

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 1, 2026

Call to Order: 7:02 PM

Present: Liz Konczal, President; Jen Knop, Secretary; Junette Ratan, Treasurer; Rebecca Hanrahan and Crystal Scott, Fundraising Chairs; Melanie Ferrin, Hospitality Chairs; Dave Buisson and Mike Briggs, Equipment Chairs; Erica Garrelts and Terri Plohr, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Hope Molozaui, Volunteer Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerald Shelato, Band Directors; plus 9 others. Total in attendance: 22.

Introductions

Past Events

- Home Football Games - 9/10 (Senior Night)
- Home Football Games - 9/18 (Community Night)
 - Great job feeding all the 8th graders
 - Needed three more tables - need to add a note for next year, they had been requested but weren't provided this year

Chair Updates

- Treasurer: Junette Ratan
 - Bank Balances, as of 9/30/26:
 - Escrow: \$13,456.92
 - Boosters: \$37,502.16
 - All new band students (mostly freshmen) have been added to MoneyDance (escrow account)
 - Will need a shadow this year as her term is up in July
- Hospitality: Melanie Ferrin
 - See upcoming events
- Equipment: Dave Buisson and Mike Briggs
 - See upcoming events
- Marching Band Uniforms: Erica Garrelts and Terri Plohr
 - Remind band students that face paint is not permitted - it may stain the uniforms, they are allowed face stickers though
 - Plumes will be used for the parade tomorrow
- Fundraising: Rebecca Hanrahan and Crystal Scott
 - Dine outs
 - Approved for Tina G's on Oct 5 - must mention band boosters
 - New McDonald's - will be scheduled for sometime in November

- Lou Malnati's pizza coupon fundraiser closed Sept 28
 - Sold 697 cards - about 40 students participated
- Yard Signs
 - Sold 44 signs
 - \$354 profit goes to the Boosters (as opposed to escrow accounts)
- Butterbraid sale will run Oct 13-30; Pick-up will be Saturday, Nov 14, from 9-10:30
 - This sale will be ALL online this year - if you want to sell with paper forms you must enter them online and submit payment electronically
- Raiseright total for September was \$612.21. This is higher than usual.
 - Physical gift card order going in on **Oct 15**, with another one in late November
- Volunteers: Hope Molozaui
 - Sign ups coming out soon for the festivals
- Concert Band Uniforms:
 - Dana Rupczynski has offered to help with this
 - Motion made and unanimously approved to elect her as chair
 - Choir is almost done with their fittings
 - We have about 40 new people needing concert band uniforms, along with any members from last year that may need to change sizes.

Points of Interest

- Current board/chair openings: Hospitality Co-Chair (1), Jazz Invitational Coordinator, Band Awards Night Coordinator, Evening of Jazz Chair
- Anticipated openings for next year: Treasurer, Marching Uniforms (1), Fundraising (1)

Upcoming Events

- Friday, October 2: Homecoming Parade, Band Picnic, Football Game
 - Parade
 - Equipment - water walkers should bring backpacks to carry extra water
 - Picnic - Hospitality
 - Learned with this event that Amazon registry and Amazon wishlist are different
 - We have 1000 napkins instead of 300 - so we're set for the year
 - Band parents are so generous - we have all donations
 - We are renting grills and tables this year
 - Football Game (7:30 start) - will need all the usual volunteers
 - Flutes will not wear hats during their flag part
 - Equipment - Thanks to the parents along the way at each game
 - We have updated wheels on some of the equipment, with more replacements to be made once they arrive.
 - All front ensemble instruments will need to come from the gym

- Storage boxes now have electricity/lights
- Thursday, October 8: Adam Larson visiting jazz bands during day
 - Doing a concert Thursday night. He will work with our students during the day
- Saturday, October 10: Prospect Knight of Champions Marching Band Festival
 - 2:45 students eat lunch at MHS (Jimano's pizza)
 - Outside by front of school or in the cafeteria if raining
 - Will confirm who needs to order the pizza
 - Will need volunteers to serve food
 - Gift registry for both festivals at once for donations
 - Equipment
 - 3 trucks reserved and one confirmed driver for both festivals
 - Mitchell, Mike, and one more person (26' truck)
 - Water - one serving per kid - 4-5 coolers
 - Vests/Cones are "required" at this event
 - Drivers will pick up trucks at 10 am on Saturday
 - Directors will reserve parking lots for loading
 - Start loading at 2:00 (podium cart is likely in storage somewhere)
 - Uniforms
 - Discussion on where to distribute uniforms since the stage will be in use
- Sunday, October 11: HJE @ MHS with Chris Madsen Trio
 - Durty Nellies closed - so this is the alternative
 - Concert and clinic
- October 16 (Picture Day) and Football Game
 - Slightly earlier call time - with group picture at 6 pm
 - Pink Out that day - reminder that face paint is not allowed
- Saturday, October 17: U of I Marching Band Competition
 - Hospitality
 - 11:15 provide a lunch here that's portable
 - \$7.50/student for Jersey Mike's
 - Look into providing bags either with a sandwich already or not, and students can add chips, drink, snacks to the bag to make it portable for consumption on the bus
 - Snacks provided on the way there, but not on the return
 - Equipment
 - Mileage rates for trucks have gone up significantly
 - Will need to find the cargo bars for the trucks to keep the load from moving around
 - Loading will happen the day of, despite game the night before.
 - Water will be similar to Prospect festival
 - 12-14 Bus chaperones will be needed

- Tuesday, October 27: Fall Jazz Concert with guest artist Greg Artry
 - Hospitality - serve dinner from Little Joey's again
 - Wauconda HS will come to join us this year
 - First time the drummer is the guest artist, so students are excited to work with him
- Friday, October 30: Vandercook School of Music Concert Band visiting MHS
 - During the school day
- Saturday, November 7: ILMEA Band, Orchestra & Choir Festival - New Trier
 - Audition tapes were all due yesterday - all that wanted to submit have done so.
- Thursday, November 12: Fine Arts School Tour (Jazz Combo & Drumline)
- Thursday, November 12: Class of 2031 Night (Drumline & Jazz Combo)
 - Cafeteria staff puts out pizza and cookies but nothing from Boosters
- Wednesday, November 18: Fall Band Concert (HWE, HSW, SB, CB)
 - Uniforms will need to be ready
- Saturday, November 21: ILMEA D7 Jazz Festival - Zion Benton HS

From Directors

- We've added a lot to the show since last time it was performed
- We've done so much more choreo this time - students have not been complaining and are really getting into it
 - Band is willing to pick it up and they're buying in
 - They're fun to work with as they're learning it
 - Both groups are really working hard
- November 18 is the first band concert - it's going to come up quickly
- Band Hoodies are in the band office

Meeting Adjourned: 8:04 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2026, 7 PM