

# DIDSBURY SCHOOLS BAND SOCIETY

## MONTHLY MEETING

November 13th, 2019

**Present:** Carla Ridley, Lory Svendsen, Bill Windsor, Rachel Verhaeghe, Lynn Doering, Kevin Doering, Amanda Bowhay, Melanie Barr, Sandi Hesson, Renee McNeil, Erin Enns.

*Teacher:* Kirk Wassmer

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Amanda Bowhay at 7:05 pm

**AGENDA:** Move to approve the agenda as presented by Bill Windsor/Rachael Verhaeghe

**MINUTES:** Move to approve minutes from the October meeting as presented by Erin Enns/Lory Svendsen

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Presented by Carla Ridley

- Reviewed the monthly financial reports for October 2019.
- Created and presented a detailed spreadsheet showing past fundraisers back from 2013 to current.
- Discussion was had regarding the T-Bill account.
- Motion was made by Bill Windsor to move the T-Bill account we have to a 2%, 1 year term. Kevin Doering seconded that. All voted in favor, motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Presented by Kirk Wassmer as follows

- Proud of this organization and what it does for the students.
- October 17th, the Odds played at the Chamber of Commerce Business Gala. Great gig for the kids. Payment not yet received, usually pays \$600.00 - \$700.00. Kids were fed and have already been invited back for next year.
- Kirk wanted to acknowledge Amy Black, Warner Barnhardt, Kelly DeLong and Joey Dick, who are all members of the Alberta Band Association Provincial Wind Symphony. They performed at the Bella Concert Hall, in concert with Dr. Mark Hopkins from Acadia University. Great representatives from DHS.
- October 26th Seth Petersen drummed in the Alberta Band Association Provincial Jazz Ensemble. Performed at the new Calgary Public Library.
- Kirk wanted to acknowledge that the Band Society paid the registration fees for all 5 kids to participate in the events at a cost of \$175.00 per student.
- Last Thursday (Nov 7) was the fall concert with a packed house. Kids performed

- great. Clapping song was a bit of a challenge. Kirk bugged kids saying they were not good clappers but they nailed the rest of the song. A great start to the year.
- December 15th is the Christmas Concert and parents at the meeting were told about the silent auction.
  - Fundraiser monies from the auction are divided up between all the band students who performed and put back into their accounts
  - Set up is Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. Concert is at 2:00 pm.
  - Trips and tour plans are looking good for the grade 9 bands, 42 have signed up.
  - Senior trip to Seattle, concerned with bus room. Kirk has 2 56 passenger buses seating 112 people. Ninety-eight kids are going with 2 not yet confirmed and 14 chaperones.
  - Discussion that parents would drive their own vehicles to Seattle and Kirk would pay for gas and mileage then there would be an extra vehicle to get around in.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Grant Committee- Amanda Bowhay
  - Amanda and Lynn have both gone through the box of Grant letters. May be easier to work with the letters instead of the on-line grant connect site.
  - Looking to get more help in this area if anyone is interested. Please let us know. Or if anyone has else has experience in writing Grant Letters, please let us know.
- Casino Update – Lory Svendsen
  - No update
- Fundraising -
  - Admazing - Done
  - Centennial Meats – Done
  - Bottle Drive – Done first one
  - Purdy's – is out. All forms are due back Nov 21st, 2019. Chocolates should be coming back December 3rd, could be the 4th depending on weather. Couple people inquired about on-line orders. We will not be posting that on our website. If someone wants to make an order and pay with a credit card they can message Lory. She will send them the link.
  - Carla mentioned updating the delivery date for the Purdy's Chocolates

on the website. She thinks it's December 7th. Lory will check into.

- Lory is still looking for volunteers to sort chocolates for 2:00 PM. Request will stay posted on the Facebook page for now. Erin Enns and Kevin Doering offered to help sort, possibly two or three more. Give out time will be 4:00 PM. The more people we have helping out the better.
- Next Bottle Drive - November 26th, 2019. Bill Windsor and Stefanie Halfyard were to organize this but it interferes with Council night for Bill. Amanda spoke with Stefanie and asked if she needed help. Stefanie confirmed she's good.
- Shelley has contacted the bottle depot and they are staying open with extra help to count bottles. Plan is to start out at the school, have everyone sign in and get their first routes. Moving over to the bottle depot people will come in and dump off their bags. Need one person at the Bottle Depot (Erin) and Kathleen back at the school in case people come back there. Meet at the school for 5:30 PM. Amanda can help out.
- Willow Dyer - Contacted Amanda. Willo helps out with the Chamber of Commerce. She sent Amanda the pamphlet about Chamber Bucks. Erin Enns explained how it works from a retail's side. Amanda read off who all participates. As a group it was decided to look into this further. Bill will inquire at the next Chamber meeting.
- Tuba Purchase -
- Kirk looked into purchasing a Tuba. With taxes in, it's \$5,769.75 He spoke with Garth and we have no budget. We would have to purchase it on our own.
- Bass Clarinet may not be able to be fixed. A new one is \$2,000 to \$2,200.00. Kirk needs to get an instrument quickly. Decided to hang tight on everything until the next meeting. Kirk will send an email to see if the Bass Clarinet is fixable. If not, he will go ahead and order a new one so the base clarinet player can participate. Payment may come out of supplies or from the Band Society if we need to order a new one. If the broken one can be fixed funds can come from the repair budget.
- May look at purchasing a new Tuba after Christmas. A couple of the Tuba's we have are older than Mr. Klein's time at the school.

- Kirk will check into possibly renting a Bass Clarinet. Amanda suggested a possible Grant for the Tuba purchase.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### 1) Christmas Concert/Silent Auction:

- Carla and Kirk will do up the letter for the concert and email that out.
- Reminder to add in the letter that all items are to be non parishable.
- Collecting silent auction items in the same back practice room as last year.
- Looking for 6 volunteers for the silent auction checkout tables.
- Erin will talk to Heather Biggins and ask if we can get as many tables as possible from Westglen. Erin will check into the delivery of them or pick them up.
- Carla needs two tables for the 50/50 draw.
- Kitchen - Renee McNeil will organize the kitchen. Carla will place the order for what is needed and Renee will pick up at AG Foods.
- Carla will put all the information as far as what we need help with in an email. People will contact Carla and she will let them know where they are needed.
- Newsletter will go out and be put on Facebook and the Band Society's Web page.
- Need to do a test run so people can pay ahead of time.
- Set up is at 9AM - 10:30AM
- Need stickers with Band Logo. Carla will send Amanda the logos to print.
- Amanda will scoop up Grade 9 runners.
- Erin offered to do the raffle table.
- Rachael Verhaeghe will supply 6 laptops from the library.

#### OPEN FLOOR ITEMS:

- Bill asked Amanda about a delegation to the Town Council that was discussed at the June 2019 meeting. Need to come up with a history of music. The desire is there but a lack of time is apparent.
- Bill feels this is an opportune time to present something to Town Council.
- Will revisit delegation to the Town for January 2020 meeting.
- Lory pointed out that the form on the website for the chocolates is last years form. Bill will update to this years order form.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday December 10th, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.