

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Present: Serena Moon, President; Jen Knop, Secretary; Junette Ratan, Treasurer; Chris Page and Rebecca Hanrahan, Fundraising Chairs; Liz Konczal, Hospitality Chair; Dave Buisson and Jaimie Patel, Equipment Chairs; Erica Garrelts and Terri Plohr, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Andy Sturgeon and Jerald Shelato, Band Directors; plus 3 others. Total in attendance: 15.

Past Events

- **Thursday, Mar 5** - Noise Show Choir Combo @ Winter Choir Concert
 - Cancelled due to illnesses
- **Saturday, Mar 7** - Elk Grove Percussion Festival
 - This was the last year that Elk Grove will be hosting; however there is another school lined up to take it over.
- **Sunday, Mar 8** - Pit Orchestra rehearsals begin
- **Saturday, Mar 14** - Mundelein Jazz Invitational
- **Wednesday, Mar 18** - March Band Concert (all bands)

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, Apr 11** - Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival (Hersey HS)
- **Tuesday, Apr 14** - MHS Solo/Ensemble Night
- **Thursday, Apr 23 - Saturday, Apr 25** - Spring Musical
- **Tuesday, Apr 28** - Mundelein Night of Percussion
- **Thursday, Apr 30** - Spring Honors Bands Concert
- **Wednesday, May 6** - Final Boosters Meeting, Vote in new chairs/officers
 - Recruit your friends to attend/fill the current openings
- **Thursday, May 7** - Spring Pops Concert and Awards Night
- **Friday, May 15** - Evening of Jazz

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Junette Ratan)

- Bank Balances, as of 4/1/26:
 - Escrow: \$18,559.77
 - Boosters: \$31,587.94
- Dine and Share summary for 2025-2026
 - Tina G's Fundraiser Proceeds = \$ 350.00
 - Panera Fundraiser Proceeds = \$ 159.27
 - Culver's Fundraiser Proceeds = \$ 416.36
 - Jimano's Fundraiser Proceeds = \$ 282.00
 - Emil's Fundraiser Proceeds = \$ 150.00
 - Total YTD = \$ 1,357.63
- Jazz Invitational

- o Admissions Total = \$ 6,651
- o Cafeteria Income = \$ 4,265.00
- o Merchandise Income = \$ 1,528.00
- o 1,204 attendees (855 adults, 137 senior, 212 student)
- Bank checking options
 - o We are using the best option for checking currently
 - o If we want to earn interest we would need to also open a savings account, this would mean also transferring money and we are not in the position to be able to do that

Hospitality (Liz Konczal & Melanie Ferrin)

- No report

Equipment (Dave Buisson & Jaimie Patel)

- No report

Marching Band Uniforms (Erica Garrelts & Terri Plohr)

- All uniforms have been washed
- Would like to get into D02 to do inventory before the end of the school year
- Will need many items for the New Marcher night in early June.

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- No report - Still need to find a chair for next year as Marie is moving
- Concert Uniform collection will need to be organized by someone else

Fundraising (Rebecca Hanrahan & Chris Page)

- Raise Right total for March was \$269.22
- Trying to get another dine and share for April 9 or 10 with Julio's Tacos
- Luke's is May 12 for dine and share

Volunteers (Hope Moloziay via email)

- Looking forward to the Fall and how to recruit volunteers outside of the committee

Evening of Jazz (Liz Konczal)

- Event is May 15
- Meeting last Monday
- Up to \$2000 in sponsorship
- Food will be changed to a sponsorship instead of having it potluck style
- Looking for more auction items
- Will have the 360 booth camera and popcorn machine again
- When should we start communicating with families for sponsoring food or volunteering?
 - o Maybe a teaser email soon - to get on family calendars

Mundelein Jazz Invitational (Jaimie Patel)

- Thank you to everyone that showed up to help plan, set up, and execute the event
- Updated the planning document with comments and feedback
- Overall it was a great event - there's a lot of history and documentation for planning - the day of went as expected with a few minor hiccups that couldn't have been anticipated
 - o Did we have too many schools? Accessibility is more of an issue than the number of schools (elevator access, etc for areas like North Gym)

- o We will need more volunteers - especially for tear down
- o Timing could be helped by defining the start times vs loading times vs warm up times for the various venues within the school (adding end time for warm-up time for everyone)
- o Students were really great helpers at the venues
- o Tear-down - maybe provide more feedback or guidance/structure for each room next year
- o Media Center venue coordinator needs an elevator key
- o Concessions went well
 - Fantastic student volunteers; lines built up, but moved quickly
 - Consider having a drop ship from Sam's Club to the school to make it easier to transport materials
- o Utilizing Omella went really well
- o Merchandise didn't sell out as quickly this year, so we may need to schedule more volunteers for next year; they were also looking for larger sizes; there were a few items leftover in smaller sizes. We did order more extras this year, maybe we had more pre-orders and they offset?
- o Pre-orders should try to be sorted on Wednesday or Thursday instead of doing on Friday alongside all the other set up
- o Make sure the cafeteria is reserved when booking space within the school
- o One school had a parent bring in food for the entire band and set up in the classroom - need to reiterate that this is not allowed
- o Contest office - how to best coordinate the band packets
- o We get so much positive feedback from band directors
 - With all the reimbursements that have come through we cleared \$17,500
 - Last year was 10,000, year before was 9,000
- o Added more bands, so that rolls up into the total that we raised
- o Order more volunteer shirts (in larger sizes) for next year
- o Feedback for improvement was limited to warm up time and on the clinicians/adjudicators
- o Plan is to try and host again next year - despite construction, may need to alter venues based on how the construction progresses
- o D02 and D03 will likely be gone by mid-summer

Points of Interest:

- Band Awards Night Dinner - Coordinator needed (Thursday, May 7)
 - o Concert that night for the non-Honor bands
 - o This is normally where the seniors are recognized with dinner as well
 - o Cater food and decorate the lunchroom
 - Have the food delivered earlier (allow a bigger window in case of delivery issues)
 - Set up volunteers didn't show up last year (maybe reach out to NHS students)
 - There are a few tabletop decorations still available
 - Request the photo backdrop and maybe have some props available as well
- Open positions for next year: Equipment (1), Concert Band Uniforms (1), Fundraising (1), Hospitality (1)
 - o Will be voted in at the next meeting

From the Directors:

- Solidified the marching calendar for next year
 - o Two festivals - on back to back weekends in October as we were limited with the late start to the school year
 - Homecoming is Oct 3
 - Prospect on Oct 10

- UIUC is Oct 17
- o Accepted to march at Disney during Spring Break 2027
 - Trip will run March 19-24
 - We will be marching at Epcot on March 22
 - There is a fun soundtrack session that students will get to do as well
 - Bob Rogers will finalize the itinerary and information will be pushed out to families at the June meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 7:49 pm

Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2026 at 7 pm