

**Desert Mountain Band Boosters
General and Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2017**

Executive Committee Members Present:

- Heidi Block, Patty Barnhart, Kathy Gottlieb, Sylvia Hom, Michelle Irvin, Dawn Marchant

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Heidi motioned for approval of the corrected Minutes from the General and Executive Board Meeting on October 24, 2017. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- The final payment for Chad Henderson will not be made as Chad has taken the position of Band Director at Saguaro High School.
- Truck rental expenses are now reflected in the 11/13/17 P&L. Truck drivers need to be reminded to return the trucks in a timely manner to avoid an additional fee of \$250 for an extra day.
- Several contributions are not reflected in the 11/13/17 P&L, including \$1,000 from CVS, \$700 from Intel in corporate matching for volunteer service hours, and a \$900 check from Goodwill.
- An increase to \$500 was approved for dinners for the band members at the State Finals competition.
- Marching Band uniforms are being dry cleaned. Because the band will be participating at Disneyland and the Parada del Sol, uniforms will be dry cleaned a second time, and fees will be paid by DMHS.
- A reminder to use Amazon Smile for online shopping, especially during holiday season, will be placed in the next DMBB newsletter.
- Sylvia presented a list of students whose dues have not been paid, totaling about \$3,300 in outstanding dues. A suggestion was made to ask for these dues beginning in January as jazz and orchestra concerts begin. Mrs Irvin noted that several outstanding musicians will be teaching clinics for jazz and orchestra members in the next months. This benefit can be mentioned when we ask for the unpaid dues.

Fundraising Report:

- Kathy will obtain from Diane Duvall the community fund contact at Safeway to ask for a contribution similar to the donation Safeway made last year.
- Suggestions for future family dinners were solicited, including Cane's, Chick-fil-A and Chipotle.
- Mrs Irvin presented the discount card that band students were selling as a fundraiser. Students have not been informing parents or other family members about the cards. More visible sales efforts for the cards were encouraged.

Program Recaps:

- Senior Recognition Night 10/20/17: Photos from the night were beautiful, and the venue change to the cafeteria for dinner worked very well. A photo of the entire marching band was not taken this season, and a suggestion was made to schedule one for a football game night when the band is in full uniform. Heidi will order this season's group photo from the State Finals.
- Trunk or Treat 10/31/17: This event was well received and contributed to community building. Mr & Mrs Ransick were recognized for the best decorated trunk. A suggestion was made to continue the event next year and schedule it close to Halloween.
- State Finals Dinner 11/4/17: Dinner was obtained from Cane's instead of Taco Bell, and Cane's was definitely preferred. It was suggested that, in addition to band members, dinner will also be provided for the chaperones and truck drivers.
- SUSD Invitational at DMHS 11/7/17: The event was well organized and received plenty of positive feedback. Mr Winans as the announcer was very funny. Air gram editing was done well avoiding inappropriate remarks. The Directors' gifts were well received. A profit was made on concessions and air grams, and Wetzel's Pretzels sold well. The 50/50 raffle and spirit pops did not sell as well. Sales of hot

dogs did not break even, and the pizza would not have either but for the ten free pizzas received (buy one, get one). A suggestion was made that if hot dogs were offered again, purchase them at Sam's Club or another source as Costco did not discount them (we were charged the same price for a hot dog and drink that is offered in the store).

Program Updates:

- November 28 – Winter Concert/Dessert Auction: Three people did not pay for their desserts at the spring concert (about \$100 outstanding). It was suggested that a list be provided to Mrs Irvin so she can remind the students to pay.
- November 30 – Disney Trip: All uniforms and instruments will be transported on the buses, therefore, no truck will be used. Two chaperones will be asked to coordinate uniforms for the event.
- December 5 – Marching Band Recognition Night: Heidi will chair the event. Ron Blum will produce the highlight video. Kathy suggested an alternative gift for the seniors to consist of a t-shirt with a design in front and Marching Band printed on the back and a key chain in the form of a music note. The total cost is about the same as the previous gift (\$20). All agreed with the change.

New Business:

- **Director's Discretionary Fund**: Two floors, one for Drumline and the other for Colorguard will be purchased. One will be purchased using Mrs Irvin's discretionary fund. DMHS Site Council and PTO will purchase one that Desert Vista HS will sell for \$500.
- **Winter Drumline**: Mrs Irvin is putting together a flyer with costs and rehearsal and performance schedules. Mrs Irvin will be at all rehearsals. Mrs Irvin suggested that a freshman or sophomore student be recruited to coordinate sound to take over for Steve Irvin. This student would be committed to the position for all band events. A question was raised whether DMBB will continue to employ and pay the technicians or employ them through DMHS. All agreed that DMBB will continue its current arrangement with the music techs.
- **Marching Band Uniform Coordinator**: This position is still open, and suggestions were made for possible candidates who will be approached to gauge their interest.

Events:

- November 28 – Winter Concert/Dessert Auction
- November 30 – Disney Trip
- December 5 – Marching Band Recognition Event

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Next meeting: December 12, 2017