to Heidi Falck and Tina Smith should be removed from signature authority.

The group selected to meet the first Thursday of the month, except for October, which will be October 2 to accommodate middle school open house and the Decatur football schedule.

Liz Austin took a moment to inform the group of the uniforms band members much purchase and the costs; the t-shirts and sweatshirts will be \$35 total and order forms will be going home with students by next week.

ACTION ITEMS:

Melissa Prizer: Football scarves

Brad Johnson/Wendy Musiak: Remove all former officers including Tina Smith and Heidi Falck, retain Brad Johnson (current president) and add Wendy Musiak (new treasurer) to check signing authority cards at Heritage Bank

All Boosters: Contemplate fundraising opportunities and the necessary commitments

Alan Harvey: Research and redevelop Good Search promotions

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08 p.m.