

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Call to Order: 8:03 PM

Present: Serena Moon, President; Jen Knop, Secretary; Junette Ratan, Treasurer; Liz Konczal, Hospitality Chair; Jaimie Patel and Dave Buisson, Equipment Chairs; Kara Nuzzo, Marching Band Uniform Chair; Chris Page and Rebecca Hanrahan, Fundraising Chairs; Hope Molozaui, Volunteer Coordinator; Andy Sturgeon, Band Director; Jerald Shelato, Band Director; plus 3 others. Total in attendance: 16.

Past Events

- **Fridays, Oct 10 & 17:** Home football games (Senior Night & Community Night)
 - Senior Night - While it was nice having it be just the band, that meant the audience was quieter as well. Looking at ways to make it livelier for next year while still keeping a separate night for band seniors. The pictures by Alex Molozaui turned out great - thank you!
- **Saturday, Oct 11:** ISU Marching Band Festival (Bloomington, IL)
 - This event was amazing for equipment volunteers and others that helped make it easy on everyone by volunteering for other jobs and stepping in where help was needed.
 - Bus chaperones were loading trucks; hospitality chairs were on the field holding equipment in place; uniform chairs were helping with color guard; freshmen parents jumped right in making an impact. It was overall just a great event - thank you to all volunteers
- **Tuesday, Oct 21:** Jazz Bands Concert w/Jon Irabagon (Guest Artist)
 - Nice to have a guest artist with school ties and it was an amazing night.
- **Thursday, Oct 30:** CBS @ MHS featuring Marching Mustangs and Jazz Ensemble
 - Big day for everyone across the school

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, November 8** - ILMEA District 7 Band/Orch/Choir Festival
- **Saturday, November 15** - ILMEA District 7 Jazz Festival
- **Tuesday, November 18** - Fall Band Concert (all concert bands)
- **Wednesday, November 19** - Elmhurst Jazz Ensemble visit (during school)
- **Thursday, November 20** - Fine Arts and CTE Middle School Tours
 - This is earlier as MHS is moving class selection earlier; however the All Star band concert will stay in January
- **Friday, November 21** - HJE at Annual IASB conference
- **Friday, December 5** - Spotlight Show Choir Performance

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Junette Ratan)

- Bank Balances, as of 11/5/25:

- Escrow: \$13,708.35
- Boosters: \$29,612.21
- Dine and Share Proceeds - Culver's: \$416.34
- Raise Right Proceeds October: \$82.18
- Benevity Donations October: \$104 (\$468 total)

Hospitality (Liz Konczal)

- ISU Competition
 - Several students thought the sandwiches were too plain; however pizza would have been harder to manage with all the unknown variables
- Jazz Band concert
 - Kids were all super polite; there was plenty of food.

Equipment (Jaimie Patel, Dave Buisson)

- ISU competition recap
 - Thank you to everyone for everything they did on and off the field
 - The ladder issue has been fixed - new labels have been added to help prevent the same issue next year. Will also be looking at ways to better train for the season.
 - Equipment has all been put away for the season now.

Marching Band Uniforms (Kara Nuzzo)

- Will be washing uniforms over Spring Break this year instead of in June due to building availability changing with planned construction

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- The last few things that were ordered have come in and final fittings will be done on Monday
- Thankfully, found some help for hemming this year - however, may also reach out to area dry cleaners to see if they would consider bulk rate pricing for fittings/hemming next year
- Still looking for a chair for next year

Fundraising (Chris Page, Rebecca Hanrahan)

- Culver's dine and share in Mundelein - thank you to everyone that participated!
 - They are doing a donation day on November 19 for the Fremont Township Food Bankd, if anyone is interested in supporting that as well.
- Butterbraid sales - orders are due on November 17. Pick up date is November 22 at the front of the school (new pick up location).
- Raise Right - the next deadline for orders for physical cards before the December meeting is November 29.

Volunteers (Hope Molozaui)

- Nothing to report

Mundelein Jazz Invitational (Jaimie Patel)

- This is a big fundraiser as well as a signature event for the high school and area jazz bands
- Starting next month, meetings for this event will follow the Band Boosters main meeting
- Saturday, March 14 is the date - there are 70 bands registered (with an additional 14 on the waitlist)
- There are five venues within the school; we will be looking for at least one venue coordinator

- Positions needed will be provided before the next meeting with the time commitment and role explanations (there are lots of different ways to be involved).

Points of Interest:

- **Anticipated openings for next year:** President, Equipment (1), Fundraising (1), Concert Band Uniforms
- Upcoming Pep Band Season
 - Starts in December
 - Will start setting up with the students on Monday
- Senior Yard Signs
 - This was a suggestion, but the sign contacts have all stalled out so far - if anyone has any other contacts for signs let Serena know
- Bonnie Beauvais, former Marching Mustang, and current Marching Mustang relative made a generous donation to the boosters. Do we want to update our camera, or is there anything else on the director's wish list that might make sense to use this on? And how do we want to give credit to her?

From the Directors:

- ILMEA weekends (7 students performing this weekend in Libertyville, 8 students performing next weekend at the jazz festival in Grayslake)
- Thanks to Jaimie Patel for her help ordering the dinner for students performing downtown with the Jazz Band. The bus was stuck in traffic and it would have been a tight timeline without her help.
- We are so grateful that every time we have a big event - everyone just pitches in and helps each other out.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:49 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 7 pm

Mundelein Jazz Invitational meeting will follow immediately afterward