

## **Decatur Band Boosters Meeting September 17, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 8:20 pm, ~25 attendees (parents and students)

President Brad Johnson welcomed the group and thanked them for staying after the Decatur Open House. He stressed that all parents and band students are automatically members of the Decatur Band Boosters and are encouraged to attend meetings each month. Just by showing up, you can make a difference in our organization.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wendy says we have roughly \$3500 left from last year. Next month we will vote on a new budget.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion items:**

Your organization- We are a registered 501c3 organization. All band student families are automatically members of the Boosters; there is no fee to join or form to fill out.

How we communicate- we have a website ([dhsbands.org](http://dhsbands.org)) that is updated regularly throughout the school year. Our band calendar is posted, as well as key contact information. There is a QR code posted in the band room that will lead you to the website on your smart phone. Our meetings are recorded in the minutes taken by the Booster Secretary (either Melissa Preiser or Christine Frye, Co-Secretaries). The minutes are reviewed, approved and posted on the website within a week of the meeting. We also have various Facebook pages (Decatur Jazz Band, Decatur High School Bands, DHS Band Parents, Decatur High School Band Boosters, DHS Drumline) where information is posted. These groups are considered to be used for supplemental information, not primary sites to check.

Meetings- we meet once a month. After a vote of the group, it was decided to hold the Booster meetings this year on the first Tuesday of each month, unless there is a conflict.

Fundraising- this is a non-trip year for the band program. It is the goal of the Boosters to raise enough money to provide a travel scholarship equivalent to \$200 per student for the next big trip. To do this, our target is to raise \$10,000 this year. This is possible! Although significant donations come from band family members, whenever possible we will try to raise funds using events that attract donations from sources beyond Decatur band families (i.e. community members rather than parents).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Big Band Showcase- we will hold another Showcase this spring. It is not too early to begin thinking ahead. We will need a volunteer to be the BBS Chairman. Brad will work closely with them as a guide/mentor. Since the system of 'focal' people worked so well last year, we will do it again this year.

Thank you-

Linda Johnson- for making more scarves to sell at the football game on Friday. Like last year, they are made of bright orange fleece and will sell for \$5 each.

Joe and Melissa Preiser- for writing the drill for this year's Homecoming halftime show, and for teaching it to the band on Wednesday nights. The show is coming together faster this year than in previous years.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Devin Martinez/ Joohee Choi: nominated to make a BIG noticeable sign for the football game, with information about the scarves for sale.

Betsy McGhee: will sell scarves and collect money during the game.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

**Next Booster meeting:** Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 7 pm in the band room.

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