

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Feb 2, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Present: Jen Vincent, President; Yvonne Buisson, Secretary; Tracey Boone, Treasurer; Heidi Gorsica and Jen Olorvida, Hospitality Chairs; Sara Roberts and Kristine Asmussen, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Edgar Rodriguez, Volunteer Chair; Marie Vesely, Concert Band Uniform Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 8 others. Total in attendance: 19.

Past Events: Active month filled with great events and performances plus pep band performances. Shoutout to all 4 of the Jazz Ensemble trombonists who won the Trombone Solo award

- 8th Grade All-Star Concert
- Winter Jazz Concert
- Class of 2026 Night
- Purdue Jazz Festival – 4 trombonists in Jazz Ensemble all won
- ILMEA All-State Festival

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Tracey Boone)

- Balances:
 - Escrow: \$12,148.22
 - Boosters: \$35,161.63
- Amazon Smile program will be discontinued, as of 2/20/23. Amazon Wish List option could work (with advance planning and a specific address).
- Seeking a shadow to fill the Treasure role in 2023-2024 school year (*parents of incoming freshmen welcome!!*)

Hospitality (Heidi Gorsica)

- Seeking one more volunteer to help serve dinner at 2/6 Honors Band Clinic

Equipment (report given by Jen Vincent)

- Nothing to report. Will touch base with Edgar for volunteers for Jazz Invitational once she has more info about the rooms, etc

Marching Band Uniforms (Kristine Asmussen & Sara Roberts)

- Uniforms are still in storage, asked if students are taking hats to Florida. Ideally get racks back the w/c 2/6 and asked where they would be stored until Disney trip.
- Seeking a shadow to replace Kristine; *ideally someone who has plenty of availability to help during the summer to prepare for Marching Band season*

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- If any uniforms need to be resized, let band directors and they'll let Marie know

Fundraising (report given by Tracey)

- Fannie May fundraiser due on 2/29
- RaiseRight - \$399.14 in Jan
- Panera – Heather is persistently following up with them for \$
- Upcoming events:
 - 2/23 – Jimano's
 - 3/13 - Chipotle

Volunteers (Edgar Rodriguez)

- Will create Jazz Invitational lists to send to band directors with final feedback from committee chairs. Ideally, send committee chairs to share their volunteer needs with Edgar by 2/11 to provide him with enough time to compile and share with band directors before 2/16
- Seeking a shadow to fill this role

Evening of Jazz, 5/19 (Nikki Earich)

- Seeking a co-chair to work with Nikki Earich to coordinate the event who can help secure auction items; Nikki has a Google Sheet that lists previous sponsors/items donated that can help
- Working on sponsorships (potentially lost Medline's \$5k sponsorship due to a change in how Medline's approval process)
- Hotel secured at the same fee as last year
- Seeking people to help assemble baskets (closer to event date)
- Ticket prices: last year, tickets were \$20 each and the feeling was that given the vast variety of food that is available, ticket prices should be raised this year to help defray the food expense. Guests who are attending for music only can enter at no cost. Band Boosters voted to make the dinner \$30 each.

Jazz Invitational (Yvonne Buisson)

- Meeting held following Band Booster meeting

Directors Updates (Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato)

- No Mickey ears at Disney parade
- Encourage attendance at regular town halls regarding the referendum
- Referendum support group available – to provide a band parent's perspective
- Honors Band Clinic Night – individuals come to work with sections + retired band director from Hersey HS to be main clinician with both Honors bands. Directors enjoying seeing/hearing the students' progression as they get more exposure to clinicians

Upcoming Dates:

- **Mon, 2/6 – Honors Bands Clinic Night**
- **Thur, 2/16 – Honors Bands Concert**
- **Wed, 2/22 – Jazz Showcase**
- **Thur, 2/23 - Jazz Ensemble - Invited to attend Elmhurst jazz festival**

Meeting Adjourned – 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: Thur, 3/2/23

We will have another Jazz Invitational meeting immediately following the Boosters meeting