

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 1, 2024

Call to Order: 7:01 PM

Present: Serena Moon, President; Jen Knop, Secretary Shadow; Wendy McMurray, Treasurer; Liz Konczal, Hospitality Chair; Jaimie Patel and Dave Buisson, Equipment Chairs; Sara Robert, Erica Garrelts, and Kara Nuzzo, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Marie Vesely, Concert Uniform Chair; Chris Page, Fundraising Chair; Silvia Benassi, Volunteer Coordinator; Andy Sturgeon, Band Director; Jerald Shelato, Band Director, plus 7 others. Total in attendance: 21.

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Wendy McMurray)

- Bank Balances, as of 5/1/25:
 - Escrow: \$11,479.57
 - Boosters: \$28,150.77
- Pretty stable this month. Need to decide for next year on the percentage split.
- Junette Ratan will be taking over this position next year.

Hospitality (Liz Konczal)

- Nothing to report.

Equipment (Jaimie Patel)

- Will need volunteers for the Memorial Day Parade - water bottle carriers and chase car/driver.

Marching Band Uniforms (Kara Nuzzo & Erica Garrelts)

- Last meeting for Sara Roberts
- Looking to get the uniforms back the last week of May to get them washed and ready to go.
- Will need Winter Guard materials moved in order to access the rest of the storage area

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- Need to empty the bins in D02 to use for laundry for the concert uniforms.
- Marie will sort the dry clean only from the washable jackets as they are turned in.
- Will ask as they're checked in if there are any repairs needed for dresses

Fundraising (Chris Page)

- Planning two dine and shares this summer - one in early June, right after meetings, and one in early August, right before band camp
- Senior families will have the summer to use their escrow accounts

Volunteers (Silvia Benassi)

- Band Awards Night (see below)
- Evening of Jazz (see below)
- Memorial Day Parade - 2 uniform checkers, 10 water walkers, 1 chase car

Evening of Jazz (Liz Konczal)

- Auction item count is 39 total (not combining), looking for a few more restaurants and maybe some tangible things to go with the gift cards - i.e. patio pot with a home depot card, or beauty products with a spa card.
 - Created an Amazon wish list for supplies/decor/etc, may also add auction items

- Band students have been asked to bring in items for baskets for the evening, will place bins at upcoming concerts so that items can be dropped off more easily
- There are currently three live auction items, possibly would like to add one more
- Sponsorship
 - Waiting to hear from dentist about a \$250 sponsorship
 - Currently at \$1750/\$2000 total sponsorships
- Volunteers
 - 1-2 people per shift at the Welcome table (popcorn machine)
 - 360 camera in the commons will need to be staffed - also want a few props like old instruments or toy instruments
 - 2 people at the dessert and appetizer table - keeping the table full
 - 1-2 people at the beverage table
- Financial needs
 - Reach out to Beth Mcfarlane on how things ran last year - cashbox and square reader
 - Will need Jars jars for voting on mocktails
 - Where does the cash go at the end of the evening?
 - Sidebar for adding zelle or venmo as a payment method
- Email will be going out soon about - volunteers, food and beverage, donations
- Advertising: Posters available; Artwork for marquee and tvs at school has been supplied, will be posted on Facebook as well

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, May 6:** Honors Band Concert (HSW and HWE)
- **Thursday, May 8:** Band Awards night/dinner and Band Concert (CB and SB)
- **Friday, May 9:** HWE at SuperState (UIUC)
- **Wednesday, May 14:** Noise Show Choir Combo/Choir Finale Concert
- **Friday, May 16:** Evening of Jazz
- **Sunday, May 18:** Graduation
- **Sunday, May 25:** Jazz Ensemble at Kracklauer Park
- **Monday, May 26:** Memorial Day Parade
- **Tuesday, May 27:** 2025/2026 Band Orientation Meeting and Instrument Check out
 - 2 pm and 4 pm
 - Meeting is at 7 pm - will need access to class B and shoes
- **Friday, May 30:** Marching Mustangs Kick off rehearsal

Points of Interest:

- **Band Awards Night planning (May 8):** (Chris Page)
 - Need more volunteers
 - Still waiting for many senior meal choices and/or responses
 - Prepay only
- **Band Boosters Summer Music Scholarships:** So far only one application has been turned in, there may be one coming from Fremont. May 12 is the deadline.
- **PE Waiver Amendment** - www.illinoispolicy.org/maps to find your IL House Representative
 - It is moving forward, so we need to reach out to representatives to let them know that not all parents want this to pass.
- **Vote in new chairpeople/board members - all were approved:**

- Treasurer: Junette Ratan - nominated by Wendy McMurray, seconded by Chris Page
- Secretary: Jen Knop - nominated by Lorraine Kocian, seconded by Wendy McMurray
- Hospitality: Liz Konczal & Melanie Ferrin - each nominated by Aviva Mastandrea, seconded by Wendy McMurray
- Fundraising & RaiseRight: Rebecca Hanrahan - nominated by Chris Page, seconded by Lorraine Kocian
- Volunteer Coordinator: Hope Molozaui – nominated by Silvia, seconded by Aviva Mastandrea
- Marching Band Uniforms: Erica Garrelts - nominated by Sara Roberts, seconded by Aviva Mastandrea

From the Directors:

- **Mr. Shelato**
 - Apologies to Seniors as the band directors did not know about the Decision Day festivities
 - Dave Morrison - consultant, retired band director, clinician/judge - will be coming to MHS to work with bands going to Super State

Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 pm

Next Meeting: August 2025