

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Present: Serena Moon, President; Jen Knop, Secretary; Junette Ratan, Treasurer; Liz Konczal, and Melanie Ferrin, Hospitality Chairs; Dave Buisson, Equipment Chair; Terri Plohr, Marching Band Uniform Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerald Shelato, Band Directors; plus 2 others. Total in attendance: 11.

Past Events

- **Tuesday, Feb 10** - JO and HJE @ The Venue (Aurora)
- **Thursday, Feb 19** - Honors Bands concert at VHHS
 - Auditorium is nice - but the bands were wonderful
- **Tuesday, Feb 24** - Band Auditions (jazz and concert)
 - Feedback is available now for students; but results won't be announced until after the Jazz Invitational
- **Thursday, Feb 26** - HJE @ Elmhurst Jazz Festival

Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, Mar 5** - Noise Show Choir Combo @ Winter Choir Concert
- **Saturday, Mar 7** - Elk Grove Percussion Festival
- **Sunday, Mar 8** - Pit Orchestra rehearsals begin
- **Saturday, Mar 14** - Mundelein Jazz Invitational
- **Wednesday, Mar 18** - March Band Concert (all bands)
- **Friday, May 15** - Evening of Jazz

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Junette Ratan)

- Bank Balances, as of 3/3/26:
 - Escrow: \$18,693.62
 - Boosters: \$32,929.23
- Fannie May summary
 - 443 boxes ordered; net \$3101
 - Escrow amounts have been transferred (75/25 split)
 - 43 students participated; participation is up, but revenue is down this year
- Escrow reimbursement deadline discussion
 - We do not have a standing policy
 - Students must be current band students and still attending MHS
- Sales tax reimbursement for Jazz Invitational - student activity account won't cover tax; however Boosters reimbursement will cover sales tax on purchases when needed

Hospitality (Liz Konczal & Melanie Ferrin)

- No report

Equipment (Dave Buisson)

- No report
- Next year we will be going to Illinois Marching Band Festival
 - Got into both - UIUC and ISU - and have decided to go back to U of I
- The 2026 show will be garden-themed - "In Bloom"
 - "Kiss from a Rose" by Seal
 - Buddy Rich song
 - And others
- May have props including flowers - but there won't be much storage, so our options will be limited
- Will likely use the backdrops again but with different panels

Marching Band Uniforms (Erica Garrelts)

- Uniforms will be coming out of storage March 20 and will use the GMR and D02, during Spring Break for washing

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely via email)

- No report - Still need to find a chair for next year
- She will contact band directors and choir director about collecting and washing uniforms

Fundraising (Rebecca Hanrahan via email)

- Fannie May totals are in. Candy will be delivered on Friday - may be distributed during band classes
- Emil's dine out on Feb 25 earned \$150
- Raise Right total for February was \$359

Volunteers (Hope Molozaui via email)

- She will monitor the Invitational sign ups

Evening of Jazz (Liz Konczal)

- Event is May 15
- Uline is sponsoring again at \$1000
- There are \$500 in other sponsorships currently
- Next meeting will be next Wednesday

Mundelein Jazz Invitational (Jaimie Patel)

- Last Meeting was Monday
- Friday, the day before the event, there will be some preparations going on at school
- There are still open volunteer slots

Points of Interest:

- Boosters Summer Music Camp Scholarship Applications (\$300)
 - Encourage students to apply
 - 1 application so far
- Band Awards Night Dinner - Coordinator needed (Thursday, May 7)
 - Concert that night for the non-Honor bands
 - This is normally where the seniors are recognized with dinner as well
 - Cater food and decorate the lunchroom
- Open positions for next year: Equipment (1), Concert Band Uniforms (1), Fundraising (1), Hospitality (1)
 - Open to anyone - no need to have a student at the school

- o Liz Konczal will be the next President

From the Directors:

- Show Reveal - "In Bloom"
- Donation came in from the Brandon Lee Foundation (\$5000)
 - o Will mostly be used to support lessons for students

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 7 pm