

Band Booster Meeting 8.16.2018

Call to Order 7:02 pm

Present: Jim Hoferitza, Band Booster President; Jack Sikora, Band Booster Treasurer; Beth Hoferitza, Band Booster Secretary; Dawn Schuhknecht and Maureen Casler, Uniform Chairs; Yolonda Moenning and Lynn Owens, Hospitality Chairs; Risa Weiss, Fundraising Chair; Rich Morris, Equipment Chair; Jerry Shelato and Andy Sturgeon, Band Directors; and 12 others. Total in attendance: 23

Past Events:

- Band camp went particularly well this year. There were many parent volunteers who helped with snacks and uniforms. Every day at camp students participate in sectionals. A good amount of help is hired. Percussion instructors from Chicago Bears and drum corps drumlines and many lesson teachers deserve special thanks. A volunteer shared that the band kids are always very polite and thankful!
- Color Guard Camp: There is a new instructor this year, Amanda Parola. This year there are 8 members of the color guard.
- Percussion Camp: Anna Desfor, MHS Alumna joined other instructors for camp this year.

Chair Updates:

Treasurer (Jack Sikora)

Beginning balance for July, \$43,103.02

Deposits \$380.69 all from Scrip

Withdrawals \$429.90

July End balance \$43,053.81

Reminder that with many of the fundraising opportunities, band students get 80% of the profits into their escrow accounts, while the booster program receives 20% of the profit.

Band Treasurer Email: bandtreasurer120@gmail.com

Uniforms (Dawn Schuhknecht, Kristine Asmussen, Maureen Casler)

- There are three uniform chairs. Dawn Schuhknecht and Kristine Asmussen will co-chair for marching uniforms. Dawn Schuhknecht and Maureen Casler will co-chair for concert uniforms.
- 234 band members are ready to march! Many thanks to all who dropped uniforms off at the dry cleaners, picked up uniforms, sorted uniforms, and sewed uniforms!

Hospitality (Yolonda Moenning and Lynn Owens)

- We are so grateful for all the help with band camp.
- Hand sanitizer and gloves are running low. Yolonda and Lynn will purchase more for future events.
- A meeting attendee commented on how organized the snack distribution was at camp this year!

Fundraising (Risa Weiss)

- 6 dinner events are scheduled! Look for Band Blurbs and Facebook page reminders. The first event is Friday, 8/17 at Jimanos Pizza.
- Scrip (Dave Weiss) continued throughout the summer this year. During the 2017-18 school year approximately \$32,000 gift cards/certificates/reloads were purchased. The rebates for the boosters were approximately \$360 and for student escrow accounts it was approximately \$1440. See band page on the school website for further Scrip information.
- Reminder that the band boosters have an Amazon Smile account.

Volunteering

- No help is needed for the scrimmage Friday, 8/17.
- A sign up will be sent out for volunteers that are needed for before, after, and during football games and competitions.
- Key Leads:
 - Uniforms: Dawn Schuhknecht and Kristine Assmussen
 - Equipment: Rich Morris
 - Water: Yolonda Moenning
 - Photography/Video: Peter Schoenfield
- Homecoming Parade/Cookout will be added to next month's agenda.

Booster Funds

We are very fortunate that the school supports the fine arts programs at MHS.

During the 2017-18 school year the boosters added the following:

- Scholarships for students to attend summer music camps.
- Pay for a portion of the drum major camps.
- As need is shown, the boosters also use funds to assist with band camp and a portion of private lesson fees.

There was a discussion on how the booster group could distribute some additional funds for the band program. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. Some of the suggestions included:

- Paying for band hoodies
- Assist in paying for more student's private lessons as our school is economically diverse
- Not taking a cut of student's individual fundraising and adding the entire amount to the escrow accounts (for parts of year and/or certain fundraisers).
- Help with paying for trips (or paying for a part of trip such as an event or t-shirt)
- Participating in additional commissions.
- Helping the middle school programs in some manner
- Raise amount given for summer camp scholarships.

If there are any further suggestions, please contact the Band Booster President, Jim Hoferitza at jbkhoferitza@gmail.com.

From the Directors:

- The works of composer Dana Wilson that were premiered in November 2017 by the Mundelein High School Honors Wind Ensemble, and commissioned by a consortium of 15 high school and college band programs led by the MHS Bands, have been selected for publication by music publisher, Boosey and Hawkes.
- There is a small prop being used in this year's marching program. Several parents volunteered to make a prototype.
- The directors showed attendees the computer program of the marching show.
- There are 242 members (including color guard) in marching band!

Upcoming Dates:

8/17 Scrimmage Game, Jimanos Fundraiser
8/21 New Orleans Trip Meeting
8/22, 8/30, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 Marching Band Practices
8/30 Scrip due, Portillos Fundraiser
8/31 Football Game, Jimanos Fundraiser
9/5 New Orleans Trip Deposit Due
9/6 Band Booster Meeting, Scrip delivered
9/21 Football Game (Photos)
9/22 Wheaton North Marching Band Festival
9/27 Scrip due
9/28 8th Grade Community Night and Game

Meeting adjourned at 8:12