

MHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2021

Call to order: 7:04pm

Present: Claire Kasamis, President; Tracey Boone, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Paula Luszcz and Lynn Owens, Hospitality Chairs; Kristine Asmussen and Sara Roberts, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Chris Page, Fundraising Chair; Julie Salski, Concert Band Uniform Chair; Yvonne Buisson, Jazz Invitational Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 5 others. Total in attendance: 18.

Past Events:

- ILMEA Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band festivals - this year all the students were able to gather for in person rehearsals and performances. The final rehearsals were recorded for viewing by parents and friends online later. Although it wasn't exactly the same as past years, for the students, the experience was fairly close to what they would have had at ILMEA.
- Jazz Ensemble at the Jazz Showcase - HJE performed at the historic jazz venue and had a great experience

Board/Chair Reports:

Treasurer (Tracey Boone):

- Bank balances as of 11/30/2021:
 - Boosters: \$29,196.64
 - Escrow: \$20,235.09
- Highlights
 - Scrips deposits \$106.40 in rebates, we had \$7915 in sales! (we are expecting another Scrips deposit for November). There will be one more Scrips order placed for the physical gift cards on 12/10 so that families can receive them before winter break. Kristine will coordinate with the families for a separate pick up since we won't have any more booster meetings this year. Kristine is looking for a shadow to take over Scrips.
 - Amazon smile credit \$57.18 (last quarter \$53.06)
 - Florida Fruit Sales - \$1975 from paper sales have been deposited
 - There was a short discussion about possible "creative" ways for parents to use the escrow money. Since the band trip has been cancelled, we will review reimbursements for non-traditional uses of escrow funds, as long as it can be justified to enhance the student's music education and proof of payment is submitted. All specific questions should be directed to Tracey.

Hospitality (Paula Luszcz and Lynn Owens)

- There will be no snacks after concerts this year

Equipment (Jennifer Jenkins)

- Jennifer asked if any assistance would be needed for the concerts as far as equipment moving was involved. The directors said that between the custodial staff and the students, no additional help would be needed for now.

Marching Band Uniforms (Sara Roberts and Kristine Asmussen)

- Uniforms have been moved offsite. Normally they are dry cleaned in the summer, however, next summer when they come back to school, Kristine and Sara are planning on taking them to the

laundromat since they are machine washable. We may need a donation of dry cleaner bags so that we can keep the uniforms clean until the students get sized.

- We will need replacement hats and drum major plumes. The white gauntlets have arrived for the drum majors. We have plenty of the red/black plumes.

Concert Band Uniforms (Julie Salski)

- Because of the shipment delays, we are having to find spare uniforms for a few of the students until their new uniforms arrive. Mrs. Thompson was able to bring in a few from an outside choir to be used in the meantime for next week's concerts and some students between Choir and Band will be sharing parts of/entire uniforms until all the missing uniforms are received.
- Julie Salski will be stepping down after this year and is looking for a shadow

Fundraising (Chris Page)

- Fruit sales have been submitted and will be delivered Tuesday, December 7 at 2:30pm, which is a change from the original expected date of 12/11. We had a discussion about the best time for pick ups and agreed that we would have pickups from 4-6pm as we usually do, and for those who can not pick up during that window could pick up after the Concert Band Concerts that night.
- Butterbraid fundraising has also concluded, Chris is waiting to receive the paper forms from the directors, but all the online orders are complete. Delivery will be on Saturday December 11. The window will be small because the butterbraids need to stay frozen and only have a 4 hour window to get back into the freezer. Reminders will be sent out to families to make sure to pick up as soon as possible and to freeze as soon as possible. Butterbraids will arrive at 11:30am.
- Chris will send volunteer request needs to Edgar for a sign up sheet to be sent to band families.
- There will not be any monthly dine out this month, but Chris will plan one for January
- We are looking for someone to Co-Chair Fundraising with Chris
- Chris will start sending thank you cards with a photo of the band to all the business that have supported the band either through donations or dine outs (Mr. Sturgeon has a supply of band photo thank you cards)

Volunteer (Edgar Rodriguez was absent; Claire gave the report)

- For any chairpeople who may need volunteers, please send requests to Edgar

Jazz Invitational (Yvonne Buisson)

- Initial discussions have started for the planning. Starting in January, immediately after our regular Boosters meeting, there will be a meeting to prepare for the invitational. We will have various needs for volunteers and encourage all who are interested in helping to attend the Jazz Invitational planning meeting.

Evening of Jazz (Nikki Earich was absent; Claire gave the report)

- The date is set for Mother's Day, which may need to be changed; we are also considering changing the location from MHS to an outside venue which could accommodate dinner for those who would be interested.
- We will need volunteers to go around asking for donations once we start planning for the event. A team of volunteers for the Evening of Jazz will begin to get assembled in January.

New/Current Events:

- Shadows needed:
 - Scripts
 - Co-chair Concert Band Uniforms

- Co-chair Fundraising
- Jen Vincent has agreed to start shadowing Claire for the role of President

Directors Updates:

- It has been fun to prepare for the concert band concerts upcoming next week. The students have been making great progress on the music.
- The show choir combo has been preparing for the show case tomorrow
- HJE at Midwest Clinic - we have been having many events building up to the clinic coming up on Thursday, December 16. The last clinic we had was such a great experience for the students. We will have two more performances before the Midwest Clinic. We encourage everyone to attend the Midwest Clinic Preview concert, which will be a free event at MHS on Sunday 12/12 where Chris Madsen and Mr. Shelato will be guest artists. On 12/14 the Jazz Ensemble will be performing at Fitzgeralds with the 2 o'clock band and Rob Parton, as guest artist - who will also be at the Midwest Clinic.
- A question was asked about the details of pep band. Mr. Sturgeon will send out an informational email with schedules for all new families who are not familiar with the pep band season. Our band is divided into three pep bands (Red/Gray/White) and they perform at 5 girls/5 boys basketball games. The drumline will perform at the first game and each of the bands will play at three games each. There is a process for subbing and all the students have been given information on how to find a sub if they are unable to attend one of their assigned dates.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Friday, December 3, 7:30pm - Show Choir Spotlight Event**
- **Tuesday, December 7, 4-6pm Fruit pickup**
- **Tuesday, December 7, 7pm - Concert Band Concert (All Bands)**
- **Thursday, December 9, 7pm - Band/Choir Holiday Concert**
- **Saturday, December 11 - Butterbraid pickup (likely 12:30-2pm)**
- **Sunday, December 12, 6pm - Midwest Preview concert**
- **Tuesday, December 14, 7pm - Jazz Ensemble @ Fitzgeralds with Rob Parton**
- **Thursday, December 16, 12:45pm - Jazz Ensemble @ The Midwest Clinic**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50pm

Next meeting January 6, 2022 at 7pm