

Dover-Eyota Music Association (DEMA) Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Monday April 7 , 2025

Location: 6 pm Band Room

Participants: (Attached sheet)

Agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of Minutes - please review March 10, 2025 meeting minutes
Approved, motion by **** and 2nd by Andy
- 3) Treasure Report - Colleen
 - General Funds - \$19,986.53
 - Savings account - \$10,355.59
 - CD - \$7166.77Motion by Ryan, Wendt 2nd passed
- 4) Old Business
 - A) Fundraiser
 - i) Calendar App - Marie - Marie sent final notices on 3-5-2025
3 businesses that needs to pay
 - Farmers Insurance - Jason Banitt - paid 3-6-25
 - Property Brokers, Jerry Enright- paid 3-14-25
 - Thompson Ward Electric (MF)-yes, paid 4-7-25

<https://www.de-calendar.com/> Website for calendar and DEMA information , working on adding meeting minutes to this page

When does the contract renewal process begin for the 2025-2026 school year? Marie may want to get a team together to start contacting businesses.

May: Identify key team members to help contact business.

June 15th : Proofing, reviewing art changes ensure all information is accurate, print out campaign contracts and distribute to the team.

July – August distribution and committal

September Invoices sent out.

- ii) Pops & Pies - Paula and Shawna - anything for next year to discuss
 - (1) Paula - keep our eyes out for big items
 - (2) Will start planning around Sept 25. Talked about doing Sunday to avoid sports conflicts. Discussion around which Sunday - Feb. 1 was most popular. Ryan Motioned for it to be on 2/1, Colleen 2nd - TENTATIVE pending: Ms. Hampton thinks Minor Details event

might be that weekend - she will double check and will revisit in May. Ryan will check with Andring on schedules.

(3) Elementary students will be

iii) Concession: have we received a winter check? New chair?

(1) Colleen will send Chelsea an email about checks coming and timing, would like this info in a spreadsheet. Will follow up in May. Also will wait until May to

5) New Business

A) Elections of 2 Board Members- Jill M motion Mike Barker, Ryan 2nd for continued VP

i) Ryan motioned Nick Young to be Treasurer, Nikki 2nd

6) Ryan asking for help with drumline \$2500 Lee Kreuger and Grace Scott for Color Guard same as \$\$ last year

7) Solofest \$60 food for judges, accompanists and teachers (no need to vote as already did months ago) an FYI

A) Departmental Reports

i) MS Band - awesome March concert, kids did fantastic solos next month, starting to do some work on 5th grade crew. May 12 is date looking at w/ Schmitt Music - DEMA welcome

(1) Proposed plan from school board will be going forward

(2) The loss of .25 will be hard to get back; next goal will be for to getting community and buy-in

ii) HS Band - will need help with lessons. Lee Kreuger might be able to come and help in a morning session. Ideally we need quality people to help fill holes.

(1) Grant writer from Mayo and Ryan connected

(a) \$5000 for Lee; \$5000 for a second person (would cover about 40 students) We should be able to get grants done due 5/1-5/14.

(b) Back up plan would be to ask DEMA for funds, but don't want to depend on

(c) Could do about 144 lessons on average but will have 200 kids

(d) Maybe ask Cathy Munson and another one

(e) How would we ever get the money back? Write letters to admin, school board and legislatures.

- (i) When cuts like this happen makes music department feel not valued
- (ii) PE dept is adding .5 b/c growing; music program also growing but cut .25
- (iii) What about responsibility of the state? Write letters to legislatures
- (iv) About \$1700 from Marching Band will go to the school and Ryan will be able to ask for that money (just goes into an activity folder)

(2) Black shirts that were too big - not able to return b/c had them for a year.

- iii) MS/HS Choir - choir concert excellent; next week solo fest; choir concert in 4 weeks; performance at graduation

B) Fundraiser

- i) Eyota Days Parade? - 2 community members ran parade for 10 years, looking for folks to take over with the help of Eyota Days committee. Do we know if anyone might be interested in steering. DEMA president will send out information and ask if interested in being on a parade committee
- ii) Foresight Bank Sponsor ? In discussion in sponsoring auditorium or football field... what about a part time position.
 - (1) Definitely get add for app calendar

C) Open Discussion

Electronic payment -

Zeffy - for general donation- Colleen -has this been opened? Yes it's open. Need to do a statement about our org and Colleen will do in the next week

Square - Pops and Pie and Calendar App Payments , will set this up closer to fall

Cookies/ bars after concerts? Yes - Vince may be able to help. Nikki has sign up genius

DEMA table at incoming 5th grade band open house, date of event, who is available to be there? Monday May 12th 6PM

Amber will ensure articles get done for Eagle - connect with Steph Holliday. Luther, St. Louis and All-State

8) Announcements

This is replying to your numbered questions.

1. I think things are only somewhat fluid. I'd say the schedules aren't set in stone, but they are in drink/the ink is pretty dry. I'm holding out hope thst some things can change up a bit to make life easier on people and better for students. At this point I did advocate for some changes and I'll have to see what happens. It's not the schedule/division of responsibilities I would choose (and in fairness, probably to some degree not the first at one admin would have picked either).

2. Hearing from students is always great. I think the best way might be for them to get on the next board agenda to talk about their performance in Decorah, or other things happening.

Next Meeting : May 12 - support the elementary efforts and meet after incoming 5th Grade Band sign up at 7pm at the elementary.
Brooke and Andy - have Ben Midge put something in News and Notes

9) Adjourned