



DOWLING CATHOLIC BAND BOOSTERS

President Lori Hickok called the February 2, 2017 meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with a prayer followed by the introduction of the current officers.

Directors' Reports

Mr. Holland thanked the group for coming tonight and shared that our background music was due to the Perry Prep Night. Speaking of Perry Band Olympics, he asked that we refer to the e-mail that went out with the specifics about this event and encouraged anyone with questions to call or e-mail him. Included with that e-mail were several attachments and he wanted to draw our attention to a couple of things:

- Ratings will be posted both online and in the gym.
- He reminded us that the judges will not only be scoring the performances but picking the top 5 in each category which does delay the scoring on certain performances until all entries have performed.
- There is information about copywrite laws which should be reviewed but Mr. Holland said "what DCHS has done in the past will work."

Mr. Holland said the locations for the state contests have not yet been determined.

He reminded the group that we will need roadies for Deep Maroon Serenade (see Roadie & Set Crew report).

Pep Band A is performing at the basketball games on Friday, February 10th.

Mr. Holland will be at the school on Saturday for incoming freshman registration to answer any questions that incoming students or parents might have. He indicated that 65-70% of the incoming band students will register on this day.

Mr. Holland explained Dowling's new policy on fundraising and thus, the Band will no longer be selling magazines, ButterBraids, etc. There is concerted effort to reduce the number of Dowling groups hitting the same people up for different items. The Band will continue to fundraise through Deep Maroon Serenade, Band Aid, and Drake Concessions.

This will also affect ads for the band poster. The Advancement Office will be selling ads for all posters that DCHS produces. He is still trying to get more information about the "family" ads that the Band has traditionally sold. The biggest effect of all of the fundraising changes will be on the individual band account fundraising activities but the Boosters are considering other possibilities that fall within DCHS's new guidelines.

Mr. Holland indicated that he was asked to put a Pep Band together for the Auction on Saturday, February 25th. The Band will dress in their marching uniforms and perform prior to the live auction portion of the event. Due to the show choir also performing that evening, there will be a limited number of band students available to perform so Mr. Holland will be talking with select students directly to assemble this Pep Band.

Mr. Hoover commented on how well the Concert Band's rehearsals have been going. He said that the entire Marching Season schedule is now available on the Band calendar. Band Camp will start on Tuesday, August 1st. The 1st day of school will be Wednesday, August 23rd. We will not be performing in Pella this year due to a conflict with Homecoming. He is starting to work on next year's show.

Colorguard

Joan Bindel shared that the Colorguard will be traveling to Winter Guard International (WGI) in Dayton, Ohio on April 7-9.

The Colorguard recently performed at several basketball games. Joan indicated that the comments heard in the stands were extremely positive and Mr. Holland indicated that he received an e-mail from Mr. Wilson, the Athletic Director, with similar feedback.

Joan said that recruiting for the Colorguard continues to be a challenge. She thanked Lauren Campbell for her work on the Colorguard recruitment poster.

Uniforms

Lori indicated that Gosia Wheeler will be sending out an e-mail soon that reminds families how to clean/care for concert uniforms.

Recruitment

Lisa Schwarte reported that she and Lauren Campbell have developed a newsletter for students and families interested in joining the Band. The first issue was recently sent out via e-mail. They plan to do another edition towards the end of the school year.

Media and Webmaster

Fritz Nordengren indicated that he is busy working on the end-of-year video, the Band yearbook, and a project for Deep Maroon Serenade.

Mike Hoefing asked that when you send him an e-mail that needs to go out to everyone that you please include "blast" in the subject line so he can easily identify it as something that needs to go out to the band e-mail list. He also reminded everyone that if people reply to those blast e-mails ... which we ask they don't ... those replies currently come to him.

Treasurer

Veronica Deegan said that band account statements were sent out in January and we are starting to receive payments. The next round of statements will come out in late March and your student's band account needs to be current (@ \$0 or have a positive balance) before graduation.

Drake Concessions

Veronica indicated that there were still open spots for February 7 and March 2. Please refer to the SignUp Genius to see what is needed and to get more information.

A big thanks to Elizabeth Colosimo and Gloria Castellano for agreeing to take over Drake Concessions next year. We could still use one or two families to join them in co-managing the concession stand. If you can help, please let Veronica know.

Veronica indicated that she is working with the DCHS Business Office about adding Wells Fargo Arena concessions as a possible fundraiser. This would be for students 18+ and parents since alcohol is served on the premise. If we get the “green light” from Dowling, Penny Orewiler, who brought this idea to Veronica, will take the lead and provide us with more information.

Deep Maroon Serenade

Linda Byrum indicated that we are all ready for Deep Maroon Serenade other than finalizing the arrangements with the Roadies.

She also indicated that there are a few remaining tables if someone wants to reserve one.

Roadies and Set Crew

Dave McCormick said that the Roadies will need assistance loading the trailer for Deep Maroon Serenade at 3:15 on Friday, February 10th. They will be unloading the trailer at event venue at 10:30 on Sunday, February 12th.

We will also be looking for parent volunteers who will be at Perry to assist with large pieces of equipment that need to go to Perry in the trailer. Mr. Hoover will look over the schedule and determine when assistance will be needed throughout the day based on the performance schedule.

Jazz in the Bluffs

Gabriella Cahalan shared that the Jazz Band’s trip went very well.

Trip Coordinator

Amy Johnson shared Dewayne Johnson’s report in his absence:

Thank you to Lisa, Lauren Fritz and Amy for their work promoting and spreading the word to potential Freshman band members!!

Resource page with information about the trip is available at <http://dchsband.org/parents-outback-bowl/>

Dewayne and Mr. Holland met with Principal Meendering last week to review the plans for the trip.

For parents who are not chaperoning the trip and other family members, additional ticket packages will be made available for Busch Gardens, Universal Orlando and the Outback Bowl

game. Due to liability issues, we cannot offer transportation or hotel arrangements as part of those packages. If you aren't chaperoning, you will need to make your own transportation and hotel arrangements.

If you are interested in being a chaperone, please contact the 2017-2018 Chaperone Committee Chair, Maria Bartemes at bbmyb1@mchsi.com

Dewayne is working on a web-based sign-up form for the trip. More information will be provided at the March meeting.

For more information, please refer to the [website](#) and remember that there is still a lot "we just don't know yet." Please feel free to e-mail Dewayne at dewayne.johnson@gmail.com if you have additional questions.

The group did discuss how this information is getting to incoming students. Lisa and Dewayne will work together to get this information out to registered and potential incoming Freshman families.

Upcoming Events

Please remember that the calendar is updated often! For details including daily practice schedule, see <http://dchsband.org/calendar/>

Other Business

Shelley Gudorf asked if it would be possible to get a recording of the Band performing the school fight song instead of the recording currently be used at games at which our Pep Bands do not perform. Mr. Hoover is working on this.

Lori read thank you notes from Reubin Alcoy's family and the family of Lauren Kernan Smith.

The meeting concluded with a prayer.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Johnson