

DHS Band Booster Meeting December 2, 2020

Due to Covid-19 and distance learning, this meeting was online via Zoom.

Attending: Annika Keeley, Carolyn Fulks, Julie Morris, Jamie Anderson, Stephen Inouye, Clyde Quick, Tom Slabaugh and band parents.

Meeting started 7:36 pm.

November minutes approved.

Welcome and Introductions – Annika

- Board members, directors and parents introduced themselves.

Treasurer's Report – Julie

- 3 scrip deposits this month, such as Nugget and 1st quarterly payment from Amazon Smile
- Year to date: highest expenses have been insurance and second payment on video.
- Year to date total is \$93,624.
- Recommended to send out reminder about using Amazon Smile and Nugget scrip during holiday season.
- Tom has expenses to get reimbursed.
- On November 23, 2020, Julie received an email from the Washington State Attorney General Office confirming that they received Julie's complaint about the lack of payment from Brown Paper Tickets from our 2020 Coconut Grove. They may use the information in their current lawsuit against Brown Paper Tickets. The lawsuit asks the court to issue an order requiring Brown Paper Tickets to pay restitution to customers who are owed money.

Director's Report – Tom

- Tom is teaching Concert Band this quarter
- He is using Smart Music – online platform/tool to access and practice music. He can assign music, and students can play with accompaniment. There is other support such as providing a metronome and tuner, showing fingering for a note that is not known, giving examples of pitch, and providing assessment. Student can record multiple takes and can be assessed on each one. It will show where in music the mistakes were made. Students can learn and review to create the best track for turning in. It has been extremely helpful.
- Seven students made Northern California Band and Choir Director's Association Honor Band. It will be virtual with workshops and performances.
- Tom just turned in All-State Honor band auditions.
- There is no engineer to make the virtual concert yet. Engineer is very busy and hasn't responded to emails.

Director's Report – Clyde

- Jazz is off cycle, so Clyde isn't teaching.
- He met with the engineer, and unfortunately, they couldn't make anything out of the recordings from Jazz Band. There was dropped information and different recording devices, so it didn't work. Next time, the engineer will lay out the requirements that will be needed in order for a recording to be successful in spring.

Advocacy Committee Report – Jamie and Stephen

- Jamie said that the group met about month ago, which was before the November Band Booster meeting. The group spent time to get to know each other.
- The group plans to gather information and have a strategy to implement when needed but will do no action until needed. It is possible that the committee may not have to work to save the band program from budget cuts. There may be some money at the state level.
- The next meeting will be Dec. 10 at 8 pm. The email will go out soon.
- Stephen confirmed that the committee is in a wait and see position. The district budget will depend on many things such as bills going through legislature.
- One part of the developing plan is to invite and include other stakeholders such jr. high and elementary parents if advocacy is needed.

Other Business

- The Band Boosters agreed that there will be no band trip this year. Once students are able to come back in person, there could be special events such as having adjudicators come to work with groups and give feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm