

MHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2021

Call to order: 7:04pm

Present: Claire Kasamis, President; Tracey Boone, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Paula Luszc, Hospitality Chair; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Kristine Asmussen and Sara Roberts, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Edgar Rodriguez, Volunteer Coordinator; Nikki Earich, Evening of Jazz Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 8 others. Total in attendance: 19.

Past Events:

- Show Choir Spotlight Event - normally we would conduct a workshop after the event, but this year we held the workshop before the event and it worked out well
- Concert Band Concert - it was nice to have in person concerts in the building again
- Band/Choir Holiday Concert - it was impressive to see the honors band students perform concerts two days apart with completely different repertoire
- Jazz Ensemble
 - Midwest Premier Jazz Concert @ Chapel - we are thankful to the Chapel for allowing our jazz band to use their facility for this event which had to be relocated due to the water main break at the high school
 - Fitzgeralds with Rob Parton - the venue is quite possibly the best for big band jazz music. The HJE was able to hear the University of North Texas 2 o'clock band
 - Performance at Midwest Clinic - following the HJE performance at Midwest, the directors received many positive notes of encouragement. Mr. Sturgeon read a small portion of Michelle Fernandez' email/FB post highlighting how wonderful it was to work with our students.

Board/Chair Reports:

Treasurer (Tracey Boone):

- Bank balances as of 12/31/2021:
 - Boosters: \$27,874.01
 - Escrow: \$22,513.87
- Highlights
 - The Butter Braid fundraiser raised \$1022, which was distributed to 31 student escrow accounts, and the boosters made \$340 in profit.
 - The fruit fundraiser was also successful, but the boosters lost our profit due to spoiled fruit
 - Tracey is preparing an email that will be sent out to band families about how to use the escrow money, especially for families of seniors

Hospitality (Paula Luszc)

- The next event that may need support is breakfast for the HWE students heading to Peoria for IMEC (possibly bagels and individual cream cheeses). Paula will contact the directors to work out the details.

Equipment (Jennifer Jenkins)

- Jennifer asked if any assistance would be needed for IMEC. The students will likely be able to do all the loading/unloading required for IMEC.

Marching Band Uniforms (Sara Roberts and Kristine Asmussen)

- We have several broken hat boxes that need to be replaced

- Mr. Sturgeon spoke with the vendor for the uniforms and there was a defect in one part related to the hats and the vendor is willing to repair/replace any broken hats. Kristine and Sarah will need to go through the boxes, but most of the hats need repair/replacement for that defective part.

Concert Band Uniforms (report given by Claire)

- Thankfully Corey Thompspon was able to borrow some dresses for the concert band concerts, but we did receive a delivery of new dresses on the day of the concert. The dresses were pinned up temporarily, but they will need to be altered for the season.

Fundraising (report given by Tracey)

- The Butter Braid company was great to work with and the fundraiser was a success, so we will likely do this fundraiser again next year.
- The fruit fundraiser did have some issues. Chris encountered some issues with customer service and we did have to reimburse people for rotten fruit (which the company did reimburse us for).
- It was suggested that next year we should spread these two fundraisers out a bit to make it logistically a bit easier and not to put too much pressure on families to do two fundraisers at the same time.
- There will be a dine out or two coming up in January
- Scrips - Heather Song will shadow Kristine for this role
 - We had two deliveries in December for physical cards (as opposed to one) to allow families to do last minute shopping for gift cards
 - We had a great month for Scrips
 - Unfortunately, even though Scrips is a great fundraiser, not many families order through scrips

Volunteer (Edgar Rodriguez)

- The next event that we will need volunteers will be for the Jazz Invitational in March

Evening of Jazz (Nikki Earich)

- The date will officially be changed from Sunday May 13 to Friday May 8.
- At this point Nikki is looking for a venue that can accommodate a paid dinner and a jazz show: possibly Hitz, Doubletree
- Nikki will also need help soliciting donations for the event

Jazz Invitational (report given by Claire)

- The invitational aims to be about equal measures of contest and clinic. At this point we have 43 groups and a wait list.
- A handout was distributed highlighting all the committee chairs needed - anyone who was present and interested was penciled in for the positions (Claire took the names and will update the sheet before sending out to all the band families to fill the open positions)
- Immediately following our next booster's meeting, we are planning on having a special Jazz Invitational Planning Meeting

New/Current Events:

- Shadows needed:
 - Co-chair Concert Band Uniforms - Marie Vesely volunteered to help co-chair with Jen Lacroix next year
 - Co-chair Fundraising - we are still looking for someone to help co-chair with Chris Page

Directors Updates:

- Of the selected district ILMEA students, 3 of our students will proceed to participate in the All State Festival later this month in Peoria - and all three of them were selected for the Honors All State Bands.
- We will be using January 17 (Martin Luther King Jr Day) as a clinic day for honors band students

Miscellaneous:

- A question was raised about the public notice that was on the school home page about the PE waivers. As of now, the meeting will be used to reevaluate whether the school should reapply for the waivers. Any interested parents can attend the meeting next Tuesday January 11.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday January 10 - 8th grade All Star Band Event**
- **Friday-Sunday January 14-16 - Noise Show Choir trip to Mt. Zion**
- **Monday January 17 - HWE/HSW Clinic Day**
- **Thursday January 20 - Jazz Concert at MHS**
- **Saturday January 22 - Purdue Jazz Festival**
- **Sunday January 23 - HWE IMEC Preview Concert**
- **Saturday January 29 - HWE Performance at IMEC and All State Festival**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:14pm

Next meeting February 3, 2022