

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Present: Claire Kasamis, President; Tracey Boone, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Lynn Owens and Paula Luszc, Hospitality Chairs; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Kristine Asmussen, Marching Band Uniform Chair; Julie Salski, Concert Band Uniform Chair; Edgar Rodriguez, Volunteer Coordinator; Yvonne Buisson, Jazz Invitational Chair; Nikki Earich, Evening of Jazz Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 6 others. Total in attendance: 19.

Past Events:

- Chicagoland Invitational – The highlight for the students was hearing other bands play. Both band groups received superior ratings from judges.
- Solo and Ensemble Night – Performances included both honors bands, small groups, and soloists. Student soloists who performed received 1:1 time with an adjudicator. Parents who were able to attend had positive feedback about the event.
- PIT Orchestra for MHS Addams Family musical - a lot of fun was had and students/director appreciated the return of a spring musical. The students worked hard on the music, played well, and enjoyed combining forces with other MHS group.
- Night of Percussion - returned after a 2-year pause; the night consisted of performances by each of the 4 concert bands, senior recognition, a duet, and the grand finale in which nearly every student played and student Mason Jerome impressed with his electric guitar.
- Congratulations to band director Andy Sturgeon for winning one of the six 2022 Chicagoland Outstanding Music Educator awards!!

Board/Chair Reports:

Treasurer Update (Tracey Boone)

- Bank balances as of 5/1/22:
 - Boosters: \$24,423.72
 - Escrow: \$33,606.71
- Highlights:
 - \$142.70 was raised from Scrips in April
 - Evening of Jazz Sponsorship checks - \$1,500
 - Proceeds from Jazz Invitational amounted to \$8,506.13 which will go into the Student Activity Fund

Hospitality (Lynn Owens & Paula Luszc)

- SuperState on May 7 will have a continental breakfast available for the band students plus stipend for meal(s)
- Heidi Gorsica & Jen Olorvida will be Hospitality Chairs for 2022-2023 season

Equipment (Jennifer Jenkins)

- Available to help load trucks for SuperState if needed
- No help needed for MHS graduation
- Evening of Jazz
 - Assistance might be needed for transporting risers, music stands, drum set parts, keyboards, etc to Doubletree on May 13
 - Sound engineer may need help on morning of May 13 to help unload his equipment

Marching Band Uniforms (Kristine Asmussen)

- Date on when uniforms will be back in storage is TBD; uniforms will need to be inspected and laundered
- Rental of Uhaul is under consideration for transporting the racks of uniforms to and from laundromat
- MHS has a few industrial washers/dryers that could be an alternative; Kristine will investigate

Concert Band Uniforms (Julie Salski)

- May 10 is the date to collect the seniors' uniforms
- May 12 & 13 - collecting the remaining students' uniforms from 11:00 – 1:00

Fundraising (Heather Song and Chris Page)

- Turks has been unresponsive for Spring fundraiser; will try again for a Fall fundraiser
- Jimano's fundraiser resulted in \$250 for boosters (they wonderful and easy to work with!)
- Scrips – ecards & recharges occurred

Volunteers (Edgar Rodriguez)

- Link tree updated with all links; if anything needs to be updated, let Edgar know

Evening of Jazz (Nikki Earich)

- Details of Evening of Jazz preparations were discussed at the meeting immediately following our regular boosters meeting

Directors Updates:

- Jazz Ensemble is working with a Grammy nominated Composer Steve Wiest and will be recording his music. Rehearsal and the recording session will take place during the week after the school year ends. If this event is able to be opened up to viewers, the band directors will send an email to parents.
- Band directors have shared that this has been an amazing year and expressed a great deal of gratitude for the community and people within.

Miscellaneous:

- Summer Band Camp Scholarships Applications due on May 9
- Booster Board Elections – President: Jen Vincent, Secretary: Yvonne Buisson
- Seeking a shadow for Treasurer
- Things to consider for the next season:
 - At new marcher and returning marchers meetings, parents/students to measure their kids for uniforms and shoes
 - Recruit parents for Band Boosters
- In 2023 – schedule a date for MHS to visit middle schools to talk about band

Upcoming Dates:

- **Sat, May 7:** Illinois SuperState - Krannert Center for the Performing Arts University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- **Tue, May 10: 6 pm, MHS Cafeteria/Auditorium** - Band Awards Night Dinner and Symphonic Band/Concert Band Concert
- **Wed, May 11: 7 pm MHS Auditorium** - Noise performs Choir Concert
- **Fri, May 13: 6 pm DoubleTree Hotel** - Evening of Jazz – Annual Band Fundraiser
- **Sun, May 15: 3 pm, NOW Arena** – MHS Graduation – Honors Bands (Non-seniors)
- **May 25 & 26:** Honors Jazz Ensemble works with Grammy nominated Composer and Trombonist Steve Wiest
- **Sun, May 29: 5 pm Kracklauer Park** – MHS Jazz Ensemble
- **Mon, May 30:** Marching Mustangs in Memorial Day Parade
- **Wed, Jun 1: 7 pm MHS Auditorium** – Returning Marchers/Parents Meeting
- **Thur, Jun 2: 7 pm MHS Auditorium** – New Marchers/Parents Meeting
- **Fri, Jun 3: 4 pm MHS Auditorium** – Full Marching Music Rehearsal

Meeting Adjourned – 8:00 pm

Immediately following our regular meeting, a meeting for Evening of Jazz was held

Next Meeting: August 2022