

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 14, 2025

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Present: Serena Moon, President; Jen Knop, Secretary; Junette Ratan, Treasurer; Liz Konczal & Melanie Ferrin Hospitality Chairs; Jaimie Patel and Dave Buisson, Equipment Chairs; Kara Nuzzo and Erica Garrelts, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Chris Page and Rebecca Hanrahan, Fundraising Chairs; Hope Molozaui, Volunteer Coordinator; Andy Sturgeon, Band Director; Jerald Shelato, Band Director; plus 11 others. Total in attendance: 25.

Introductions

Welcome and overview of Band Boosters' function and organization

Chair Updates

- ❖ Treasurer (Junette Ratan)
  - Escrow: \$12,304.17
  - Boosters: \$33,817.36
  - Evening of Jazz final numbers
    - Silent Auction \$3,123
    - Sponsorship \$2,600
    - Live Auction \$1,585
    - Raffle \$480
    - Donations \$230
    - Drinks \$150
    - Mocktails \$190
    - Net Profit: \$8,228
  - Vote on escrow funding split for this (non-trip) year
    - 75/25 split previously on non-trip year
    - 90/10 for the last trip year
    - 75/25 wins the vote
  - New student escrow accounts are not all set up yet
- ❖ Evening of Jazz (Liz Konczal)
  - Thank you to all for making the event a success!
- ❖ Hospitality (Liz Konczal, Melanie Ferrin)
  - Band camp was successful with no major issues
  - Families were very generous with the donations
  - Volunteers were fantastic
  - Homecoming will be next event
- ❖ Equipment (Jaimie Patel, Dave Buisson)
  - Kudos to freshmen parents for attending the meeting!

- There will be at least one open Equipment chair next year - so definitely looking for a Shadow
- Jaimie will book U-hauls again for festivals
  - Will need to line up volunteer drivers
- ❖ Marching Band Uniforms (Kara Nuzzo, Erica Garrelts)
  - Terri Plohr will be Shadowing this year
  - Fitting was really smooth this year during band camp
    - Aviva helped with data entry
    - Due to volunteer support were able to finish early
    - Only missing two overall
  - Game nights we will need help with plumes in/out and end of night uniform checkers to ensure they were hung correctly
- ❖ Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)
  - Seeking a Shadow
- ❖ Fundraising (Chris Page, Rebecca Hanrahan)
  - Raise Right
    - July \$192.06
    - August - had a couple new families join
  - Dine In Nights
    - 3 nights over the summer earned \$700 total
    - Culver's is next and will be sometime in Oct/Nov
  - Upcoming Events
    - Lou's Pizza Cards were in Sept last year
      - Sept 9-23 last year
      - \$10/cost, sold for \$15 last year
    - Butterbraids were in November last year
- ❖ Volunteer (Hope Molozaaiy)
  - Met with past Volunteer Chair and learning the role

#### Points of Interest

- ❖ Current board/chair openings: Concert Band Uniforms (1), Jazz Invitational Coordinator, Band Awards Night Coordinator
  - Jazz Invitational is traditionally the second Saturday in March
    - March 14, 2026; meetings will start in December
  - Band Awards Night is held in May for graduating seniors
- ❖ Anticipated openings for next year: President, Equipment (1), Fundraising (1)
- ❖ Booster store items should be ready by August 22
  - First game is September 4

- ❖ Summer calendar changes for 2026 and 2027
  - Band camp is typically held during IHSA dead week - so will likely be at the same time despite later start date for school year
  - We will need to be flexible and adapt as needed for space usage
  - Graduation date may change, but breaks should stay similar

#### From the Directors

- ❖ Sign up for the band google calendar, if you haven't already
  - Every booster meeting is included
  - Most meetings are Thursdays, but this year there are three on Wednesdays
- ❖ Drill Masters have arrived - they will be passed out tomorrow
- ❖ Show hoodies order will be placed next week
  - Parent design will have "Halftime is Our Time"
  - Students have to order a hoodie as it is part of the uniform
  - Parents are allowed to order one, if they want one
- ❖ Drill video preview and explanation of how drill is learned

#### Upcoming Events

- ❖ Friday, September 5 - First Home Football Game (Band Photos)
- ❖ Friday, September 12 - Homecoming parade, Band Cookout at the Annex, Football Game
  - We will need volunteers for each item (parade, cookout and game)
- ❖ Sunday, September 14 - Honors Jazz Ensemble (HJE) @ Durty Nellie's in Palatine
- ❖ Saturday, September 27 - Prospect Knight of Champions Marching Band Festival
  - Different event for us this year as most of our regular events are on our Homecoming weekend

Meeting Adjourned: 7:56 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 4, 2025, 7pm