

Dover-Eyota Music Association (DEMA)

Date and Time: Monday March 10, 2025

Location: Band Room

Participants:

Agenda for the meeting:

- 1) **Call to order**
- 2) **Approval of Minutes** - please read through the meeting minutes we sent last week 1st Colleen Wendt, 2nd Mike Barker
- 3) **Treasure Report:** Checking account \$20,621.53, CD -\$7166.77
Savings- \$10,000.00
Approval - 1st Andy Capelle, 2nd Ryan Anderson
 - a) Ryan will make a note to Marie about Thrivent Choice (reward system)
- 4) **Old business**
 - a) **Calendar** - Marie sent final notices on 3-5-2025
 - 3 businesses that need to pay
 - Farmers Insurance - Jason Banitt
 - Property Brokers, Jerry Enright- should have dropped off a check
 - Thompson Ward Electric (MF)
 - b) <https://www.de-calendar.com/> Website for calendar and DEMA information , working on adding meeting minutes to this page, DEMA notes are on calendar app
 - c) Eagles Foundation reports a list of where money is donated
 - i) Motion by Andy Capelle, 2nd Vince to have the DEMA donations displayed on the calendar app/web page including description and dollar amount starting Jan 1 2025
 - ii) 2 businesses
- 2) **Pops and Pies:**
 - a) Paula Knoll - Final amount raised: \$12,670 (auctions) \$1241.42 (free will donations); thank you notes are done - how can we help Nikki and Ryan Anderson.
 - b) Need new bidding numbers next year
 - c) Talked about moving to Sunday next year
 - d) How can we do an electronic payment (see notes below)
- 3) **HS Choir** - Aimee Hampton- choir concert tomorrow night and large group contest in St. Charles
- 4) **HS Band** - Ryan Anderson - large group contest tomorrow, looking forward to
 - a) Band uniforms - fitted 101 students
 - b) Ryan is going to make a set of fitting instructions for clarity and roles
 - i) Was great having all the kids having uniforms fit

- (1) Idea - fitting during class was a bit hectic, maybe after concert next time? Will offer ideas
 - ii) Will have about 80-85 students, 15/16 parents (so far) for St. Louis trip
- 5) Wellner - Ms. Carlson said she will be doing $\frac{3}{4}$ 5-6 grade band and Ryan will do middle school and Wellner will do two periods of FACS. This is not something Ms. Wellner is interested in teaching and needs to know by next school board meeting. Thinking will be presented to board by administrators (not sure exactly who)
 - a) Concern is large elementary classes so significant increase of kids and decreasing Wellner's workload by .25
 - b) Discussion around what other schools do... RPS does not do band lessons during the day; equity issue in Rochester.
 - c) Email school board next week to inform members and answer/ask questions
 - d) Many families are here b/c of music program
- 6) Fundraiser
 - a) Eyota Days Parade - Ryan still needs to talk to Tyrel. Current parade chairs are stepping down after several years. Need more info. Is an opportunity for some funding
 - b) Thrivent Choice - so far one donation
 - c) Foresight Bank Sponsor - Ryan will revisit
 - i) \$70,000 athletic supply budget (cut from \$84,000)
 - ii) \$9,000 cut from music program
 - iii) Concern is music program is not being treated like activity

Discussion: Our enrollment in band is financially a positive for district, butts in seats, starts in 5th and 6th grade; they don't just magically show up (Next year about 300 students)
 Our FTE is very average for what we have in the area; Plainview, Zumbrota, Lake City, Byron, Cotter (3) - which is about the same #s as our band
 Projected 5th grade 60, 50 in 6th grade; JH easily 85 students; HS going to get larger = conservatively 110

As teachers, what would be a suggestion of a cut? General music is going away
 PE teachers are certified in FACS; or a health teacher? Make it a nutrition class and connect with PE/weight training. Or business class - food trucks were through business class.

What if they posted Wellner's position as being proposed by Sarah, with music and FACS, likely not fillable, then could lose position.

Look at Ryan's spreadsheet noting other surrounding schools FTE band teachers (shared with DEMA Board Members) - no known cuts for surrounding schools

Benefit of being in band - college credits
 Getting dollars worth (making money) as every kid enrolled in a band class gets \$1250/kid

Pep band not funded.

Activities fees for Jazz Band - not sure how much money from activities budget is used for this or other music related activities

- 7) Dollars for Scholars - 2 \$500? 11 seniors this year.
 - a) Nikki motioned to support this, Andy 2nd
- 8) Electronic payments -
 - a) looking at Square for Pops and Pie - 2.6% + \$.15 (least expensive and most reliable according to other users). Might be able to make more with this option..
 - b) Zeffy - on-line donation option - no fees; built for non-profits. The way they make money is by asking for tips. Donations go right to savings account, gives receipt to purchaser
 - c) Holding off on the Glving Tree.
 - i) Idea - Open House in the fall?
 - d) Might want to consider purchasing a DEMA owned tablet or laptop
 - e) Ryan motions Zeffy and Square passing, Andy 2nd
- 9) Cookie/bars after concerts (set up is hard to get volunteers).
 - a) Idea - could reserve a spot for the set up volunteer
 - b) Great community building
 - c) Put out some feelers for JH parents who might help
 - d) Will revisit at May meeting
- 10) Set up DEMA table at incoming 5th grade band open house - will revisit at next meeting
- 11) By-Laws update
 - a) Change 6-12 to music program
 - b) Duty of board members - instead of asking to fill positions, ask for an elected officer and the board assigns duties
 - c) Term limits - 10 years (state website)
 - d) Motion to accept changes to by-laws Mike Barker, Nick Young 2nd
- 12) Next DEMA Meeting is Monday April 7, 2025 at 6pm Band Room
Elections of 2 Board Members will take place at this meeting

Could meet at restaurant owned by Ms. Kabe to support her and the education program

Ryan Anderson Motion to adjourn, 2nd Andy Capelle