

Dougherty Valley High School
Music Booster Meeting
PA132
March 23, 2026 - 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Attendance

- Teri Musiel - Band Director
- Lauren Gibson – Band Director
- Paul Rhodes - Orchestra Director
- Diana Walker - Choir Director
- Jamie Shackelford - Asst. Principal
- Smitha Myneni - President
- Tony Chu - Secretary
- Wei (Wendy) Shi - Treasurer
- Anise Andrews - Assistant Treasurer
- Cecelia Aires - 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
- Xuelian Song - Lei Coordinator
- Lorrان Garrison - Social Media
- Pallavi Sringshwara
- Jay Das
- Smitha Govil
- Ramya Karr

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

The Meeting started at 6:30 pm. February 23rd minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports and Updates

1. ***Administration (Jamie)***

- a. 3rd quarter just ended and grades will be available on Wednesday
- b. Spring break will start soon and prom tickets are on sale.

2. ***Finance (Wendy)***

- a. Drumline has been raising money. Money has been going into the general future fund site. Smitha will create a new future fund for future events.
- b. We've currently raised \$10k more than originally projected for the school year to date.
- c. We will use May's meeting to develop next year's budget.

3. ***Ways and Means (Nanda)***

- a. Cynthia and Nanda met on Saturday and prepared a plan for graduation that was sent to Smitha for approval.
- b. We will need volunteers. Tony will need to set up a sign-up genius.
- c. The plan for graduation will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- d. Smitha and Tony audited legacy plates. 1/3 to 1/2 are missing. Smitha will look into replacements. We may consider trying to screw them in.

4. Band (Teri/Lauren)

- a. The Directors just wrapped up auditions and results will be released next week.
- b. In the last month there were a lot of festivals: Chabot and Sonoma State for Wind. Campana and Santa Cruz for Jazz.
- c. Wind 1 and 2 will be at CMEA at SRVHS on Friday, no pizza needed this year.

5. Choir (Diana)

- a. Treble clef came back from Chabot. The clinician was a student of the recently hired vocal coach Kelly Berge.
- b. Valley voice festival for choir on Wednesday at Lafayette Presbyterian.
- c. Area choir festival next Tuesday. We will need 3 to 4 door ushers. We use physical tickets because the theater gets too crowded.
- d. We usually collect donations after the concert and all donations go to feeder schools. Should be done by 8:20pm.
- e. In addition, the Blackhawk choir donates proceeds to choirs in the region and the boosters should be getting a check soon.
- f. Auditions are completed and results will be posted on 4/2.
- g. There is a newly formed female a cappella group. We want to host them next year. The estimate is \$1,000 and we might need a deposit.

6. Orchestra (Paul)

- a. Full orchestra rehearsals this past weekend. They will be playing the 1812 overture.
- b. CMEA this coming Saturday and next Wednesday the Area String Festival.
- c. Chicago Heritage Festival coming up during spring break.

7. Newsletter (Madhavi)

- a. March and April will be combined. We need to send out 2 weeks before the concerts, by April 10th
- b. Spring concert schedule: April 27th Blue, Silver and Pearl, April 28th Chamber, April 29th Concert Band 6, Symphonic bands 1 & 2, and Jazz, and April 30th Concert Band B, Wind 1 & 2, and Jazz
- c. \$10 adults/ \$5 for students. Will need volunteers starting at 6:15. Tony to set up signup geniuses.

8. Open Discussion

- a. Additional meeting after this meeting to discuss POPS concert.
- b. We want to get the students more involved in these meetings. Consider inviting student leadership to come
- c. Pallavi, Lorren, and Smitha G. have volunteered to review scholarship essays. The rubric still needs to be refined. The current budget is \$4,500. We will advertise that 3 scholarships will be handed out for each group. Total amount yet to be determined.
- d. Requests for music booster nominations should go out in the family newsletter. Cecelia and Wendy will need to prepare job statements Elections will be held in May
- e. Smitha will need names from the directors no later than the week after Spring Break in order to order end of year gifts and awards.
- f. Ways and Means needs to check on the number of cords for the graduating seniors.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32pm

Events within the next month

Wednesday, March 25th - Area Band Festival

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Friday, March 27th - CMEA Adjudication - Band

Saturday, March 28th - CMEA Adjudication - Orchestra

Tuesday, March 31st - Area Choir Festival

Wednesday, April 1st - Area String Festival

Thurs, Apr. 9th thru Sun, Apr. 12th - Chicago Heritage Concert (Orchestra)

Next Meeting: April 20, 2026 - 6:30 pm