

Dover-Eyota Music Association (DEMA) Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: May 12, 2025 7pm

Location : DE Elementary School Cafeteria

Participants: (Attached sheet)

Agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of Minutes April 7, 2025 - motion - Laurie Mickow, 2nd Andy Capelle. pass
- 3) Treasure Report- Checking Balance - \$ 15,805.43

Foresight CD - \$ 7,166.77

Foresight Savings - \$10,407.59

Total Assets - \$33,379.79

Motion to pass - Ryan Anderson, 2nd Vince Cordle, pass

- 4) Old Business

- a) Fundraiser

- i) Calendar-

Review the art work and sales sheets to make sure they are up to date, identify team members, timeline from April 7, 2025 meeting is correct.

We would like an analytic report from Mango LLC to help sell advertisements. Ryan will ask Mango LLC for analytics. App seems slow to load, Marie might have to decrease image resolution to help load faster. Reach out to Tim Andring about calendar event uploads.

Need to do in person reach out to advertisers, better chance of commitment.

Increase ad price to \$315.00 from \$285.00

Team: June 15th, 2025 hand out packets to the team members

Ask Band trip Chaperones to help to get new members in DEMA

Need Volunteers to help with Advertisements for 2025-2026

Work on getting meeting minutes onto the website

<https://www.de-calendar.com/>

- ii) Pops & Pies- Date: Sunday Feb.1,2026 final approval

- 5) Departmental Updates:

Choir - Aimee- Great last concert last week. The snacks were a hit after the concert. The teachers enjoyed the leftover snacks.

5-6 Band - Catherine - 42 students signed up tonight, 10 couldn't make it. At Least 52 students for 5th grade band next year. Band concert is this Thursday for 6th Grade. Solo fest is the following week for MS. They have been putting in a lot of time and work on their solos. Catherine has accepted a full time music job at Wilmar for next year. She will still help with the marching band this summer. She will miss us, but is looking forward to a fulltime Band Teacher job. The School has posted a part time Band position to help backfill Catherine's job.

MS/ HS Band - Ryan -Band Concert is this Thursday, Middle school solo fest next week, then Graduation on May 23, 2025. Ryan had a conversation with the Superintendent : Once 82 students sign up for Marching Band, all marching band costs are covered. Every student that signs up above 82 is extra funds that go to the General Activity Fees Funds at school. Jeremy Frie agreed to cover the cost of new dri-fit black shirts for under marching band uniforms with Activity Fee Funds. Jeremy would not reduce the activity fees since we are overcharging and the band does not get to use any of the Activity fees. Ryan asked for Marching Band Shoes to be covered as well, Jeremy said no. We will keep an eye on how Fees are being spent and decide how to advocate for equal funds. Ryan will have 200 students for next year in the MS/ HS Band. Ryan is working with Jennifer Gunter writing grants to help fund the Music program cuts.

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- i) Eyota Days Parade- Moving forward yes or no? Jay Speltz and Connie Cordle volunteered to chair the parade. They will talk to Tyrel Clark and get more information about how all this works and if this is something they want to move forward with. They will let the DEMA Board know their decision once they get further details from Tyrel.

- b) Other- partner with PATT, Eagles Foundation, and DEMA advertise positives about our organizations, Vince Cordle can help with the video. We need to have a project discussion and cost to do this. We will follow up on this idea in August.

- c) Give to the max fundraiser - Marie suggested this as something to look into.

- d) Have a DEMA member speak at the concert about Zeffy and what it is , how you can help, what DEMA is and how to get involved.

- e) First concert of the year, have a table to talk about DEMA, how you can help. Also consider having a DEMA table at the Elementary and MS/HS open house in the fall.
- 7) Announcements -Next DEMA Meeting Date Tuesday August 5th, 2025
- 8) Zeffy is set up and there will be a QR code to scan in the May 15, 2025 Band concert programs. DEMA Board will work on square before July 2025
<https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/donate-to-make-a-difference-13255>
- 9) Adjourned 8:38 pm