



DOWLING CATHOLIC BAND BOOSTERS

President Lori Hickok called the November 3, 2016 meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with a prayer.

Introductions

Lori shared with the group that Vice President Anne Spellman has indicated because of family and career obligations that she will not be able to serve as Band Booster President during the 2017/2018 school year as planned. Thus, Ann will be stepping down as Vice President, Stephanie Drey will move into the Vice President role immediately to shadow Lori for the remainder of this year, and Amy Johnson has agreed to be Secretary for the remainder of Stephanie's term.

Directors' Reports

Mr. Holland thanked the group for the unprecedented support from the parents. He has seen so much growth in the kids and the band as a whole and is pleased with the deep family bond that has developed among the kids.

With regards to the Symphony band, he indicated that they were "diamonds in the rough" and explained that the students were very excited about the more challenging music and the surprise new instrument (we are renting from Valley) he has planned for them.

Mr. Holland shared with the group that Dewayne Johnson has agreed to serve as Trip Coordinator for the Outback Bowl trip. Dewayne plans events like this in his professional "life" for Wells Fargo. Dewayne has already reviewed and provided initial comments on the contract with the company making the travel arrangements. Mr. Holland also indicated that he has negotiated the due date for the first payment to the travel company back to June 1, 2017 which means the initial deposit needed from band families will be due in early May 2017.

He indicated that Pep Band B would be performing at the 11/4 playoff football game and if they win (which they did!), Pep Band A will be performing at the 11/11 playoff football game in Cedar Falls. A bus has been reserved and more details will be available on Tuesday, 11/8. Pep Band A members will have right of first refusal before seats on the bus are opened up to Pep Band B members. Mr. Holland has also secured the assistance of a couple of other students to fill in for the Drumline which will be at PASIC in Indianapolis on the 11th.

Mr. Holland indicated that he had received some feedback regarding which middle school bands are invited to play at DCHS's annual Pancake Breakfast. He indicated that only Sacred Heart and St. Francis have year-round jazz bands. Many of the other middle schools do not have jazz bands or if they do, they only meet in the Spring. If that were to change, they, too, would be welcome to participate in the Pancake Breakfast. Mr. Holland indicated that due to the acoustics at the Varied Industries building, jazz bands are the only ensembles that really work in that location for that event.

He also indicated that the Flute Choir would be performing at the Christmas Choral Concert at St. Ambrose Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. on 11/28. A brass and percussion ensemble will also be accompanying the Choir for their rendition of the First Noel.

Congratulations to all DCHS Band students who auditioned for All-State. DCHS was again well represented by fine musicianship. Congratulations to our 4 All-State Band qualifiers: Josh Nguyen, Michael Lu, David Breese, Alex Schwarte, Joleen Gamez, & Max Frost.

Mr. Hoover indicated that this was a wonderful year for DCV and thanked the parent volunteers for all of their help. He indicated that the Concert Band was working hard and having fun.

He said that it is possible that we will have 4 additional Freshman students joining the band either at 2nd semester or the start of their Sophomore year. He indicated that the current students are the best recruitment tools for getting their classmates back into band.

He shared that 3 of the Color Guard members would be competing at the state solo contest on 11/4. (Update ... All 3 received a Division 1 rating!)

Mr. Hoover reported that the Drumline will be traveling to Indianapolis 11/9-12 for PASIC which is an international percussion convention.

The group asked Mr. Hoover to put Pep Band information on the Band calendar similar to how he did for marching competitions. Joan will provide Mr. Hoover with the content and he will add it to the calendar.

There was also discussion about utilizing band members to help with recruitment efforts at their middle schools' upcoming Christmas concerts.

Color Guard

Joan indicated that the members of the Color Guard competing at the state solo contest wrote their own solos. She indicated that the Color Guard will also compete as a team at State on 12/2. She indicated that they practice at Walnut Creek Church every Monday night.

Butter Braids

Butter Braid Committee Chair Ann Seda reported that as of the start of the meeting, 40 students had turned in their orders for a total of \$5,200 in sales. By selling 410 products, we have achieved the \$6/product contribution. Orders will be distributed after school on 11/14. Volunteers will meet at the DCHS cafeteria at 1:30 that day to sort the product.

Chaperones

Lori reported that Lorie and Alan Hancock have volunteered to server as chaperones for the trip(s) to football playoff games in Cedar Falls.

Trip Coordinator

Report to be made at the January Booster meeting!

Uniforms

No report

Drake Concessions

Drake basketball games are underway and the November sign-up is out on Signup Genius. The sign-up for December and January will be sent out in late November. All the information volunteers need (e.g. what to wear, when to arrive, etc.) is shared via the Signup Genius website.

Media and Webmaster

No report. Joan asked that the group keep Fritz in our prayers as he continues his journey on the Camino.

The group discussed the possibility of using videos of the band members talking about their experiences with band and other videos as a recruitment tool. Joan will visit with Fritz and the members of the Media committee about this.

Medical

Lori reported on behalf of Medical Committee Chair Gloria Castellano that the medical bag has been restocked for the PASIC trip.

Recruitment

Lori reported that Lisa Schwarte is preparing for the Open House on 11/6. She also having more postcards and brochures printed for recruiting purposes. This year the Color Guard will be with the Band instead of in the Cafeteria.

Lisa is also getting a jump start on the 8th Grade gift bags.

The group discussed building out the Prospective Students section/information on the Band's website with more emphasis on what parents of prospective students might need/want to know.

Roadies and Set Crew

No report

Spirit

No report

Treasurer

Veronica reported that money from the sale of the Butter Braids will be added to band members' accounts when all the money has been collected and will be reflected on the statements that will be sent out in January.

Secretary

No report

Other Business

The group continued to discuss ways to increase enrollment in the band and ways to enhance our recruiting efforts. Mr. Hoover gave the group some insight on the direction the DCHS administration is headed with regards to the support of the arts and how this may eventually translate at the Diocesan-level on a long-term basis. We were encouraged to continue to have these discussions within the framework of the Recruitment committee.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 1st @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Johnson