

## **MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes**

### **Thursday, December 4, 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; Kara Nuzzo and Erica Garrelts, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Rebecca Hanrahan, Fundraising Chair; Marie Vesely, Concert Band Uniform Chair; Andy Sturgeon, Band Director; Jerald Shelato, Band Director; plus 1 other. Total in attendance: 14.

#### **Past Events**

- **Saturdays, Nov 8 & 15:** ILMEA District 7 Festivals
  - They were all amazing events and it was great that they were so close by this year.
- **Tuesday, Nov 18:** Fall Band Concert (all concert bands)
  - Great event, and impressive at how much was accomplished so quickly by the students
- **Wednesday, Nov 19:** Elmhurst Jazz Ensemble visit (during school)
  - Nice to be included in their tour, especially with an MHS alum in the ensemble
  - They worked with students by section, and were well-received
- **Thursday, Nov 20** - Fine Arts and CTE Middle School Tours
- **Friday, Nov 21** - HJE at Annual IASB conference

#### **Upcoming Events**

- **Friday, Dec 5** - Spotlight Show Choir Performance
- **Monday, Dec 8** - Concerto Competition at 4 pm
- **Tuesday, Dec 9** - Start of Pep Band season
- **Thursday, Dec 11** - Holiday Collage Concert

#### **Chair Updates**

**Treasurer** (Junette Ratan)

- Bank Balances, as of 12/3/25:
  - Escrow: \$15,771.42
  - Boosters: \$31,424.54
- ButterBraid Proceeds: \$2422

**Hospitality** (Liz Konczal & Melanie Ferrin)

- 8th Grade All-Stars coming up January 13
  - Pizza dinner 6-6:30 for the 8th graders and directors
  - Roughly 85 people

**Equipment** (Jaimie Patel, Dave Buisson)

- No report

**Marching Band Uniforms** (Kara Nuzzo, Erica Garrelts)

- Washing of marching uniforms is scheduled for Spring Break

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

- Last choir dress has arrived
- Laundering plan is on hold until final use date is determined
- Marie will not be here next year - need to find a new chair asap

### **Fundraising (Chris Page, Rebecca Hanrahan)**

- Yard Sign Fundraiser Discussion
  - Cost per sign is about \$8, typically sell for \$15
  - Consider trying out this year by selling with a design for Seniors
  - Next year consider a design that coordinates with the marching band theme
- Next Dine out Night will be Dec 15 from 4-8 pm at Jimano's for 20%
- Raise Right - \$535 raised in November

### **Volunteers (Hope Molozaui)**

- No report

### **Evening of Jazz (Liz Konczal)**

- Event is May 15
- Planning meetings will start in January
  - Program, raffle/auction items, decor, evening logistics, food committee
  - Auction letters and sponsorship templates are ready

### **Mundelein Jazz Invitational (Jaimie Patel)**

- Meeting will follow this one
- Programs ads - Jaimie and Liz will review to determine sponsor overlap between events

### **Points of Interest:**

- **Openings for next year:** President, Equipment (1), Fundraising (1), Concert Band Uniforms
- Band Camp dates for next year are slated for August 17 at regular time (noon-9 pm)
  - This is not IHSA dead week - Athletic practices will start the week of August 10; competitions will start August 24
  - There are no games that week - but new marcher/percussion camps will need to run during what is likely try out week for Fall sports - timing tbd
  - Athletic practices have not been scheduled (so band is also not able to be finalized) as there will likely be fewer options - the north field, softball field and LL baseball field will all be under construction

### **From the Directors:**

- Three students will be at All-State - Andy G. on tuba, Natalie M. on clarinet, and Jacob D. on trombone
- Director of Jazz at Purdue was here yesterday to work with jazz students
- Members of Band and Choir went to Grand Dominion on Tuesday to perform for residents
  - It was a standing room only crowd
  - Audience was appreciative and students enjoyed the experience as well

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 pm**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 7 pm**

**Mundelein Jazz Invitational meeting will follow immediately afterward**