

## Dow High Music Booster Meeting Minutes

4/8/2025

6:00 pm-Dow High Orchestra Room

**Members Present:** Matt Hansen, Mark Stachowiak, Linda Stachowiak, Sherry Swier, Marcia Wisema, Amy Larry, Byron Bills, Arely Celis, Courtney Remy, Christy English, Shauna Barbeau, Angela Kalcec, Jenny Lowe, Amanda Thoms, Adam Gardner-Northrup

### DHMB Mission Statement

Dow High School Music Booster Club supports the quality of music education at Dow High School by providing both human and financial resources beyond those supported by Midland Public Schools. The membership will volunteer time and talent to help host music events and raise necessary funds to acquire music equipment and supplies, and provide scholarship funding for students to participate in musical development.

Agenda Items	Notes or Information
Call to Order and Welcome: Matt Hansen	Meeting called to order 6:07 pm Welcome to the meeting, DHMB Mission Statement, and introductions
Review and Approve March 2025 meeting minutes: Linda Stachowiak	Motion to approve the March minutes made by Amy Larry Second by Christy English Motion passes
Review and Approve April 2025 Treasurer's Report: Mark Stachowiak	Motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report made by Angela Kalcec Second by Shauna Barbeau Motion passes  Budget/Expenditure Update: RenFair proceeds of \$4,726 Fruit Sale proceeds \$28,097  Motion made to increase budget by \$52 to Orchestra Budget for Prague trip by Linda Stachowiak, second by Amy Larry. Motion Passes  Motion made to increase budget by \$1000 for Choir (\$500) & Band (\$500) MMC Trip by Shauna Barbeau, second by Sherry Swier. Motion Passes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Capital Project Update – Shauna Barbeau- No report</li></ul>

<p>Business Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fruit Sale – Heather Miller- No report</li> <li>● Jazz and More – Angela Kalcec- Saturday April 26th 5:30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Looking to eliminate 3</li> <li>○ Dinner set &amp; sign up genius being created to send out</li> <li>○ Ticket sales are low right now, about 86 tickets sold. Target for tickets sales 185-200 to fill the room.</li> <li>○ Bryon spoke with the Executive Chef at Country Club to help negotiate food prices set currently at \$32.94 a person</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Uniforms – Connie Gavin- No report</li> <li>● Renfair – Jenny Lowe &amp; Amanda Thoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ January 17th for next year, which is a Saturday, with 2 days in April as snow dates if needed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Director Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Band- Steve DeRees- No report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ April 30th Symphonic Band Spring Concert</li> <li>○ May 5th Concert Band Spring Concerts</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Choir- Adam Gardner-Northrup</li> <li>● Singin in the Rain was our most successful musical since I've been at Dow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Next Year's musical Mary Poppins has officially been announced</li> <li>○ Margaret Lowe &amp; Owen DeLong will be representing Dow at the Sutton Foster Awards in East Lansing</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Prague. It was an amazing experience.</li> <li>● Prep for Jazz and More is well underway</li> <li>● Seth Rubenacker will be attending State Solo &amp; Ensemble on April 26 in Traverse City</li> <li>● Spring Concert prep is also begun - Dow (Monday May 12th) - Jefferson (May 14th)</li> <li>● Robes have been returned - will need to place an order for a few more robes for next year in the smallest size, ideally before the end of this school year</li> <li>● Orchestra-Amanda Thoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provided a slideshow of pictures from Prague(see attached PDF)</li> <li>○ We had 17 orchestra events participate in State Solo and Ensemble. A total of 16 of those events earned a first division rating.</li> <li>○ Mia Bayardo earned an Outstanding Soloist nomination and a Chamber Orchestra nomination.</li> <li>○ On April 4, Mia Bayardo participated in the MSBOA Outstanding Soloist Competition and was named as one of 16 finalists for the entire state.</li> <li>○ The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert on March 25 was successful.</li> <li>○ Our spring concert will be on May 7 at 8:00PM at Central Auditorium.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Prague trip was very successful. Here are some quick facts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ We traveled from March 31 to April 6.</li> <li>■ We traveled with 2 teachers, 54 students, 16 chaperones, and 18 extra travelers.</li> <li>■ Our first performance took place in Jindrichuv Hadrec in a castle that dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The concert featured performers from Austria as well as the Czech Republic. The concert was also used as a fundraiser for the local food pantry, and 19,300CK were raised.</li> <li>■ Our second performance took place at St. Nicholas Church in Old Town Square. It was a solo concert for our orchestra and choir.</li> <li>■ Both performances were standing-room-only.</li> <li>■ Chaperones were amazing!</li> <li>■ The students did an amazing job, both musically and behaviorally.</li> <li>■ The total cost of each trip was just under \$3000.</li> <li>■ We received a total of \$4000 of donations for teachers to distribute to students who might not otherwise be able to travel.</li> <li>■ Students fundraised a total of \$7,723.85 between the Century Resources fundraiser and the fruit sale.</li> <li>■ We spent approximately \$10,080 of our booster budget from orchestra and choir on the additional bus trip, venue rental, and celebration meal for the concert in Jindrichuv Hadrec.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Other Items and To Do Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● UofM Band Visit – May 9</li> <li>● End of year pizza party – soda opportunity by Gabby potentially? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marcia will help coordinate if not Tues. &amp; Thurs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Organization of Band Parent night in August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will get dates for this event once MPS calendar is approved</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Any other fall events that need planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ None expected at this time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● County Fair parking fundraiser Opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matt was approached to see Music Booster's interest in working the fair parking lot to earn \$14,000. Lots of questions still need to be answered and will follow up next month.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● General Meeting with officer elections</li> <li>● Next meeting – Tues, May 13 – 6:00 PM</li> </ul>

Adjourn: Matt Hansen	Motion to adjourn meeting by Christy English Second by Marcia Wiseman Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm
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