

## **MHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes August 19, 2021**

**Call to order:** 7:04pm (Tonight's meeting held in person at MHS)

**Present:** Claire Kasamis, President; Tracey Boone, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Chris Page, Fundraising Chair; Lynn Owens and Paula Luszc, Hospitality Chairs; Kristine Asmussen and Sara Roberts, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Edgar Rodriguez, Volunteer Coordinator; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 15 others. Total in attendance: 27.

### **Introductions**

#### **Past Events:**

- 2021 Band Camp: This was the first time that Freshmen and Sophomores have been at New Marcher camp together. By the time the camp concluded, drills for 2 songs were completed.
- Start of school

#### **Board/Chair Reports:**

Treasurer (Tracey Boone):

- Bank balances as of 7/31/2021 statement:
  - Boosters: \$26,471.32
  - Escrow: \$24,147.38
- Tracey gave an overview of our accounts and general information about how the accounts are funded and how they are used
- Highlights
  - Scrips Deposits for August \$89.40
  - Claire was able to resolve Emil's fundraiser check, resulting in Emil's reissuing a check to us
  - Escrow transfer to Boosters for graduated students will be \$4,813.25
  - Your Cause (or Benevity) - these are organizations that have partnered with various companies to make donations to charitable organizations that may be affiliated with the employees of the companies. Tracey asked Boosters to consider logging their service hours if their employers participated in such donations.

Hospitality (Lynn Owens and Paula Luszc)

- Heidi Gorsica and Jen Olorvida are shadowing Lynn and Paula. Heidi and Jen were of great help during band camp.
- For marching band camp we had a lot of food donations. One family in particular made a very generous donation of treats and Lynn would like to track down who it was so she can send them a thank you card.

- Lynn asked whether students would need bottled waters for Wednesday practices since the outside hoses will not be available this year.
- The question of whether the large water dispensers could be used during football games came up. Andy will look into whether that will be allowed. If not, we may need more water bottle donations for football games as well. Using the bottled waters would be more convenient instead of the cups that were used in the past.

#### Equipment (Jennifer Jenkins)

- Equipment volunteers are in charge of moving the front ensemble equipment, ladders, large water dispensers. Edgar will put together a volunteer sheet for the various positions that we anticipate a need for volunteers. It would be great to find people to be in charge of specific equipment for the entire season so that we don't need to retrain new volunteers each week.

#### Marching Band Uniforms (Kristine Asmussen and Sara Roberts)

- During band camp we had so many volunteers who helped out, and a number of them were really learning the details of how to assign uniforms so that in the future there will be more people who can help out with the entire process. For the marching season we will need extra volunteers for the plumes (carrying the cases back and forth) and the parkas (helping distribute and to put back up on the racks)
- Andy announced that although we tried to sell our old marching uniforms, we were unsuccessful in finding a buyer. So, the old marching uniforms were offered to any boosters present at the meeting to retrieve after the meeting downstairs.

#### Concert Band Uniforms (Julie Salski, absent; Claire gave the report)

- We have started sizing many of the students already during band camp week. There will be a sign up for volunteers to help finish the sizing before the start of Concert Band Season.
- We are in need of a co-chair for Concert Band Uniforms. The ability to sew is NOT a requirement, just the ability to help size the students and to manage the inventory of uniforms.

#### Fundraising (Chris Page)

- We have a dine out event already planned for 9/16 - however, it was mentioned that it's Yom Kippur, so we will look into rescheduling the date.
- Chris already has calls into Hitz, Panera and Turks for future dine outs.
- Scrips (Kristine) - distribution for scrips proceeds is 90% to the students and 10% to the boosters. Scrips is a gift card program that allows us to purchase directly as a fundraiser. More information will be relayed in the future about the program and how to sign up.

#### Volunteer (Edgar Rodriguez)

- All chairpersons will send volunteer needs for the Marching Band season to Edgar by early next week so that he can create sign-ups

**Points of Interest:**

- Shadows needed/Open Positions:
  - President (Claire)
  - Secretary (Serena)
  - Concert Band Co-chair

**Directors Updates:**

- For the scrimmage tomorrow student volunteers will move the equipment, but we will need a volunteer to help pass out B uniforms to students who don't yet have them
- Volunteers are needed to label the new drill masters that we will be receiving next week
- Andy thanked the boosters for supporting a few students to help pay for Marching Band camp fees
- Directors were able to share a computer generated video of what the drills are supposed to look like

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:03pm**