

# Dow High Music Booster Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

6:00 pm-Dow High Orchestra Room

Members Present: Matt Hansen, Linda Stachowiak, Guin Atkins, Shauna Barbeau, Sarah Haskett, Sherry Swier, Toko Togashi, Heather Miller, Cindy Cummings, Clark Cummings, Cindy Stemple, Jenny Lowe, Jeanette Gilstead, Amanda Thoms, Adam Gardner-Northrop

	Agenda Item	Special Notes or Information
1	Call to Order and Welcome: Matt Hansen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Called to Order at 6:05</li> </ul>
2	Review and Approve May 2023 meeting minutes: Linda Stachowiak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linda S. reviewed the May minutes.</li> </ul> <p>Shauna made a motion to accept the minutes. Cindy Temple provided a second and the motion passed.</p>
3	Review and Approve May 2023 Treasurer's Report: Clark Cummings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clark Cummings shared the Treasurer's report through the end of Sept 1st Highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looked at history of net fundraising profit (see chart 2022-2023 record year). Really have seen an increase in expenses/support of music programs- GREAT to see!</li> <li>A. Bucci (MHS treasure) provided a history of Band Showcase over the years</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>CHANGE Required to Budget: Renfair should be an even 3 way split since all three programs engage in this event. Change will be made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define budget subcommittee – 1-2 members Matt (and/or Shauna) are required to be on the committee. Matt Hansen, Clark Cummings and Mark Stachowiak will serve on budget subcommittee.</li> <li>Need a wish list from Directors.</li> <li>Thank you to Anirban Ghose for doing budget review as this will be a big project this year due to the amount of travel by all music programs this past school year.</li> </ul> <p>Motion to pass budget from 9/1/22-8/31/23 by Cindy Cummings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Guin Atkins. Vote, passes.</p>
4	Business Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uniform Update – Kathy Rasette <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All MB uniforms distributed (always subject to surprises)</li> <li>THANK YOU to the army of volunteers who helped. Everything went exceptionally smoothly thanks to YOU</li> <li>Tuxedo distribution is next Monday and Tuesday. Please sign up to volunteer if you can (email sent out to symphonic band families- may need to send out to broader audience to get more volunteers)</li> <li>Connie Gavin and Deb Mead have generously volunteered to take over uniforms starting in 2024. THANK YOU!</li> <li>Thank you Boosters for your continued support of the Uniform room - we could not do it without you.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Spirit Wear Update – Toko Togashi Sold 60+ clothing items, 22 decals ready for Toko to pick up this Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. Toko will email students pick up information.</li> </ul> <p>Another sale proposed for Nov. but concerned about not getting 50 items sold which will then result in a charge from the vendor of \$150. Planning to change the vendor (Red thread) next year to (Sandlot) - moving to this vendor who designed the band tshirt so we can order other</p>

