

Dow High Music Booster Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2024  
6:00 pm-Dow High Orchestra Room

Members Present: Shauna Barbeau, Linda Stachowiak, Cindy Cummings, Christine Hong, Amy Larry, Sarah Haskett, Christy English, Mark Stachowiak, Al Mead, Jenny Lowe, Steve DeRees, Adam Gardner-Northrup, Amanda Thoms

Agenda Item	Special Notes or Information
Call to Order and Welcome: Shauna Barbeau	Welcome to the meeting and introduction. Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm
Review and Approve April 2024 meeting minutes: Linda Stachowiak	Motion made to approve April minutes by Cindy Stemple Second by Amy Larry Motion passes
Review and Approve May 2024 Treasurer's Report: Clark Cummings	Clark's Final Budget Update The only thing to point out is that we haven't seen any income from MCFTA for Renfair. See Amanda's report for numbers. Jazz and More was a great event, but the costs won't clear the account until next month.  Motion made to approve the May Treasurer's Report by Cindy Stemple Second by Amy Larry Motion passes.  <b>At last month's meeting we elected a new slate of officers for the DHMB. As a result, we will need to remove Clark Cummings from the MFCU account and add Mark Stachowiak. Christy English will remain on the account.</b>
<b>Business Reports</b>	
Capital Project Update- Shauna Barbeau	No update at this time.

<p>Jazz and More – Angela Kalcec</p>	<p>Jazz and More went pretty well. I would love feedback if you have any. Please feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:angela.kalcec@gmail.com">angela.kalcec@gmail.com</a>. Thank you to the directors for your help with emailing and ensuring the students were prepared. They all sounded wonderful. A big thanks to Mr. DeRees for the setup and for having the music ready for dinner. We are all set for next year. Jazz and More 2025 will be on Saturday, April 26, 2025.</p> <p>Two changes I would like to make for the future:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When dessert is served, have coffee ready to go.</li> <li>2. Perhaps add some appetizers for the beginning.</li> </ol> <p>Overall, we made \$1513.69. We earned a little money due to simple changes. Adding \$1.00 to each drink ticket helped cut our costs by \$813.00. Also, by providing tickets only to the top sponsor, we saved a considerable amount of money. We tried to purchase reusable materials and did not rent any linens from the country club.</p> <p>We had a total of 182 paying patrons and 4 complimentary tickets, totaling 186 people. For the total number of students (see chart below)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="565 659 1179 1176"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total Choir Students</td><td>40</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total Orchestra Students</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total Band Students</td><td>45</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>106</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Actual patrons</td><td>186</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sponsor tickets</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr> <td>Paid patrons</td><td>182</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Discussion during the meeting: Possible to have a full size stage next year? Kudos to Angela's family for helping throughout!!!</p>	Total Choir Students	40	Total Orchestra Students	21	Total Band Students	45	Total	106			Actual patrons	186	Sponsor tickets	4	Paid patrons	182
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<p>Uniform Update- Kathy Rassette</p>	<p>After a few quiet months, it has been very busy in the uniform room.</p> <p>A small and mighty group of people showed up on April 22 and 23 to process returned Marching Band uniforms and tuxedos. The team's work was amazing and we prepared hundreds of pieces for laundering and dry cleaning. Thank you volunteers!!</p> <p>The tuxedos will come back to the school on May 24 and will be put away until next season. The dry cleaner will store the marching band uniforms until July/August and bring them back just before distribution (because we do not have room for all of them at Dow High).</p> <p>Special thank you to Jim Thill, Toko Togashi, and Jennifer Mayer for washing the suspenders, gloves, and tuxedo shirts. They look AMAZING!</p> <p>Finally, I'd like to thank the Boosters for their continued support of the uniform room over the past three years. We have made so many improvements and upgrades thanks to YOU and your generosity of time and money.</p> <p>I now officially hand the uniform room over to Connie Gavin and Deb Mead. We have worked together for the past year so they can learn the processes and timelines and they are more than ready to take over. Thank you Deb and Connie for taking this on - you will ROCK it!</p>																

