



DOWLING CATHOLIC BAND BOOSTERS

President Lori Hickok called the January 5, 2017 meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with a prayer followed by the introduction of the current officers and an explanation of the mid-year transition of roles.

Directors' Reports

Mr. Holland thanked the group for the Christmas gifts the Boosters gave to the staff.

He announced that both bands will be meeting with a clinician as they prepare their music for upcoming contests. The session with the clinician will be on Friday, March 31st from 6-8 p.m.

He remarked about the ongoing commitment by the kids and indicated his appreciation for all the hard work they have continued to put in.

Mr. Holland and Mr. Hoover are each working on one piece for Deep Maroon Serenade with the opposite band that they normally lead to make sure they both continue to stay engaged with all the students.

Mr. Holland thanked the Boosters for all our support!

Mr. Hoover indicated that he is starting to update the Band Calendar for the 2017 Marching Season.

He indicated that we add 5 new students to the concert band at the start of 2nd semester.

Colorguard

Nancy Jausel shared Joan Bindel's report.

The winter color guard team will be performing at halftime during two Dowling basketball games. The dates are January 20 and January 24. The team will be wearing the marching uniforms and performing the routine that earned them a Division I rating at the ISDTA team competition in December.

The team will not be competing at the Southeast Polk competition due to scheduling conflicts.

Color Guard Tryouts will be held in February at a date yet to be determined. There are potentially 6 to 8 new interested members.

New DCV Guard jackets were ordered and received. Keep an eye out for members of team wearing them!

The Dowling Administration has approved travel to Winter Guard International (WGI) in Dayton, Ohio. Team members will be excused from classes on April 7 and will attend the

semifinals and finals of the Winter Guard championships. Check out Winter Guard International on YouTube for a sneak peek! Planning will begin immediately for the trip which will need chaperones and drivers. More details will be released as soon as they are available.

Christmas Concert

Kudos to Jodi Ingham for helping the band prepare a great Christmas Concert. Lori indicated that we will be needing a new volunteer to manage preparations for the Christmas concert. This mainly involves preparing the program and decorating the stage.

Uniforms

Lori Hickok thanked Gosia Wheeler for stepping up and taking the reins of the Uniform committee as a Freshman mom!

Recruitment

Lisa Schwarte shared that band students attended 7 of the Middle School Christmas concerts to promote Dowling Band to those middle school band students and their families.

She indicated that the new Arts magazine would be provided to attendees at the All-City Band concert.

The group discussed doing another recruitment push at the Middle School's Spring concerts.

Lisa will be working with Shelly Gudorf to prepare goody bags for the 8th grade students participating in All-City Band. The bags will include candy, notes from current band members, the Arts magazine, information about the Outback Bowl trip, etc.

Media and Webmaster

Fritz Nordengren indicated that he is working on the soundtrack for the year-end video. He indicated that instead of DVDs; this year's video will be available as a free-download.

He shared that the Band Yearbook will be hardbound and approximately 128 pages. The cost is estimated to be \$70-75 per yearbook and the books will be printed on-demand. He anticipates having samples available at the Spring Concert and that the books will be available via FedEx delivery for graduation.

The group discussed utilizing an e-mail blast to proof names. The group also discussed how we might reduce the costs of the books in future years, for example, by selling ads.

Mike Hoefing reminded everyone to send calendar appointments directly to Mr. Hoover.

Treasurer

Veronica Deegan said that the costs of the marching season and the PASIC trip have been added to band account statements and that they would be e-mailed out the week of January 9th.

Drake Concessions

Veronica indicated that there were still student spots for the January 18th game. She will be sending out the sign-up for February and March in a couple of weeks. Veronica and her family have been managing Drake Concessions for 6 years and this will be their last year. She is looking for 3-4 families who would be willing to co-manage Drake Concessions starting next year. If you are interested, please contact Veronica.

Deep Maroon Serenade

Lori shared Linda Byrum's report:

There was a web blast this week reminding everyone to mark Feb 12th on their calendars. It will be an afternoon performance again this year. A follow-up email with more details will follow soon, including info on reserving tables.

Mr. Holland has secured an emcee for the day.

Linda has submitted a blurb for the The Mirror to post on their calendar of events. She will have the same done in the Maroon Minute and other DCHS media pages next week

Nicki Michels has agreed to create/sell the photo collages again as an additional fund raiser. There will be tables set up like last year. A HUGE thank you to her!

Lisa Corwin and Linda plan to meet with Mr. Holland on Wednesday, January 11th to go over details.

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.

He will also need 2-3 adults to assist with All-City Band.

Jazz in the Bluffs

Gabriella Cahalan shared that all the details regarding the Jazz Band's trip has been sent to Mr. Hoover for the calendar and that an e-mail blast will be going out soon. The e-mail will include the group's itinerary. Gabriella indicated that all the chaperones have been lined up.

Trip Coordinator

Dewayne Johnson shared the preliminary information about DCV's trip to the 2018 Outback Bowl.

The trip will be from Thursday, December 28, 2017 – Tuesday, January 2, 2018. The band will be travel via charter buses. The itinerary includes:

- Saturday, December 30th – Visit Universal Orlando where DCV will participate in Sound Design: Music and the Art of Foley Workshop. The cost of the trip includes a park-to-

- park pass. Mass will be at the hotel that evening.
- Sunday, December 31st – Rehearsal for Outback Bowl. Visit to International Plaza and Bay Street. March in the Outback Bowl Parade. Visit Bush Gardens includes Awards ceremony for the parade.
 - Monday, January 1st – Outback Bowl. Depart for Iowa.

Cost per student is anticipated to be \$1,300 which includes hotel for 3 nights (4 students/room); bus transportation; breakfast at hotel each day; pizza party at the hotel on the day they arrive; one day park-to-park ticket for Universal Orlando; meal voucher at Universal; participation in the Outback Bowl including the parade, awards ceremony and New Year's Eve at Busch Gardens; and the game.

Meals that are not included in the trip cost: meals during the bus trip; additional meals at Universal Orlando; and lunch on Sunday.

We will need a lot of adult support (e.g. chaperones, medical volunteers, etc.). More details to follow regarding arrangements and costs for chaperones. We will be seeking a commitment from adult volunteers by May 10, 2017.

Dewayne indicated he is working to see if tickets for parents and families who plan to travel to Tampa can be purchased through DCHS/our travel company to take advantage of discounts. More information to follow.

There will be a practice on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 26th. Time and location TBD.

Dewayne also indicated that is unlikely DCV will know what hotel they have been assigned to until 2-3 weeks before their departure.

An initial deposit of \$200 will be due on May 1, 2017. More details and updates on the trip can be found at <http://dchsband.org/parents-outback-bowl/>

Upcoming Events

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

Other Business

None

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Johnson