

MHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2021

Call to order: 7:00pm

Present: Claire Kasamis, President; Tracey Boone, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Lynn Owens and Paula Luszcz, Hospitality Chairs; Sara Roberts, Marching Band Uniform Chair; Edgar Rodriguez, Volunteer Coordinator; Nikki Earich, Evening of Jazz Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 14 others. Total in attendance: 25.

*** Although the meeting was conducted out of order to accommodate people who needed to leave early due to the Choir concert, the minutes are written according to the agenda.**

Past Events:

- Football Games (9/3, 9/24, 10/1) All the games ran pretty smoothly in general
- Chicago Marching Band Festival (9/11) - Thanks to all the volunteers, the festival went smoothly
- Honors Jazz Ensemble at Nellie's in Palatine (9/12) - HJE took pictures and the event was an enjoyable evening for all

Board/Chair Reports:

Treasurer (Tracey Boone):

- Bank balances as of 9/30/2021 statement:
 - Boosters: \$28,967.35
 - Escrow: \$19,850.43
- Highlights
 - Scrips deposits \$141.88
 - Scrips/Escrow presentation held for new parents on 9/27
 - We had a lot of activities this past month, so there were many transactions. We have one floating outstanding check and Tracey will follow up with the bank to investigate.
 - Please submit receipts/reimbursement forms for CMBF or HOCO expenses

Hospitality (Lynn Owens and Paula Luszcz)

- The next big upcoming event for Hospitality will be the U of I band festival on October 23. The Boosters are planning to provide dinner for the students after their performance. We have looked into two options so far:
 - Boxed lunches (Jimmy Johns): would include a slim sandwich, cookie, chips, cost would be \$1,365 and would include delivery
 - Pizza (Little Caesars): 75 pizzas, cost would be \$450 and does not include delivery
- It was suggested that we should price out the cost for sandwiches only and provide our own chips/cookies to save on cost. We have a lot of snacks and water left from prior donations and we can use them for the festival. Since we have many people driving to the festival, we may distribute the various items to be transported to Champaign.
 - We will probably go with the sandwiches and a google form will be sent out to the students to see what type of sandwich would be preferred from a limited menu (likely, ham, turkey and veggie)
 - A question was asked if parent volunteers would also be provided dinner. All volunteers will provide their own meals, either outside of the stadium or at the concession stand.

Equipment (Jennifer Jenkins)

- It was decided that we will use 1 truck and the show choir trailer to transport all equipment for the U of I Band festival. Andy suggested loading as much as possible after the football game on 10/22. Depending on the availability of the volunteers signed up for the band festival, we may open up more volunteer spots.

Marching Band Uniforms (Sara Roberts)

- We are still having issues with students arriving without their complete B uniform - please remind students to wear the complete B uniform
- Sara asked if we will be doing the pink bandanas for the last football game, which we've traditionally done to raise awareness for Breast Cancer. It was decided that we would not do it this year.
- We have had a good number of volunteers at the end of each game to help with putting the uniforms away, so that has been going smoothly. Unfortunately we don't have any volunteers for tomorrow's game, yet.
- Tomorrow night there may not be a security person at the front desk, so we may have other people stationed at other doors to allow parents to go in/out of the building.
- The call time will be 5:45pm for the students
- The front ensemble will be taking pictures with Andy tomorrow since they missed their picture time on the band picture day

Concert Band Uniforms (report given by Claire)

- We have found a co-chair to help with the Concert Band Uniforms - her name is Jennifer Lacroix, who is absent today due to the choir concert conflict
- All choir and band students have been fitted. Some uniforms need to be hemmed, and some uniforms need to be ordered.

Fundraising (report given by Claire)

- We raised \$341.07 from the Turks fundraiser
- Tina G's dine out event is coming up on October 25
- We still have not received a total amount from the Hitz dine out event

Volunteer (Edgar Rodriguez)

- Edgar will send out an email about details for the U of I festival, especially about loading the equipment on Friday, October 22 during 3rd quarter

Evening of Jazz (Nikki Earich)

- Once all the water bottles are used at the band festival, we should have a lot more room in D02 to start storing baskets for the Evening of Jazz auction items. We will soon start asking for donations for the auction.

New/Current Events:

- Shadows needed/Open Positions:
 - President (Claire)
 - Secretary (Serena)
 - Jazz Invitational Chairperson - the directors would work with the lead person to help plan
- We opened a mini store for families to purchase Pit Crew and Boosters shirts. The shirts are expected to be delivered next week.

Directors Updates:

- For the U of I Band Festival, the buses will park by the State Farm stadium, which is about 6 blocks away from Memorial Stadium (site of the festival)
- The schedule for the itinerary for the festival has been moved up 15 minutes; an updated itinerary will be shared in the near future, however, all details are being revealed little by little
- The students and bus chaperones will be riding to the festival in school buses, not coach buses
- For tomorrow's game the uniforms will not be on the stage in advance because of the choir concert tonight. Also, after the game and after all the uniforms are hung on the racks, they will need to be put into the band room because the auditorium will be used over the weekend
- During this past Wednesday's band practice, the students had a bonding event and really enjoyed it
- The band is playing well and the overall attitude of the band students seems positive and willing to try new things
- Next week for the evening rehearsal we will be bringing in another guest clinician - the band director at Vandercook College. We have already had Mr. Morrison, retired band director from Prospect High School.
- On November 3, both Jazz Bands will perform with the Warren Jazz Ensemble and Guest Artist Kirk Garrison.

Miscellaneous

- Any updates on Disney? As of now, we are still operating under a "no overnights" mandate. The trip has not been cancelled. A final decision will likely be made before winter break.
- There will not be an indoor marching band concert this year.
- The Percussion Ensemble will be opening up soon to any band students who would like to join, generally the students perform at the Elk Grove Percussion Festival and host a Night of Percussion, both in the spring
- Noise auditions (musical accompaniment for the show choir) will be held soon for open positions
- Honors Wind Ensemble will be performing at the Illinois Music Educators Conference on Saturday, January 29 at 9am. As of now, since there will not be any overnights, it could be a very early start of day for the students as they travel down to Peoria, IL.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Friday, October 8 - Home Football Game vs. Warren**
- **Friday, October 22 - Last Home Football Game vs. Zion-Benton**
- **Saturday, October 23 - Illinois Marching Band Festival - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
- **Monday, October 25 - Tina G's Dine Out Fundraiser**
- **Wednesday, November 3 at 7pm - Jazz Band Concert in the auditorium with Guest Artist, Kirk Garrison, and the Warren Township High School Jazz Ensemble**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53pm

Next meeting November 4, 2021 at 7pm