



DOWLING CATHOLIC BAND BOOSTERS

Secretary Amy Johnson called the March 2, 2017 meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with a prayer.

Directors' Reports

Mr. Holland shared that he was very pleased with the performances at Perry and the growth in students as they prepared for those performances. The individual results and overall results were representative of the work the students put in.

Mr. Holland indicated that since no school stepped up to host the State Small Group contest for the area/region that Dowling is in, the event has been cancelled. Therefore, Dowling will be hosting its own event on Friday, April 7th. Please refer to the e-mail for more information. The event will be run just like the State contest. He anticipates having two centers running simultaneously.

We will need approximately 6-7 parents to assist with the centers including collecting ballots and posting results that evening. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Amy Johnson](#).

The students were also reminded to communicate the date change to their accompanists ASAP.

Mr. Holland said that Mr. Hoover will announce next year's show to the students after Spring Break.

Dr. Michael Golemo, Director of Bands from Iowa State University was working with the Symphony Band this week. Mr. Holland was very pleased how receptive and respectful the students were to Dr. Golemo. Dr. Golemo shared how impressed he was with the students and Dowling's program, in general.

Dr. Steven Smyth, Associate Director of Bands from Iowa State University will be working with the Concert Band after Spring Break.

Colorguard

Lauren Campbell shared Joan Bindel's report:

She reminded the group that the Colorguard will be traveling to Winter Guard International (WGI) in Dayton, Ohio on April 7-9.

The Colorguard recently had try-outs and 4 new members will be joining the 5 returning members. If anyone is interested in still joining Colorguard, they are welcome to attend practice on Tuesday nights.

Chaperones

Amy shared Ann Spellman's report:

We are still looking for two people to chaperone the Jazz Ensemble at the Jazz Championships in Ames on April 4th. Ann does not have the schedule yet but it will likely be an all-day event.

Recruitment

Amy shared Lisa Schwarte's report:

35 incoming freshman, not including Colorguard, signed up for band. This represents students from 6 of the 10 diocesan schools, a Montessori school, and a handful from public schools. There were approximately 20 more on our radar that chose not to sign up for band or are attending a different high school.

Lisa has secured e-mails for these 35 families for communicating information to them regarding the Outback Bowl trip. Please contact Lisa for this information when it is ready to email out.

Lastly, we are planning on attending Spring concerts at the diocesan schools with a focus on Christ the King and Holy Family since those schools didn't have a Christmas concert. Lisa would love help from families and kids interested in manning a table at the Spring concerts of their home school/parish – like what they did for the Christmas concerts. If you are interested in helping, please contact [Lisa](#).

Media and Webmaster

Lauren Campbell shared Fritz Nordengren's report:

She indicated that they are currently working on the Section pages for the Band yearbook. A copy of the Band yearbook will be available for view at the Spring concert and families can start placing order the week after the Spring concert. They anticipate the price will be \$90 or less.

Fritz is putting the finishing touches on the Year-End video which will be shown at the Spring concert.

Lauren reminded the group that there is still time to submit senior pictures to Joan Bindel for the slide show.

Lauren also announced that she had agreed to chair the Media committee in 2017-2018.

Treasurer

Mr. Holland shared Veronica Degen's report:

Perry Band Olympic entries have been charged to band accounts. Drake Concessions proceeds will be in accounts after Spring Break.

Since payments for the Florida trip will be paid prior to Drake Concessions next year, Brenda Wheeler is allowing reimbursement for any trip payments that are not paid with fundraising money.

Drake Concessions

Mr. Holland shared Veronica Degen's report:

The 2nd to last game is this evening. Last game is on Saturday. Gloria Castellano and Elizabeth Colosimo are managers for next year.

Deep Maroon Serenade

Amy shared Linda Byrum's report:

Deep Maroon was a great success... very well attended and with excellent performances by our bands. There was much positive feedback, including:

- The performance time – an afternoon concert is preferred to the evening concert of past years.
- The inclusion of the video feed, particularly the beautiful and inspirational "churches" video.
- The opportunity to purchase photo collages. They are always very popular.
- The quality of our band program and the talent of musicians overall.

Of course, there's always opportunities to improve, as well. It was noted that equipment restricted the views at some tables so, in the future, consideration will be given on ways to minimize obstructions. If you have other suggestions on ways to improve the event, just call or email or join the fun and sign-up for the 2018 DMS committee ... the more the merrier!

Donations and pledges on the day of the event totaled over \$13,000 and with company matches, total proceeds will be over \$15,000.

Nicki Michels reported that the sales of the photo collages raised \$1,500.

Ann Seda indicated she received a letter from Dowling acknowledging her contribution at Deep Maroon Serenade and was concerned that it made no reference to the money going towards the band program. Mr. Holland indicated that George Castellano is the person to address that question/concern and encouraged Ann to contact him directly.

Mr. Holland also indicated that a Band Aid letter will be developed and sent out to contacts in the Band's database that did not contribute as part of Deep Maroon Serenade. He hopes this will net another \$3,000-\$5,000 in contributions.

Apparel Committee

Amy shared Cindy Seymour's report:

Now is the time to get involved with the Apparel Committee! One or more people will be needed to take on the shirts: wicking shirts, show shirts, student jackets, and parent jackets.

First step is in early May, working with Mr. Hoover on the art work for the show. Please contact [Cindy Seymour](#).

Trip Coordinator

Amy shared Dewayne Johnson's report in his absence:

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

Dewayne, Veronica and Mr. Holland will be meeting with representative from Bob Rogers (travel company) to discuss payment options.

If you are interested in being a chaperone, please contact the 2017-2018 Chaperone Committee Chair, [Maria Bartemes](#).

Upcoming Events

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

Other Business

Nicki Michels indicated that we need someone to step up and chair the Marching Band Uniform committee. We need to identify this person ASAP so they work with Nicki through May.

Mr. Holland thanked everyone for our continued support of the band program and said he recognizes how special it is.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Johnson