	<p>clothing in the same design as band shirt design. More school programs are moving to Sandlot. Group agreed to move forward with holding the spirit wear sale in Nov. since previously announced. Boosters will cover the \$150 charge, if needed and reevaluate the need for two fall sales in future years.</p> <p>Shauna suggested doing clothing/merch design around “music” events. Amanda thinks RENFAIR in January may be a good “music” event to design a shirt around. Maybe have a student do the shirt design. We can see once the MC are chosen if the MCs would like to design a shirt to go with the theme they pick for Renfair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capital Project Update – Shauna Barbeau- NO Updates</li><li>• Marching Band Showcase – Sarah Haskett Need more ambassadors from 4:15-6:00 pm- person who meets each bus to help the kids show where they are sitting in the bleachers. If band directors need anything, trying to meet their needs. That is the only responsibility.</li></ul> <p>Midland High Treasure would like to increase the price for more revenue. Clark and group would like to check with Mr. DeRees for his thoughts on ticket price. Last year price \$5 per ticket.</p> <p>Cash or QRI code to pay via Square with a .50 up charge to cover the processing fee. Tickets for Showcase can be bought at the ticket booth, no presale to make the process simpler.</p> <p><b>Ticket price to be determined.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RenFair – Jenny Lowe Booked for Jan 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday at MCFTA. School announcements will go out in a couple of weeks to allow students to prepare for their auditions. Staff dance is a go.</li><li>• Fruit Sale – Cindy Cummings- No Report</li><li>• Sponsorship – Christy English- No Report</li><li>• Jazz &amp; More- update written by Angela Alec, presented by Guin Atkins</li></ul> <p><b>Written Update Submitted:</b> -Jazz and More for the upcoming year has been scheduled for <b>Saturday, April 27, 2024</b>. In the process of selecting the date, I consulted with all the directors. Unfortunately, the initial Friday option was unavailable as it had already been booked when I met with the Country Club in June. -I have personally explored several alternative venues, but none of them seem suitable for our specific event setup.</p> <p>-We are currently considering the idea of hosting a full meal at the Country Club, which would also include non-alcoholic beverages. The overall cost remains virtually unchanged. This setup would involve a few adjustments for everyone involved. Guests would arrive earlier, at 6 PM, and we would serve the meal buffet-style. The official concert would start at 7 PM, provided this aligns with the directors' preferences. I am open to suggestions and welcome any input from the committee. Given some of the food supply challenges we faced last year, I believe this option may be the most practical.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Price was \$40 per person last year- don’t have a cost for tickets just yet. Amanda shared a past goal was to keep the ticket prices low so families who can afford to give larger donations do so at the event, but ticket prices are affordable for all. Amanda offered music cases to put out for donations.</p>
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5	Director Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Band - Steve DeRees- No Report</li> <li>• Choir - Adam Gardner-Northrup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment is great again this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 90 kids in choir here at Dow High</li> <li>▪ Big increase at Jefferson</li> </ul> </li> <li>• First Concert is Cabaret on October 2nd @ 6:00</li> <li>• Still looking at getting robes for Chorus. Hitting a dead end with Grant Writing, if any has experience I would love some help (Erin &amp; Linda)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Orchestra - Amanda Thoms</li> </ul> <p>Orchestra is off to a great start. We have 61 students in symphony and 37 in concert orchestra for a total of 98 string students this year.</p> <p>Honors orchestra started yesterday, and there are 21 students in that ensemble.</p> <p>The fall concert is on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:30PM at Central Auditorium.</p> <p>All-State Honors Orchestra auditions will be on October 21 and 22. Students interested in auditioning will need to turn in their registration and payment by Friday, September 15.</p> <p>The Grove Music Festival will be taking place on October 27. Gabriel Bolkosky will be doing the master class this year, and Ian Koh and Mia Bayardo will be the Dow students performing.</p> <p>Composite photos will be on November 14-16. (November 16 will be an unpublished make-up day.)</p> <p>We are hosting MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble again this year on Saturday, March 16. More information will be coming soon.</p> <p>RenFair will be on January 13 this year. The contracts have been signed, and David Wolfley is once again available to be our stage manager.</p> <p>I will be meeting with JR and a representative from MCTV soon. We would like to see the cost of installing cameras that can be used for live streaming. Depending on the cost, the ultimate goal would be to approach other booster organizations as well as the school district to see about the possibility of getting those installed for live streaming.</p>
6	Other Items and To Do Items?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None for this meeting</li> </ul> <p>Future Meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determine ticket price for Showcase</li> <li>2. Budget Subcommittee to set 2023-2024 budget</li> <li>3. Potential capital project of adding cameras/sound equipment for continued live streaming of events at Central Auditorium</li> <li>4. Update on Spirit Wear Distribution for September orders</li> <li>5. Grant possibility for Choir Robe purchase (Erin Lauderbauch, Linda Stachowiak, Adam Gardner- Northrup)</li> </ol>
7	Adjourn: Matt Hansen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clark Cummings made a motion to adjourn. Heather Miller seconds the motion and the motion</li> </ul>

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