

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Present: Serena Moon, President; Jen Knop, Secretary; Junette Ratan, Treasurer; Liz Konczal and Melanie Ferrin, Hospitality Chairs; Jaimie Patel and Dave Buisson, Equipment Chairs; 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 7 others. Total in attendance: 20.

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Junette Ratan)

- Bank Balances, as of 10/1/25:
 - Escrow: \$13,343.77
 - Boosters: \$36,601.41
- Dine and Share Proceeds - Tina G's was \$350, Panera was \$159.27
- Lou Malnati's \$1,825 profit (\$471.25 to band boosters account)
 - 21 students participated

Hospitality (Liz Konczal, Melanie Ferrin)

- Homecoming picnic went well - thanks to the grillers!
 - Lots of chips, cookies and applesauce left over, but were then used for the Prospect Competition
 - Will monitor forecast more closely next year to ensure there is enough Gatorade and water
- Mt. Prospect Marching Knights Competition
 - Ordered exactly the amount of pizza that was needed
 - We had a surplus of water - but used it all
 - \$3/per student cost thanks to the generosity of Jimano's
- Next up is the ISU Competition
 - Serving a meal at ISU - debate between pizza or Jimmy John's (slims)
 - Will order Jimmy John's slim subs (would be \$6/student), will also make special orders for students with dietary restrictions
 - Will bring sides with us, as well as tables, coolers, ice, etc
 - We can't plan where we will get parked at ISU
 - Dinner will be student costs or they can choose to bring snacks/food. There is a clear bag policy and no outside food is allowed in the stadium. Allow time for snacks after the performance.
 - Donation sign up will go out next week with snacks being sent into school
- Community Night is coming up - and that will require feeding the 8th graders and the section leaders
 - Sign up for volunteers and for donations will go out next week or so

Equipment (Jaimie Patel, Dave Buisson)

- Prospect competition went well - thanks to the drivers and the volunteers for the help!
- Thoughts for ISU competition
 - We have drivers for ISU - they will be picking up trucks before 5 on Friday.
 - We will load the trucks Friday night after the game (except for instruments)
 - Asking for a few volunteers to stay beyond end of half-time/after the game
 - We will perform at 3:42, return to trucks - pack equip with the exception of ladders and frames. Until we know if we'll perform again.
 - Site specific notes - the volunteer wristbands do not allow access to the stands
 - There is a ramp into the stadium, but no tunnel, so no worry about ladder or frame height, will just need two people on the equipment
 - Sign up will be going to Hope shortly
 - Rules are different at this festival - ISU does employ the timing penalty (4 min to get on the field and 2 min to get everything past the end zone).
 - If we make the finals, we will try to find accommodations for the equipment drivers; bus drivers should have time to rest during the event.

Marching Band Uniforms (Kara Nuzzo, Erica Garrelts, Terri Plohr)

- Long braids should be tucked into uniform jackets
- Updating the box of supplies for ISU - more band-aids and uniform repair items
- Remind students not to put hats on the ground and take care of their uniforms

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- Fitted all the students and ordered any needed items.
- Looking for help from anyone that can sew a hem in late October

Fundraising (Chris Page, Rebecca Hanrahan)

- Lou Malnati's Pizza sold 365 cards (Dance team was also selling at the same time)
- Culver's dine and share in Mundelein will be October 23 from 5-8 pm. We will need 2 adults to be there the whole time; 6 students for 1.5 hour shifts will sign up to help as well.
- Butterbraid sales will begin October 30, with delivery before Thanksgiving
- Raise Right earned \$510 combined in September.
- Physical gift cards for holidays - make sure the orders are in early

Volunteers (Hope Molozaui)

- Will send out last year's U of I competition sign-up to chairs for editing
- ISU and Community Night sign ups to follow afterward

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, Oct 10:** Home football game #3 (Senior Night)
 - Tunnel 6:30; Game 7:00; Call time: to be determined
 - Seniors and families, call time is 5:15 pm with 5:30 presentation

- VIP is not currently on assignment for Senior Night. Are there any band parents that might want to do the photography?
- **Saturday, Oct 11:** ISU Marching Band Festival (Bloomington, IL)
- **Wednesday, Oct 8:** Final evening band rehearsal
- **Friday, Oct 17:** Home football game #4 (Community Night)
 - 8th grade band students will be there - the stands will be crowded
- **Tuesday, Oct 21:** Jazz Bands Concert w/Jon Irabagon (Guest Artist)
- **Thursday, Oct 30:** CBS @ MHS featuring Marching Mustangs and Jazz Ensemble

Past Events

- **Friday, Sept 12:** Homecoming parade/cookout/football game #2
 - More cooking utensils needed for next year
 - Make sure volunteer sign up explains the rigor of the assignments
- **Saturday, Sept 27:** Prospect Knight of Champions Marching Band Festival (Mt. Prospect)
 - May need to adjust number of volunteers and understand the various roles for volunteers
 - We need more help back at the school at the end of the night, especially with uniform check in

Points of Interest:

- **Anticipated openings for next year:** President, Equipment (1), Fundraising (1), Concert Band Uniforms

From the Directors:

- Had a preliminary meeting about band camp for next year
 - **Tentative** dates are August 17-21 – this will be much later than normal and not during IHSA's dead week (Aug 3-7)
 - New marchers would tentatively be Aug 13 & 14, with Percussion Aug 10-14
 - Color guard camp tentative dates are not set yet
 - The first home football game will be August 28
- In general, course selection will happen much earlier this year
 - Counselors will be going to middle schools in December instead of January/Feb
 - Current students may be selecting classes as soon as this month
- Homecoming Parade meeting with administration and Mundelein Police department
 - The current loop route is approximately 1.75 miles
 - Next year, it will be slightly shorter to make it easier for all
 - MHS (Hawley) to Division to Pershing to Emerald to Hawley to MHS

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 8 pm (NOTE: DATE/TIME CHANGE)