

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Present: Serena Moon, President; Jen Knop, Secretary; Junette Ratan, Treasurer; Liz Konczal, and Melanie Ferrin, Hospitality Chairs; Jaimie Patel and Dave Buisson, Equipment Chairs; Erica Garrelts, Terri Plohr, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Chris Page and Rebecca Hanrahan, Fundraising Chairs; Marie Vesely, Concert Band Uniform Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerald Shelato, Band Directors; plus 3 others. Total in attendance: 18.

Past Events

- **Tuesday, Jan 13** - 8th Grade All Star concert
- **Wednesday, Jan 21** - Winter Jazz Concert
- **Wednesday-Saturday, Jan 28-31** - ILMEA All State Festival
- **Tuesday, Feb 3** - Honors Bands Clinic Night
 - Retired band director from Downers Grove North and now Adjunct Professor at Elmhurst University was the clinician. Students enjoyed the evening and learned a lot.

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, Feb 10** - JO and HJE @ The Venue (Aurora)
- **Thursday, Feb 19** - Honors Bands concert at VHHS
 - This is not a joint concert. The MHS auditorium was already booked, so we are using their facility.
- **Tuesday, Feb 24** - Band Auditions (jazz and concert)
 - All auditions will be held in one day again. Outside judges will come in to focus on individual instruments.
- **Thursday, Feb 26** - HJE @ Elmhurst Jazz Festival
 - The clinicians working with our band will be headliners at the college festival the following days.

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Junette Ratan)

- Bank Balances, as of 2/3/26:
 - Escrow: \$16,360.31
 - Boosters: \$31,398.13
- Benevity recertification - Login information was not provided to her when she took over the role, she will touch base with Wendy to see if she still has it.
- Extra money from Fannie May orders - will be split the same as the revenue between booster and student escrow accounts.
- If students want to know the balance of their escrow account, they should contact Junette.

Hospitality (Liz Konczal & Melanie Ferrin)

- Done for the year as a committee - thanks to all that helped across the year and events

Equipment (Jaimie Patel, Dave Buisson)

- No report, however, we do need to find another co-chair for next year

Marching Band Uniforms (Erica Garrelts)

- No report - waiting for Spring Break to wash uniforms

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- No report - Still need to find a chair for next year

Fundraising (Chris Page, Rebecca Hanrahan)

- Jimano's check was received
- Next dine out will be February 25 at Emil's. It will run all day, with a 15% donation, but must say you're there for MHS Band.
- Fannie May fundraiser recap
 - Online sales continue until Friday; paper forms were due Tuesday.
 - It was a bit of a mess between online and paper ordering as well as funds not matching
 - So far there are 31 students participating (same as last year)
 - The number of students utilizing online sales went up
 - Next year will request that no cash be turned in. Any cash collected should be combined into one check payment
 - Will also look into the fees and particulars of only doing online sales
- Raise Right total for January was \$268

Volunteers (Hope Molozaui)

- No report

Evening of Jazz (Liz Konczal)

- Event is May 15
- Last meeting was Monday
 - Auction item donation letters and sponsorship letters are available
 - If you ask for donations or sponsorship (in person is best), let Liz know where you've asked so as to avoid duplicates.
 - Always looking for more experiential auction items as well
- Next meeting will be the first Monday in March

Mundelein Jazz Invitational (Jaimie Patel)

- Meeting will follow this one

Points of Interest:

- Boosters Summer Music Camp Scholarship Applications (\$300)
 - Will be promoted in a Director email this month
 - Encourage students to apply
- Summer 2026
 - Football dates have been posted (and they've changed again)
 - Friday, Sept 21 (Senior Night for Football, Dance & Cheer); Thursday, Sept 10 (Band Senior Night); Friday, Sept 18, Friday, Oct 2 (Homecoming); Friday, Oct 16
 - Band camp will run August 17-21

- The preview concert will be before the football game on August 21
 - Marching uniforms will not be worn for the first game
 - Camp will run 12:30-9:30 to allow more stadium time (6-9:30)
 - New Marcher and Leader camp is planned for the week before, but this is not confirmed yet
 - Percussion (drum line) camp for next year will be different than originally published, it will now run July 17-31.
 - Color Guard will run all camps at West Oak school to allow for more space
- Open positions for next year: President, Equipment (1), Concert Band Uniforms, Fundraising (1)
 - Open to anyone - no need to have a student at the school

From the Directors:

- Purdue Festival - cancelled while we were en route. We stopped at Hersey High School and found out there that it was cancelled
 - Students got some Portillo's and then decided to go bowling at Lakeside
 - Jazz Ensemble did a recording session on Saturday at MHS
 - This is being professionally mixed and will be shared with students
 - We were able to get refunds on the hotel, the yellowjackets, and the competition itself. Only cost was the coach bus to Arlington Heights and back
- There is a concert on February 15, The Civic Wind Ensemble is playing at Vernon Hills High School. Tickets are free, but must be reserved in advance.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:37 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 5, 2026 at 7 pm

Mundelein Jazz Invitational meeting will follow immediately afterward