

**Dougherty Valley High School
Music Booster Meeting
PA124
September 15, 2025- 6:30 PM**

MINUTES

Attendance

- Teri Musiel - Band Director
- Diana Walker - Choir Director
- Lauren Gibson – Band Director
- Jamie Shackelford - Asst. Principal
- Smitha Myneni - President
- Tony Chu - Secretary
- Wei (Wendy) Shi - Treasurer
- Anise Andrew - Assistant Treasurer
- Grace Hains - Co-VP Orchestra
- Anu Krishnan- Co-VP Orchestra
- Cynthia Secakusuma - VP Choir
- Cecilia Aires - VP Band
- Nanda Kamineni - VP Ways and Means
- Madhavi Erva - Newsletter Chair
- Xuelian Song- Lei Coordinator
- Lorrان Garrison - Social Media
- Jessica Almeida, Jimmy Almeida, Manjula Reddy and few others - Parent Volunteers

Welcome, President's corner, and Approval of Minutes

The Meeting started at 6:38 pm with a quick ice breaker.

Smitha gave a welcome, noting the new format and a desire for more transparency and more inclusiveness of the general membership. She also warmly thanked all the parents who volunteered to help with the pancake breakfast.

August minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Pancake Breakfast Review

- Online sales were very low, possibly because of the Future Fund surcharge.
- We need a better way of predicting turnout. Suggest setting up a google sheet RSVP?
- Collecting less material donations from the community was expected to be offset by monetary donation. However it just added about \$500 more to the overall expense
- We have many too many people wanting to volunteer. Suggest cutting down number of volunteers and also reduce the volunteer slots to be 1hr in length (instead of 1.5hrs to give opportunity to more volunteers)
- We confirmed that we need 2 lines for food+drinks to handle peak times.
- Using Venmo or Zelle to collect online sales would increase the complexity of tracking the money.
- We need better notice that all people wanting pancakes need tickets. No exceptions!
- Volunteers could use someone to check them in.
- The single serving table area worked very well this year. Also, pre-making pancakes helped. Queues cleared quickly.
- Any ideas to get rid of plastic water bottles to reduce waste?
- New Griddles outperformed rentals. We still plan to buy two more griddles at the end of the year.

Reports and Updates

1. *Admin (Jamie) -*

- a. Next week is homecoming.
- b. The Run for Education is on October 12th
- c. Senior Panorama is October 2nd
- d. Picture make up is coming up.
- e. Final senior portraits are scheduled for November 7th

2. *Band (Teri & Lauren)*

- a. The only Pep band this year will be on September 26th, all others are canceled. The football team has too many injuries and there are not enough people to play. This is a safety issue. It will also be senior night for football and cheer so there will be a lot of people. We will need chaperones. The band council will come up with ideas for some sort of social before Pep.
- b. Band Tour has enough interest and is confirmed. Initial deposit paid
- c. Fall band concert is on the 14th and will feature the University of the Pacific Professor of percussion as a guest soloist. We should include this in the newsletter and in a news blast prior to the concert.
- d. The Halloween parade on the 31st will be from 6:45 to 2:30ish. We will need a lot of chaperones who will need to go through the new Be A Mentor clearance, which includes livescan.

3. *Choir (Diana)*

- a. Choir Camp went really well. There were 2 clinicians. One of the original clinicians got sick and we were able to quickly find a replacement. We will need checks to compensate them.
- b. Everyone is measured for uniforms.
- c. Tour is pending enough commitments. We will know by the 19th.

4. *Orchestra (Grace for Paul)*

- a. Thank you for your support during the Pancake Breakfast
- b. Chamber Orchestra continues to make preparations for a potential visit to participate in the Heritage Festival in Chicago during Spring Break
- c. Students are expressing interest in participating in the CODA and CASMEC Honor Orchestras in the coming months.
- d. I am setting up all four orchestras for CMEA Adjudications in March. The total is \$1,500 - invoice to follow later this week
- e. Thank you to the Boosters for making funds available for supplies, Rockin Robbies has all items in stock and available - invoice to follow later this week as well
- f. I have renewed my memberships and will submit receipts later this week.

5. *Finance/ Treasurer Report - Wendy*

- a. Pancake: The fundraising goal was achieved and revenue was similar to last year. The allocated Pancake purchase budget of \$1,091.07 has been spent.
- b. Merchandise: We have achieved 40% of the target.
 - i. Hat Sales: \$1,320.00 nearly covering our cost \$1,335.06 that we paid last year.
 - ii. Hoodies Sales: \$8,720.00, already generating profit with the cost paid at

\$4,708.60.

- iii. Blanket Sales: \$845.00, generating profit as the cost was \$605.60.
- c. Fund Donation: \$16K received compared to budget of 10K.
- d. Student Instrument: \$11K received compared to budget of 8K.

6. Uniform Update

- a. Thank you to everyone who helped with uniforms.
- b. Glitter tops are coming on the 23rd.
- c. Initially the seamstress said that she would not be able to finish until right before the concerts. Suggestion was to take back a third of the dresses and have them altered by a former music booster parent.
- d. Tuxedos are done already.

Calendar

This year the calendar has been split into two. One for events that will be broadcast school wide and another the music specific events. The two links are:

- School-wide URL:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/dvhsmusicboosters%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>
- Music Specific URL:
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/c5aec8d22c119bcf4ec53aa33bf0a3346536b7e708adfd326785b13d0d7143b%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

Updates

Jessica Almeida is helping schedule a livescan session for music booster parents to assist with clearing volunteers. Suggestion is to hold this at two of the fall concerts. Cost for live scan is \$40 dollars. Need clearance from School Admin.

This year all booster members get access to the recorded concert footage.

For official social media we try to stay away from portraits and stick with ensemble photos.

Adjournment 8:02 pm

Next Meeting: October 20, 2025 - 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Pep Band - Homecoming	09/26
Fall Concerts:	
Orchestra	10/07
Choir	10/08
Band	10/14