



DOWLING CATHOLIC BAND BOOSTERS

President Lori Hickok called the December 1, 2016 meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with a prayer.

Directors' Reports

Mr. Holland thanked Lorie and Alan Hancock for serving as chaperones for the Pep Band at the playoff games.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in the Drake Honor Band: Haley Bishop, David Breese, Rachael Byrum, Anna Galioto, Adam Herzog, Carley Hickok, Joshua Nguyen, Alex Schwarte.

Sign-up is underway for the Perry Band Olympics on Saturday, February 18. Students are encouraged to sign-up as soon as possible. The last possible day to register is January 6th. Currently, there are 50 events signed-up. Mr. Holland indicated that typically Dowling have closer to 70 events at this competition.

Mr. Hoover indicated that we have several dates on which will we need the assistance of volunteers to help load, unload, and set-up equipment:

December 10 – SCIBA Jazz Festival
January 9 – All-City Band Concert
January 13 & 14 – Jazz in the Bluffs

For the December 11th Christmas Concert, Mr. Hoover indicated that he will have students volunteer to set-up. Students who help with set-up will be given enrichment points.

Mr. Hoover indicated that the Brass Choir will be doing Drive-by Caroling after the December 11th concert. Four members of the Flute Choir will be playing at the Byers Family home in Waukee on December 16th as the result of a donation the Band made to the Sacred Heart Auction. The Jazz Combo Downtown Swing Choir will be performing at Kum & Go's Corporate Christmas Party on December 22nd and the President's Auction Collection Event on January 21st. The Brass Combo, the Flute Choir, a Harpsichordist and a Clarinet duet will perform at Dowling's Madrigal dinners on January 6 and 7.

Pep Band A will be playing at the Girls' and Boys' basketball games on December 16th. Members of Pep Band B may also sign-up to play and will receive enrichment or lesson points. The students will be served pizza at 5:15 prior to the start of the performance. A new song, Seven Nations Army, has been added to the Pep Band's repertoire.

Mr. Hoover also indicated that he is working with Jodi Ingham on staff gifts. He indicated the staff is going above and beyond, are tremendous asset to the program and the students are very appreciative of the work these staff members do. He used Mr. Leeper as example with regards to the number of lessons he is holding and his work with the Symphony band.

Lori Hickok reported that Mr. Hoover indicated that the Drumline's trip to PASIC was fantastic.

Colorguard

Lori Hickok shared Joan Bindel's report. The Colorguard will be competing as a team at State tomorrow (December 2). Joan expressed appreciation for the students' support of the Colorguard as they prepare for State.

Butter Braids

Ann Seda reported that 462 items were sold by 43 students for a profit of \$2,809. She thanked the volunteers who assisted with the distribution of the items after school last month.

Chaperones

Lori Hickok reported that Ann Spellman has all the chaperones lined-up for the Jazz in the Bluffs trip.

Trip Coordinator

Lori Hickok indicated that Gabriella Cahalan is coordinating the Jazz in the Bluffs trip.

Initial report on the Outback Bowl trip will be made at the January Booster meeting!

Uniforms

No report

Drake Concessions

Veronica Deegan asked for adult volunteers to take the "kid" slots on Monday, December 19th as that is Finals Week. If you can assist that evening, please sign-up using the SignUpGenius link you would have received in your e-mail inbox.

Media and Webmaster

Fritz Nordengren thanked everyone on his committee for continuing to take pictures while he was on his trip.

He indicated that all the passwords to the Band's website were updated for security purposes and he will make sure they passwords are updated several times throughout the year to help maintain a secure website.

Fritz indicated that he and Niki Michels will be meeting to discuss this year's first ever DCHS Band & Colorguard yearbook.

He reminded us that there are many upcoming events during the next month or two so the Media committee will be busy taking photos.

Medical

No report

Recruitment

Lisa Schwarte asked us to join her in thanking Lori Hickok and Matt Wheeler for setting up the Band's table at the Open House and all the students who represented the Band program at the table or by playing during the event. Lisa indicated that we collected the names of 30 interested students. Lisa also indicated that we now have the e-mail addresses of the 35 8th grade band students in the various Catholic middle schools. We will use these to keep them apprised of upcoming events and the Outback Bowl trip. The group also discussed possibly having more parents at next year's Open House to help connect with visiting families from their child's middle school as people are more likely to stop and visit if they know someone.

Lisa indicated that she would like current Band members to be present at the Catholic middle school concerts to help promote the Band. More information was sent out via e-mail following the meeting.

Roadies and Set Crew

No report

Spirit

No report

Treasurer

Veronica Deegan reminded everyone that statements that will be sent out in January.

Secretary

No report

Other Business

None

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 5, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Johnson