

**Desert Mountain Band Boosters  
General and Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2017**

**Executive Committee Members Present:**

- Heidi Block, Kathy Gottlieb, Sylvia Hom, Michelle Irvin, Kelly Westerhoff, Jennifer Zolikoff

**Members at Large Present:**

- Lisa Barnhart, Patty Barnhart, Debbie Blum, Dawn Marchant, Jane Perlstein

**The meeting was called** to order at 6:01 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sylvia presented the Minutes from the General and Executive Board Meeting on August 8, 2017 and motioned for unanimous approval as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Bank balance: \$50,694 as of 9/12/17.
- Kelly presented the updated 2016-17 DMBB Budget/Expense Summary to the members present at the General Meeting. Membership dues paid at Uniform Fitting Day held on August 19, 2017 amounted to over \$21,000. The amount collected exceeded the projections and will mitigate some fundraising needs throughout the year.
- A question was raised at the general meeting as to the difference between fees that are eligible for AZ tax credit and contributions made through SUSD and DMBB. Fees designated for tax credit are paid through SUSD and can be made either online or at the DMHS Bookstore. Use any category that is designated as Band. DMBB contributions can be made online through the website and will wholly support all bands and orchestra.

**Fundraising Report:**

- Kathy announced the Goodwill Drive scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM to coincide with the McDowell Mountain Ranch Community Garage Sale. All items (not just clothing) are welcome. DMBB's contribution will be calculated on the total pounds collected, therefore, heavier items are advantageous. Volunteers, including band students, are needed from 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM to help set up and unload contributions.
- The first band family dinner is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2017 from 3:00 – 9:00 PM to coincide with the Pops Concert.
- Wetzel's Pretzels has requested that their presence is announced at the football games. Although this announcement has been requested several times, a follow up request will be made for the upcoming football game.
- A volunteer is needed to coordinate the Graduation Water Sales event as Hilliary Mackowski has a senior this year. It was suggested that the new volunteer coordinate with Hilliary as she has a contact at Albertson's to donate the water.

**Program Updates:**

- September 15 – Home Football Game: Debbie announced that all volunteer positions are filled except for the water jugs and uniform plumes. Heidi and Patty B. will arrange for the water jugs. Debbie, Jennifer, Heidi and Dawn volunteered to attach the plumes to the hats.
- September 15 – Spirit Wear Fundraiser Orders Due: Mrs Irvin asked if DMBB would order t-shirts for staff. Heidi will confer with the t-shirt company to check on status of current orders. Additional t-shirts for Boosters will not be ordered as sales usually lag after Uniform Fitting Day. Orchestra students and parents are working on a design for their own t-shirts.
- September 22 – Formal London Invitation from the Lord Mayor: The invitation to attend the announcement is in the newsletter and on the website. Scottsdale officials have been invited, and Heidi will also send it to the middle schools to interest incoming freshmen. Parent volunteers are needed for refreshments and uniforms. Dawn volunteered for photography, and Ron Blum may be available for videography.

- September 23 – Tri M and Marching Band Arts and Crafts Day (9:00 AM – 3:30 PM): Several parent volunteers will supervise, as follows: Steve Irvin – Lazy Susans, Liza Noriega – Flag poles, Damon Chu – Tri M. Any additional volunteers are welcome. Mrs Irvin and Steve Irvin will view the completed temple this week. It has been described as fitting on a trailer or truck. Pizza will be served to all students and volunteers.
- September 30 – AZ PAS Festival: Mrs Irvin is revisiting possible participation in the Festival due to renewed interest by students. However, the students will not perform and only attend the clinics. Mrs Irvin can arrange transportation on the school mini buses. No volunteers will be needed. She will make a decision by September 13, 2017.
- October 5 – Pops Concert: A dessert auction is planned, and a Halloween theme was suggested. A coordinator is needed for this event. It was also suggested that a good fundraiser for the band students would be selling butter braids in the fall.
- November 7 – SUSD Marching Band Invitational at DMHS: Debbie would like to convene a meeting for next Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 8:00 PM to begin planning well in advance for the Invitational. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Volunteers for concessions, parking, and checking in and directing the movement of bands will be needed. This event is a fundraising opportunity, including holding a raffle and selling airgrams.
- Marching Band Recognition Night: A date of Tuesday, December 5, 2017 was set.
- Winter Drumline: A discussion of the degree of commitment of the drumline techs to the marching band program was raised. The techs appear to be spread thin with commitments to other schools, and priorities may be juggled. The techs are the best in the state and are also highly sought after. It would be advantageous to build and maintain enthusiasm for winter drumline so there would be enough signups in the winter to offset the costs.

#### **Events:**

- September 15 – Home Football Game vs Basha
- September 22 – Formal London Invitation from Lord Mayor
- September 23 – Tri M and Marching Band Arts and Crafts Day
- September 30 – AZ/PAS Festival
- October 5 – Pops Concert
- October 6 – Home Football Game vs Mountain Ridge – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night
- October 7 – ABODA Marching Invitational – Gilbert High School
- October 14 – Goodwill Drive
- October 20 – Home Football Game vs Sandra Day O'Connor – Homecoming & Senior Night
- October 21 – ABODA Marching Invitational – Goldwater High School
- October 28 – ABODA Marching Invitational – Mountain View High School

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.**

**Next meeting: October 17, 2017**