

## **MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes**

### **Thursday, November 7, 2024**

#### **Call to Order: 7:00 PM**

**Present:** Serena Moon, President; Yvonne Buisson, Secretary; Wendy McMurray, Treasurer; Heidi Gorsica, Hospitality Chair; Jaimie Patel and Dave Buisson, Equipment Chairs; Sara Roberts, Kara Nuzzo, and Erica Garrelts, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Marie Vesely, Concert Uniform Chair; Heather Song, Fundraising Chair; Jerry Shelato, Band Director; plus 6 others. Total in attendance: 18.

**Past Events:** Another impressive performance by the students at Nellie's. The last marching band rehearsal went well and the marching band season concludes with a big thank you for a wonderful season

- **Sunday, October 13** – Jazz Ensemble Performance at Nellie's
- **Tuesday, October 22** – Last evening marching band rehearsal
- **Friday, October 25** – Last home football game
- **Saturday, October 26** – Illinois Marching Band Championships, Champaign, IL

#### **Chair Updates**

##### **Treasurer (Wendy McMurray)**

- Bank Balances, as of 11/6/24:
  - Escrow: \$21,854.12
  - Boosters: \$35,844.86

##### **Hospitality (Heidi Gorsica)**

- Hospitality on the day of Marching Band Championship was successful

##### **Equipment (Jaimie Patel & Dave Buisson)**

- A big Thank You to all the volunteers who helped with loading and unloading of equipment at UIUC!
- For future Marching Band Festivals:
  - Consider having someone act as an onsite foreman to direct the parent volunteers
  - Consider labeling the covers of the xylophones, marimbas, etc so that it's easy to tell which cover belongs to what piece of equipment
  - Consider getting a traveling toolkit for ad hoc repair needs (Mr. Shelato advised Jaimie and Dave to compile a list of tools needed for this)

##### **Marching Band Uniforms (Sara Roberts, Kara Nuzzo & Erica Garrelts)**

- All marching uniforms are in an off-site storage, will return in the Spring for laundering
- For future Marching Band Festivals, a reminder to keep the Drum Majors' plumes out since the Drum Majors need to be in uniform again for awards ceremony

##### **Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)**

- In the process of making the needed alterations in preparation for HWE to perform on 11/20

##### **Fundraising (Heather Song & Chris Page)**

- Butterbraids fundraiser is happening now and orders can be placed through 11/18
- RaiseRight – if interested in physical cards for the holidays, submit order by 11/30
- Thursday, November 15, 5-8 pm: Culver's Dine Out

##### **Volunteers (report given by Serena Moon)**

- No updates

### **Points of Interest:**

- **Shadows needed for:**
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - Hospitality Chair
  - Fundraising Chair
  - RaiseRight Coordinator
  - Volunteer Coordinator
  - Invitational Coordinator
  - Evening of Jazz Coordinator (needed for Spring 2025)

### **Directors Updates (Jerry Shelato)**

- Thank you for everything that everyone has done during Marching Band season!

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Saturdays, November 9 & November 16** – ILMEA Festivals
- **Thursday, November 14** – Culver's Dine Out
- **Tuesday, November 19** – Jazz Bands Concert
- **Wednesday, November 20** – HWE @ UIUC
- **Monday, November 25** – Concerto Competition

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 pm**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2025 (Invitational meeting to take place afterward)**

**Points of Interest:**

- Anticipated Board/Chair openings for next year:
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - Hospitality
  - Fundraising/RaiseRight
  - Volunteer
  - Jazz Invitational
  - Evening of Jazz Coordinator (needed for Spring 2025)
- Spring Break Trip:
  - 100 students signed up, 8 chaperones – seeking 2 more chaperones (must be age 21+)

**Directors' Updates** (Andy Sturgeon & Jerry Shelato)

- Cuban musicians came to share culture & musical upbringing; masterclasses were held throughout the day. Much engagement from band and non-band students.

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- **Sunday, October 13** - Jazz Ensemble Performance at Nellie's
- **Tuesday, October 22** - Last evening marching band rehearsal (6:30pm Boosters @ Crossroads)
- **Friday, October 25** - Last Home Football game
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**Meeting Adjourned: 7:38 PM**

**Next Meeting: Thur, Nov 7, 2024**