

**Dougherty Valley High School
Music Booster Meeting
PA124
August 18, 2025- 6:30 PM**

MINUTES

Attendance

- Teri Musiel - Band Director
- Diana Walker - Choir Director
- Lauren Gibson – Band Director
- Paul Rhodes - Orchestra Director
- Jamie Shackelford - Asst. Principal/Admin Liaison for Music boosters
- Smitha Myneni - President
- Tony Chu - Secretary
- Wei (Wendy) Shi - Treasurer
- Grace - VPs Orchestra
- Cynthia Secakusuma - VP Choir
- Nanda Kamineni - Ways and Means
- Madhavi - Newsletter Coordinator

Introductions, Minutes, and President's Message

The meeting started at 6:37 pm with an ice breaker. Smitha gave a welcome note and asked to help spread the word about our monthly meeting to have more new parents.

Approval of May minutes: Tony will send them out after the end of the meeting. If anyone has issues please respond.

Smitha noted that there are a lot of discussions happening in parallel and that we will start to loop people in soon.

Administration and Teacher Reports

1. *Admin (Jaime)* -
 - a. Norma will send facilitron request to Smitha and Nanda to confirm details.
 - b. After schedule changes are done students will start using responsive scheduler.
 - c. This week is spirit week.

2. ***Band (Teri & Lauren)***

- a. Instrument petting zoo - Feeder school kids will come here to try out instruments.
- b. During back to school night at 8pm there will be a discussion about the Band tour - SoCal in November 7-9. The estimate is about 100 kids will go. Deposit is 30% of ticket cost. The deadline for the first deposit is September 7. Need to budget for substitute teacher costs.

3. ***Choir (Diana)***

- a. New piano donated. Only needed to pay for moving cost and disposal of the old piano. Tuner discounted tuning of two pianos. Total cost was \$650 tuning all pianos and \$1100 moving and disposal.
- b. Need to update membership for all music teachers.
- c. On 8/27 there will be a meeting for the tour in LA planned for February
- d. There will be Choir Camp the same day after Pancake breakfast. Choir will need Costco pizzas for dinner which is already budgeted under Retreats. They will also need money for clinician. Maybe \$250?

4. ***Orchestra (Paul)***

- a. Tour meeting green room Looking at Chicago in April right after spring break. No sub money needed. Lisa Chan is working on details.
- b. Will need a booster to present at incoming night.

Finance/Treasurer Report - Wendy

1. Future Fund and Square charges were recorded as payment processing fees and have already surpassed the budget. Only \$500 budgeted, Already \$1,000 spent in 3 weeks. Bump up to \$4,000.
2. Instrument repair expenses are over budget. Only \$200 left. \$2000 budgeted, \$1800 spent. Move money from rental to repair. Suggest bumping the budget up to \$4,000.
3. We have already reached our goals for Future Fund Donation
4. Copy Anna for any expense.
5. Donors should not be using corporate matching to pay for fees.
6. All concert tickets are actually donations.

Pancake Breakfast

1. Pancake breakfast group will meet once a week. No other board meeting before breakfast.
2. Signup genius needs to be set up for donations and volunteers. All perishables will be monetary donations.
3. We already have one grill and want to purchase another one. This brings rental down to \$563. We will be down a little on capacity.
4. Coffee will be from Starbucks via Mrs. Walker's contact.
5. Raffle ideas:
 - a. \$25 gift cards.
 - b. A lesson from Mrs. Walker.

- c. Hoodies/Sweaters.
 - d. Starbucks swag.
 - e. Auctions.
6. Students need to start practicing rotation this week.
 7. Tickets - \$15 per person will get a raffle ticket, Ages 6 to 12 - \$5 no raffle, and free for age below 6 yrs. Smitha motion, Tony second. Unanimous Consent.

Updates

People aren't picking up their sweaters. If they don't pick it up then we will consider it a donation. The last chance for pick up is during our meetings.

Uniforms - is there any space in the green room to try on uniforms. Suggest Thursday Block day. Grace Dagen is coming to measure band kids. Will need a big room on September 29th for distribution.

So far \$6600 in sales for hoodies. Will order 300 more. Grace Dagen has also found a place to make leis and ordered. This will save on the manual labor of handmaking leis.

Band fall concert moving to October 14 to accommodate a special guest. Booster schedule to be sent with meeting minutes.

Suggest finding a student to assist with instagram posts.

Adjournment 7:55 pm

Next Meeting: Sept 15, 2025 - 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Back to School Night	08/27
Incoming School Night:	
Band	08/25
Orchestra	08/26
Choir	08/28
Pancake breakfast	09/06