

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 7, 2022

Call to order: 7:02pm

Present: Claire Kasamis, President; Tracey Boone, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Lynn Owens and Paula Luszcz, Hospitality Chairs; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Kristine Asmussen and Sara Roberts, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Julie Salski, Concert Band Uniform Chair; Edgar Rodriguez, Volunteer Coordinator; Yvonne Buisson, Jazz Invitational Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 6 others. Total in attendance: 19.

Past Events:

- Noise Winter Choral concert/Glenwood Show Choir Competition - the last competition was probably the best show as far as the noise combo was concerned. Next year it is anticipated that the choirs will be undergoing some changes. Noise has one more performance coming up in May.
- Class of 2026 night was a success, however, since we were unable to host this in January due to Covid restrictions, many students have already registered for band and this event was more of a showcase than a recruiting event. Thankfully many prospective students have already had exposure to the band through other events throughout the school year.
- Winter Guard participated in their state competition and placed fourth
- The Elmhurst College Jazz performance led by Kirk Garrison (guest artist) was well attended

Board/Chair Reports:

Treasurer (Tracey Boone):

- Bank balances as of 4/1/2022:
 - Boosters: \$42,186.54 (prior to candy money being paid out, prior to money being transferred to student escrows for Fannie May)
 - Escrow: \$20,387.20
- Highlights
 - We raised \$181.70 from Scrips
 - Fannie May was a huge success:
 - \$4,236 was deposited to student escrow accounts
 - Jazz Invitational
 - we collected \$10,210 between admissions and concessions
 - We counted 587 adults and 119 students
 - We are still waiting for some receipts for expenses so the full report for the invitational will be available in May
 - Students Escrow accounts
 - Unless specified otherwise, any remaining money will be transferred to sibling accounts
 - Escrow money can be used until graduation day
 - Any remaining money from escrow accounts will be transferred to the Boosters account

Hospitality (Lynn Owens and Paula Luszcz)

- Band Awards Night will be on May 10, at that event we will have the traditional dinner and concert followed by the Awards Presentations and recognition of all graduating seniors.
- In the past we had an awards dinner committee chair; since we have not had this event in the last two years, we are working with Beth Anne to gather details for how to plan for this event. Claire will try to find someone to chair this event. Edgar will communicate with Beth Anne and relay any information.

- We may need to provide snacks for the Superstate event, which will be similar to the IMEC event for HWE. Jerry will communicate with hospitality chairs to determine the next steps.

Marching Band Uniforms (Kristine Asmussen and Sara Roberts)

- Marching band uniforms will be back at school on May 23
- Uniforms will need to be inspected and then laundered

Concert Band Uniforms (Julie Salski)

- May 6 (HSW) and May 9 (HWE) are tentative dates for return of concert band uniforms
- We discussed the possibility of collecting the uniforms at the Awards Night on May 10
- We discussed asking families to wash the dresses and slacks prior to returning them to school; the jackets will be taken to the dry cleaners by the uniform chairs
- Concert band chairs will discuss the best time to collect the uniforms and communicate with the band directors

Fundraising (Claire gave the report)

- The Chipotle dine out check is coming in tomorrow
- The next dine out event will be at Jimano's on April 28, from 4-8pm. Jimano's will make a 20% donation.
- We are waiting for a possible date for the Turk's Fundraiser

Jazz Invitational (Yvonne Buisson)

- There was a lot of positive feedback from the band directors and students
- There were many requests for merchandise - should we consider offering for next year's event?
- The only concern that was noticed was that the band directors did not know where/how to get their packets at the end of the night
- Student volunteers did a great job

Evening of Jazz (Claire gave the report)

- There will be a planning meeting next Thursday April 14 @ 7pm for any volunteers who would like to get involved for the EOJ

New/Current Events:

- Summer Band Camp Scholarship Applications - due Monday, May 9, 2022
- This scholarship form can be used for classes as well, any interested students should apply

Directors Updates:

- HWE was selected to participate in SuperState at UIUC in May. Our band will perform in the 2A class, along with 9 other bands.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, April 11 - Solo and Ensemble event (open to all)**
- **Saturday, April 9 - Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival**
- **Thursday - Saturday, April 28 - April 30 - Pit Orchestra for MHS Musical**
- **Tuesday, May 3 - Night of percussion**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:21pm

Next meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2022 (Elections for board positions will take place)