

**Dougherty Valley High School
Music Booster Meeting
PA132
May 21, 2026 - 5:30 PM**

MINUTES

Attendance

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| ● Teri Musiel - Band Director | ● Grace Hains - Co-VP Orchestra |
| ● Lauren Gibson – Band Director | ● Anu Krishnan - Co-VP Orchestra |
| ● Paul Rhodes - Orchestra Director | ● Cynthia Secakusuma - VP Choir |
| ● Diana Walker - Choir Director | ● Nanda Kamineni - VP Ways and Means |
| ● Jamie Shackelford - Asst. Principal | ● Madhavi Erva - Newsletter Chair |
| ● Smitha Myneni - President | ● Lorrان Garrison - Social Media |
| ● Tony Chu - Secretary | ● Xuelian Song - Lei Coordinator |
| ● Wei (Wendy) Shi - Treasurer | ● Jessica Almeida - Parent |
| ● Anise Andrews - Assistant Treasurer | ● Pallavi Sringshwara - Parent |
| ● Cecelia Aires - VP Band | ● Shubhra Kumar - Parent |

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

The Meeting started at 5:36 pm. April 20th minutes were approved unanimously.

Elections

Tony announced the following slate of nominees for next year's board:

- Smitha Myneni — President
- Tony Chu — Secretary
- Anise Andrews — Treasurer
- Jessica Almeida — VP Band
- Grace Hains — Co-VP Orchestra
- Anu Krishnan — Co-VP Orchestra
- Cynthia Secakusuma — VP Choir
- Nanda Kamineni — VP Ways and Means
- Madhavi Erva — Newsletter Chair
- Lorrان Garrison — Social Media
- Xuelian Song - Committee Member (Lei Coordinator)
- Pallavi Sringshwara — Committee Member (Ways and Means)
- Shubhra Kumar — Committee Member (Finance & Memberships)

The slate of nominees was approved unanimously.

Budget

Smitha gave a summary of this year's performance vs. budget. Despite projecting a loss, we did not need to dive into reserves.

We reviewed the proposed budget. Shubra asked if we capitalize large purchases to take advantage of amortization and depreciation. We have not done that before, but we will work with our tax accountant to discuss if it is worthwhile.

Line 4120 - Blue Pearl did not generate as much income this year. We discussed the possibility that it was due to a DV v. Dublin game on the same day. We continued to discuss moving Blue Pearl and expanding it.

Line 4150 - Need to make sure we are getting the word out to all classes. Smitha to look at future fund membership selection to see if there is a way to make it less confusing.

Line 4320 - Ms. Museil asked about the tie between instrument repair and rental income. She wants to move the repair to Line 4320 so that total against the rental is a net.

Line 4335 - Discussion about pizza and pep band. We discussed the short season this year.

Line 5025 - Upped Choir retreats to \$2,700.

Line 5050 - Upped Instrument Purchase to \$17,000: \$10k for band (bassoon and oboe), \$2k for orchestra and \$5k for choir

Line 5140 - Clarification, refreshments are for guests.

Line 5141 - up to \$750 might have been booked incorrectly, Lauren to follow up with Trish Adams.

Line 5175 - We will buy 2 more grills next year.

Line 7020 - Band is planning on going to Hawaii, which bumped the number up to \$10k.

Line 7040 - Uniform cost bumped up to \$3k to replace old uniforms.

The Board discussed the \$33k shortfall. Currently the boosters have a substantial amount in reserve and believe it's best to begin to draw it down. The Board adopted the Budget unanimously.

Reports and Updates

1. *Ways and Means (Nanda)*

- a. Flower sales for concerts were okay.
- b. For Graduation we are switching to pre-assembled bouquets.
- c. Unknown if we can sell beverages for graduation. Smitha to check with Rachel.
- d. Tony to send Nanda Signupgenius.

2. *Band (Teri/Lauren)*

- a. Spring concerts went well.
- b. Jazz had a really good year.
- c. Band-quet was fun and everyone was very hungry. Possibly because of the early time.

3. *Choir (Diana)*

- a. Pops was a hit.
- b. The vocal coach funded by prop 28 has been fabulous.
- c. Brett brought in professional recording equipment in to record choir
- d. Diana suggested we set up a music booster website separate from the school - Tony to follow up.

- e. Next week choir alumni is coming. Will need Pizza for alumni.
 - f. Smitha signed the contract for a professional acapella group to come next year. Diana needs \$1,500 deposit cut this year. Anise to accrue costs next year.
 - g. Cost for Choreographers moved to Prop 28.
4. ***Orchestra (Paul)***
- a. Concerts went well
 - b. Awards will be handed out in class and there will be light refreshments.
5. ***Newsletter (Madhavi)***
- a. One last newsletter - Awards and scholarships.
6. ***Administration (Jaime)***
- a. Rally schedule on Tuesday
 - b. Visual arts next week on the 27th. 4:30pm-7:00pm in the 4k building
7. ***Open Discussion***
- a. We discussed trying to get more donations through check or zelle to avoid transaction fees.
 - b. Pancake breakfast tentatively scheduled for September 12th.
 - c. We need to clean up the booster closet. Smith to look at some fridays.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 pm

Next Meeting: June 1, 2026 - 6:30pm