

## **MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes**

### **Thursday, September 4, 2025**

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

**Present:** Serena Moon, President; Jen Knop, Secretary; Junette Ratan, Treasurer; Marie Vesely, Concert Uniforms Chair; Liz Konczal & Melanie Ferrin Hospitality Chairs; Jaimie Patel and Dave Buisson, Equipment Chairs; Kara Nuzzo, Erica Garrelts, and Terri Plohr Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Rebecca Hanrahan, Fundraising Chair; Hope Molozaui, Volunteer Coordinator; Andy Sturgeon, Band Director; Jerald Shelato, Band Director; plus 6 others. Total in attendance: 21.

#### **Chair Updates**

**Treasurer** (Junette Ratan)

- Bank Balances, as of 9/3/25:
  - Escrow: \$12,424.22
  - Boosters: \$33,070.31
- Escrow accounts for the students have all been set up.

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

- Next big event is the Homecoming Cookout
  - Volunteer and Donation requests have passed on to Hope for signup creation and distribution.
  - Grillers and “Bunners” will not be able to watch the parade
  - Donated food must be brought in by students to the band room, or, dropped off outside the Transition Center (parking lot) on Friday morning.
  - There are some concerns with keeping the band off the newly planted grass at the Transition Center, plans will be confirmed beforehand
- Knight of Champions competition at Prospect High School will be September 27. We are still waiting on the event schedule to be able to determine call times and hospitality needs. We will most likely have a rehearsal at MHS first and provide pizza for students before heading to Prospect.

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

- Field headset replacement - while there are reception issues, this is mainly due to the technology and not necessarily to the equipment itself
- Volunteer Signup filled up quickly; after the first game there may be adjustments made due to the equipment being used this year
- Replaced the handle on one of the coolers - it was an easy fix.
- Rented two trucks for the Prospect competition. Also looking to rent a truck beforehand to test pack some of the new equipment and see how it will all fit without the pressure of having to leave for the competition right away.

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

- Ready for the first game!

**Concert Band Uniforms** (Marie Vesely)

- Working through inventory of uniforms from last year.

- Will need a couple of volunteers to help with fittings next week.

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

- Lou's pizza coupons will start on Monday, and will run September 8-22. Students will earn \$3.75 for their escrow account for each \$15 coupon that they sell.
- Butterbraid sales will begin October 30, with delivery before Thanksgiving
- Culver's dine and share in Mundelein will be October 23. We will need 2 adults to be there the whole time; students will sign up to help as well.
- Raise Right earned \$341.38 combined in August. Starting September 12, there will be a "Raise Right Days" event that includes bonuses. More details will be posted on social media.

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

- Working on getting up to speed and getting everything set up.
- Homecoming will be coming out next, with competition to follow when we know more about the timing

#### **Upcoming Events**

- **Friday, Sept 5:** Home football game #1 (Band Photos)
  - Call time: 4:30 pm
  - Try to eat before they get here because photos take awhile
- **Friday, Sept 12:** Homecoming parade/cookout/football game #2
  - Early release day at 12:30, however, parade time has been moved up to 3:00 pm
- **Sunday, Sept 14:** Jazz Ensemble at Dirty Nellie's (Palatine)
  - All families are welcome - but it's best to call and reserve a table in advance
- **Saturday, Sept 27:** Prospect Knight of Champions Marching Band Festival (Mt. Prospect)
  - Still waiting on schedule

#### **Points of Interest:**

- **Current board/chair openings:** Concert Band Uniforms (1), Band Awards Night Coordinator
- **Anticipated openings for next year:** President, Equipment (1), Fundraising (1)
- **Jazz Invitational Coordinator** - Jaimie Patel will be stepping in for 2026 event

#### **From the Directors:**

- Looking forward to the first performance and hoping we don't run too long.
- The Jazz Ensemble has been invited to perform at the Triple "I" conference - they will be playing and welcoming 3,000 attendees as they enter on November 21.
- Our senior night will be October 10.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 pm**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 7 pm**