Spirit Wear Update- Toko Togashi	<p>Review of the proposed artwork for 2024/25 Spirit Wear (<a href="#">HERE</a>)</p> <p>Comments from present members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On logo #2 could the trumpet be traded out for a microphone to include choir. Also noticed there are NO woodwinds or percussion (if we are going to try to include all areas of music).</li> <li>• Is there a cost difference between the various logs? Thinking that there might be a charge per color?</li> <li>• #3- can music be centered under Dow High?</li> <li>• What is the deadline for having a logo to have swag ready for the fall?</li> <li>• Suggestion of taking a few choices to the graphic shop to make sure the logo design will work and get their opinion of which one might be best.</li> <li>• Shauna will circle back to Toko to move forward with having the students clean up a few of the logos with the suggestions from the directors/members present.</li> </ul>
<b>Director Reports</b>	
Band- Steve DeRees	<p>Spring concerts are complete.</p> <p>Getting ready for the Memorial Day Parade. We will have the trailer and folks walking with water. The band will not be staying after and playing in the band shelter. The marching band will not be playing during grove park as this will be a sensory safe area.</p> <p>We are currently doing summer instrument sign out that includes students completing a form to borrow an MPS instrument along with a \$25 fee.</p>
Choir - Adam Gardner-Northrup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jazz &amp; More was great this year! Next year, is it possible to not have a table front and center? I hate blocking that table when I conduct the choir.</li> <li>• Spring Concert was also great this year. We graduated 19 singers (our biggest graduating class)</li> <li>• Incoming freshman class is HUGE. We are over 100 singers for next year with a chorus of about 72 kids.</li> <li>• Choir Robes will be happening. The fabric will arrive late June, so I will get a sample made before the start of the school year for approval.</li> </ul>
Orchestra- Amanda Thoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dow High Orchestra Concert is at 8:00PM on May 15 at Central Auditorium. The concert will be livestreamed by MCTV. MCTV is providing this service for free, but we are giving the volunteers dinner.</li> <li>• Orchestra is also preparing for commencement on May 31.</li> <li>• The orchestra classroom will need to be cleared by mid-June to have the floor redone. <b>The closet behind the orchestra room will need to be cleaned out. We will need volunteers for this and Amanda will let us know the date when she has it.</b></li> <li>• Orchestra has five additional scholarship recipients: Shawn English, Elaina Kalcec, Mia Bayardo, Cailyn Liu, and Lorelei Seitz.</li> <li>• I have been collaborating with Shar Products and the MCFTA to plan a performance with a guest musician next year. Assuming we can find a date that works for all parties, Mark O'Connor is interested in joining us for this performance next year.</li> <li>• On Saturday, November 23, the Berlin Philharmonic and Hilary Hahn will be performing at Hill Auditorium. I will call to get 56 tickets on July 16, and next year we will have a field trip for all band and orchestra students on a first-come-first-serve basis.</li> <li>• Last but not least, I have been in touch with Ada Slivanska who has invited the Dow High Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Singers to do a collaboration with a local ensemble in Prague, Czechia. Adam and I have submitted the paperwork to Mr.</li> </ul>

	<p>Cochran for approval. It still needs to be approved by the superintendent and school board, but pending approval, the symphony orchestra and chamber singers will have the opportunity to travel to Prague next year.</p> <p>RenFair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We made \$7302.35 in profit from the Center. The check should be arriving soon.</li> <li>• RenFair will be on Wednesday, January 15 next year. We have already hired our stage manager for that day.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Items and To Do Items:</b>	
Pizza Party- May 15	<p>Domino's will be delivering pizza and we will also be serving salad, chips, dessert and drinks during both lunches tomorrow. We have just under 200 students who rsvp'd they are coming. The total bill for everything should come in less than \$1,000 (roughly \$5/person). Parent volunteers will be coming in at 9:30am to set up in the band room.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition Timing for Roles – Complete by July 1</li> <li>• <b>Huge thanks to Clark and Cindy Cummings and Matt and Kathy Rasette for all your years of service!!</b></li> <li>• Look for information about volunteer needs for Marching Band Parent Night – Dessert Party as it gets closer and schedule is finalized. Will need an organizer to replace Cindy.</li> <li>• Thank you notes for Music Boosters to use have been ordered so if you need any, just let Linda Stachowiak know.</li> <li>• <b>Next meeting – Tues, September 10 – 6:00 PM</b></li> </ul>
Adjourn: Shauna Barbeau	<p>Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Christy English  Second by Amy Larry  Meeting adjourned at <b>6:53pm</b></p>