

## Dover-Eyota Music Association (DEMA)

Date and Time: Nov 18, 2025

Location: 6pm Band Room

Participants: (Attached sheet)

Agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Call to order - start with band stories - Mattress arrivals are happening and those who ordered are enjoying them. Ryan ran into a student that left in 8th grade several years ago, she is working on her Doctorate Degree and going to Belgium. Her Mom who is from Preston, MN was one of the first to arrive at the mattress fundraiser. Jeff Spors attended the SEMYO concert that his daughter and a couple other students from D-E performed at. They have 3 concerts throughout the year and a smaller Christmas Show as well. They offer 5 levels of band/ strings to audition to be part of. They need brass players.
- 2) Approval of Minutes 1st motion Nick Young , motion passes
- 3) Treasurer Report - Colleen attach Report - Motion to approve , motion passes
- 4) Old Business
  - a) Fundraisers
    - i) Calendar - status update - Marie needs the President signature on Thank You notes to businesses  
\$5575.00 - is Ad sales  
Continue Ad Sales through January  
Nick Young will put thank you notes on DEMA Facebook page for businesses  
Advertisement pages will be added for Choir and Band Concerts
    - ii) Giving tree - coming in 2026  
Comments about frequency of community asks  
We will pause for this year with Mattress Fundraiser and soon to follow Pops and Pies on Feb. 1, 2026  
This will allow more time for design and implementation of the Giving Tree.  
Another idea is to do a Halloween walk in the woods by the Elementary School, maybe involve multiple clubs to collaborate to make a community event. Maybe with the Trunk-or- Treat? Discuss more in the spring
    - iii) Pops & Pies- Paula  
Confirm roles  
Live Auction - Ryan& Nikki Anderson, Paula Knoll, Nick Young  
Silent Auction - Nikki Anderson, Gina Adler, ?  
Set up/ Take Down - Mike Barker, Vince Cordle , Andy Capelle  
Food/ Beverage - Jill Magnuson  
Advertising - Marie Ferguson  
Decorations - Colleen Wendt, Marie Ferguson  
Technology - Colleen Wendt

Money box- Jay Speltz, Justin Wendt

Update on donations- Blue Lagoon Mini Golf said yes Brooke

Capelle will pick it up

Needs?

Check on Thrivent's giving account? There may be a fee to be a part of this? Check with Marie Ferguson

iv) mattress fundraiser results

Review of what went right, comments about improvements - Twin Cities Mattress Fundraiser- 75 sold, if you get to 80 you get a bonus. No definitive numbers yet, hopefully soon. Thank you to everyone for sharing , talking to others about the event, helping , and purchasing items. Hoping to do this again next year.

Improvements -

advertise more and earlier. Maybe people that didn't buy this year will next year. Get the amount of money raised for student accounts, this could help students want to advertise more. We need more analytics to help next year. Prices were comparable to Costco. Sounds like we outsold Rochester Mattress sales. Coffee and doughnuts went well. Maybe add hot chocolate for the students helping. Some said no notification about the mattress being delivered on a certain day. There may have been a sign- up at check out about dates. Might have been a UPS deliver or Delivery and removal option. Conflicting information on weather delivery and removal of old mattresses is an extra cost. Maybe look at moving this to the end of September to space out fundraisers.

v) concessions

\$3,500 for stipend from the school for all the concession stands DEMA worked. \$800.00 of this will go to student accounts for working. The rest to DEMA funds. The DEMA board will need a list of students and how many concessions each worked to divide the \$800.00. So far Keith has spoken for 3 for winter sports.

5) New Business

a) Departmental Reports

- i) MS Band - Still need a long term substitute 5th/6th Grade Band teacher while Mrs. Horstmann is on leave. Lee Kruger has been helping to cover lessons and class instruction. Ryan may have to help cover the 6th grade band depending on when a long term sub is hired. The 6th grade band concert went well and showcased each section. Standing room only. It would be great to do this every year. The 5th grade band is only having lessons now. Difficult to find time for group band during the morning at the Elementary School with going between 2 schools and being a 0.75 FTE.

HS Band - 1 grant of 9 was accepted. \$4000.00 for March 6, 2026 Lake Wobegon Brass Band will perform after the MS/ HS band concert. Courtney and Ryan talked about where the 6th Graders were at with notes and music skills. They had high school helpers come and work with 6th grade sections to improve their skills.

JH/ HS Band concert - December 11th 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Create an Alumni Network to talk about what they are doing now to post in the Band Room. This would help MS/HS strive for greatness.

June 29- July 3 2026 Band Trip tentative to Colorado

ii) MS/HS Choir

December 2,2026 is new date for Choir Concert 6th Grade 6:30pm, JH 7:00pm , HS 7:30 pm

Musical - is this weekend , please come support the students.

Chipotle South fundraiser - December 8th 4-8 pm show a graphic on phone or flyer at Chipotle South in Rochester. The proceeds will help the Choir.

HS Choir is going to Chanhassen Dinner Theater on May 13, 2026.

iii) Elementary Choir

Mrs. Kabes- program on Dec.5,2025 for 5th Grade recorder and Elementary Choir Concert. 3rd and 4th Grade Concert on Dec. 12, 2025 Both dates have shows at 9:30 am and 2pm

- b) Dema shirts, band shirts - maybe February or March order
  - c) Opportunity to host a DEMA get together- Mike hosted a DEMA gathering this summer. If anyone else wants to host an event for DEMA members to get together. Maybe Bull's Bierhaus in Rochester, MN . Discuss a date and send out a date.
  - d) Have a point person for DEMA Facebook posts- maybe Nick Young
- 6) Announcements:
- Next meeting date - December board TBD
  - December 4th, 2025 Pops and Pie planning 6pm Band Room
  - January 6, 2026 Member Meeting 6pm Band Room
- 7) Adjourned 7:45 pm