

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes February 3, 2022

Call to order: 7:04pm

Present: Claire Kasamis, President; Tracey Boone, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Paula Luszczyk, Hospitality Chair; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Sara Roberts, Marching Band Uniform Chair; Edgar Rodriguez, Volunteer Coordinator; Nikki Earich, Evening of Jazz Chair; Yvonne Buisson, Jazz Invitational chair; Heather Song, Fundraising Chair, Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 8 others. Total in attendance: 20.

Past Events:

- 8th grade All Star Band Event - we were happy to have an event this year despite the fact that we were not able to have the traditional HWE and 8th grade band combined performance
- Noise Show choir trip to Mt Zion - this event was an all day trip and it was the first time the Noise group performed in 2 years so there were many discussions afterwards about adjustments to be made for balance and set-up
- Honors Bands Clinic Day - this event is normally in February to help HWE prepare for the SuperState recording, however, this year we held it in January to help prepare for IMEC. Our main clinician was not able to make it last minute but we were able to find a substitute, and each of the sections had separate times with their specific clinicians.
- Jazz Concert @MHS/Purdue Jazz Festival - we were missing a few members for the concert at MHS, but everyone was able to attend the Purdue Jazz Festival. When the band first arrived at Purdue, we were surprised to see MHS HJE alum, Isabel Sioson, performing with the Purdue Jazz band and doing an extended solo. Both of our MHS bands were awarded first places in their rooms, and our Jazz Combo was awarded 2nd place in their room. We also had two members recognized as Outstanding soloists - Rosa Bonilla (JO) and Neil Martin (HJE).
- IMEC preview concert/IMEC/All State - the preview concert was held in the gym and was a good way for the band to practice performing in a different space. Despite a 2:45am call time, HWE sounded fantastic at IMEC. Neil Martin, Isabella Rodrigues and Leila Moon all performed in their All State Bands and had a great time with their ensembles.

Board/Chair Reports:

Treasurer (Tracey Boone):

- Bank balances as of 1/29/2022:
 - Boosters: \$26,693.35
 - Escrow: \$21,668.92
- Highlights
 - The email that was sent to the parents guiding them on how to use their escrow accounts proved to be successful as we had many families submit for reimbursement, so naturally there is a decline in our escrow balance this month.

Hospitality (Paula Luszczyk)

- The treat boxes from Panera were a hit with the students. They were passed out about half an hour before arriving in Peoria. Paula also provided candies and handed out all the lunch money. Thanks to Paula for riding the bus with the students both ways and serving as chaperone.

Marching Band Uniforms (Kristine Asmussen)

- The replacement parts for the hats have arrived, so in the spring Kristine and Sara and volunteers will repair all the hats. In the summer all the uniforms will be laundered and prepared for marching season.

Fundraising (Heather Song)

- Fannie May Fundraising has officially started, forms will be due February 15
- There will be a dine out event at Luke's on February 8th all day and one at Chipotle on March 9 (dinner only with a minimum \$150 in sales requirement, which shouldn't be too difficult given the past booster support of dine outs)
- All scrips sales were for electronic cards or reloads so no physical cards needed to be handed out

Volunteer (Edgar Rodriguez)

- Edgar has all the blueprints for the Jazz Invitational volunteer needs from two years ago, so any coordinators can reach out to him to get details when planning for volunteer needs

Evening of Jazz (Nikki Earich)

- Nikki is looking for an adult volunteer to go out into the community to ask for donations (cash) and items
- We are close to finalizing details to hold the event at the DoubleTree in Mundelein, still working out the prices
- Claire will start asking for donations in the community, and if anyone would like to help out with this critical piece, please reach out to Nikki and/or Claire

Jazz Invitational (Yvonne Buisson)

- Details of the invitational preparations were discussed at the meeting immediately following our regular boosters meeting

Directors Updates:

- Pep band season has been fun. As in Marching band, there was concern that the students wouldn't know how to transition into pep band, but again, like with marching band, all the students did a great job returning to these events that were canceled all of last school year.

Miscellaneous:

- A question was raised about the percussion ensemble, whether rehearsals were still taking place - Andy will follow up with Mr. Jacobi, but he felt that the rehearsals were indeed still going on. There have been a few Mondays with conflicts and/or holidays, but the Percussion Ensemble will be preparing for the festival in early March.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Friday, February 11-13 - Noise Show Choir trip to Fort Atkinson**
- **Friday, February 18-20 - Noise Show Choir trip to Great River Invitational in Davenport**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35pm

Next meeting: Thursday, March 3, 2022

We will have another Jazz Invitational meeting immediately following the Boosters meeting