



DOWLING CATHOLIC BAND BOOSTERS

Co-President, Nancy Ball opened the September 1, 2011 Booster meeting by leading the group in prayer. Introductions of those present followed.

Director's Report

Mr. Holland reported this year's marching band is farther ahead than the band has ever been. All the drill has been taught – now to polish the show. Mr. Hoover has predicted this will be the best Dowling band ever! Great students this year. New trailer, new room – all is good! He credits Jerry Deegan as the miracle worker for his vision for the new space and for creating a top facility that will enhance the students' band experience. He encourages everyone to thank Dr. Deegan!

All the details for the September competitions have been updated on the band calendar which may be found on the website (www.dchsband.org).

Band contracts are due Friday in order to march at the game.

President's Report

Nancy Ball reported there the band open house went well with a very good turnout.

Valley Dress Rehearsal went smoothly as well.

Picture Day started late, but finished early. Thanks to all the volunteers. Pictures are available for viewing on Jolesch website.

A recording of last week's performance is on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Joanne Boylan announced she has entered all the registration money received into the student band accounts. She will be emailing statements out three times a year. The first statement will be sent in late October after the marching competitions, then again in early December and a final statement in April. Email her at any time for an account balance – joannboylan@mchsi.com. She noted that she takes money out of student's accounts after receipts from each event have been turned in. All event chairs need to keep track of what they spend for competitions, etc. and turn in to her.

Chaperone Chairperson's Report

Christine Donovan-Hall reported they have chaperones for all events. The band will not be spending the night in MN on Sept. 10th. They will return to DCHS around 1:30 am.



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Spirit Committee Report

Claire Reiman reported locker notes for were made for all band students. They will probably do this a couple more times during the marching season. The administration is deciding if they will allow posters to be hung in the school. If they do, the committee plans to make posters as well.

Yard signs and decals orders should be received within the next week to 10 days.

Mentor parents seem to have worked fairly well. This was new this year to give freshmen parents a contact person for questions they may have.

The band will have a two page spread in the Fall Sports program. The programs should be available to purchase at games very soon.

Amy Jo Hayes reported the cookie sign ups went well. All spots were full in 24 hours! She will follow up with e-mail reminders to those who signed up to provide cookies.

Magazine Fundraiser Report

Julie Heckle announced the turn-in date for orders is September 6th. So far, we have 29 online orders totaling \$886 and 23 papers order totaling \$854.

Uniform Committee Report

Annette Verdun said all hems/button work is complete. They fixed things as needed between the first two football games. Nicki Michels reported uniforms are going well for the most part - a few stray shoes and some problems with torn garment bags. Students need to be responsible for their uniforms and instruments. The trunks go on the new trailer first, so they need get uniforms put away quickly so the rest of the trailer can be loaded.

Drake Concessions

Veronica Degen reported our opportunity to help with the Drake concessions begins in November with the men's and women's basketball season. A web blast will go out for volunteers and you may reply to Veronica if you are interested.

Band Jackets

Cindy Seymour has order all band jackets and patches. Price for jackets this year was around \$65. The jackets are not required except for drumline. The patches are in and turned out well. Cindy welcomes comments on the t-shirts. She is looking into an under armor shirt for next year.



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Band Poster

David Boyer reported the band poster is well underway and will wrap up next week. Sixteen ads confirmed with three more potential ads. He will work with Mr. Holland to determine the number of posters to print.

Ankeny Competition Dinner

Lori Galioto is planning the dinner for the Ankeny competition on Oct. 15th. Students will have mass and dinner at school prior to heading to Ankeny. Lori will be looking for volunteers to help with set up and clean up.

Recruitment Committee Report

Kara Pollpeter reported the 3rd Annual Band Bash for 6-8th graders was a success. 49 students participated this year (up from 35 last year).

Representatives are in place for all schools except St. Joe's, St. Anthony's and Assumption.

The committee is arranging to take interested 7th & 8th grade band students to the Ankeny competition again this year. Students participate in the private mass at Dowling, dinner, band stories shared by seniors, the send-off for the band and then travel by a separate bus to watch Dowling and other bands perform at Ankeny. Students involved last year really enjoyed the evening. Of the 21 8th graders that participated last year, 19 are in the band this year. Flyers will go out to the middle school directors and handouts distributed at Homecoming rehearsals.

Notes of encouragement will be sent to all 8th grade honor band participants.

Photography Commitee

Julie Agey reported there are 10 people on the committee. They have a good picture for the poster from the Valley Dress rehearsal. She is looking at different photo sharing websites to determine the best one to use to post photos the committee takes throughout the marching season.

Boston Trip

Ann Wodniak reported plans for the trip are going well. The 1st payment of \$400 was due Sept. 1st. Phone calls will be made next Wed. if payment has not been received. It is time to move forward with purchasing airline tickets and \$500 is needed per student. 122 students are signed up to go on the trip and many family members. The itinerary has not been sent out as it will not be finalized until Jan. or Feb. Dates are set April 25-29th. Four flights out of Des Moines – latest flight is 9 am. Students will be taking train to get around in Boston and make the most of their time there. Reservations are at Hyatt Place – new hotel in suburb of Boston. Symphony band, concert band, color guard and percussion methods groups will all compete while in Boston.



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Respectfully Submitted,

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