

MHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2021

Call to order: 7:03pm

Present: Claire Kasamis, President; Tracey Boone, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Chris Page, Fundraising Chair; Lynn Owens and Paula Luszcz, Hospitality Chairs; Kristine Asmussen and Sara Roberts, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Julie Salski, Concert Band Uniform Chair; Edgar Rodriguez, Volunteer Coordinator; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 12 others. Total in attendance: 25.

Sign-in sheet was circulated and asked attendees if they would be interested in purchasing a Band Boosters t-shirt/sweatshirt.

Past Events:

- The sports scrimmages on Friday, August 20 gave the band, as well as the various sports teams, an opportunity to “practice” how to do things in person again at sports events.

Board/Chair Reports:

Treasurer (Tracey Boone):

- Bank balances as of 8/31/2021 statement:
 - Boosters: \$29,448.38
 - Escrow: \$19,722.73
- Amazon smile donations were \$53.06
- Highlights
 - Scrips deposits had not been received in time for this report
 - Escrow transfer to Boosters for graduated students was \$4,627.96, reflected in the respective accounts above

Hospitality (Lynn Owens and Paula Luszcz)

- The next big event will be water for game days, starting this Friday. Water will be distributed in bottles this year.
- As far as Homecoming is concerned, what are the options for feeding the kids after the parade? Possibility of using the school’s grill to make dinner (Mr. Sturgeon will look into this); asking Luke’s and/or Jewel to see if they could make a donation or give us a price for catering (Tammy Marano will call both businesses).
- We will need to plan for the Marching Band Festival dinner, which will be provided by the boosters ahead of the festival on Saturday September 11, which will include pizza, chips and water. Students will eat while the parent volunteers load the trucks. We considered asking for donations for chips and water, but it was decided by the Executive Board to provide those from Boosters funds.
- After conferring with the middle school band directors, it was decided that dinner will not be provided at the Community Night this year (for the 8th graders)

Equipment (Jennifer Jenkins)

- Volunteers will meet in the D Hallway and an email will be sent out by Edgar. Jennifer needed clarification on placement for ladders. The equipment will be moved at the beginning, right before the halftime show and then right after the halftime show all equipment will be put away. Question was asked whether we would need to move the speaker - Andy and Jerry will move the speaker for the first

game and consider how to proceed going forward because the speaker has been having some technical challenges recently.

Marching Band Uniforms (Kristine Asmussen and Sara Roberts)

- Last night Sara and Kristine and Jennifer Jenkins prepared all the uniforms and equipment for the first game. This year there will be more time needed to instruct students on how to put on their hats (the straps are not very sturdy), their plumes (which they will be doing on their own with the help of a “buddy”), and their uniform jackets, which zip in the back. It was decided that the front ensemble will all wear berets, instead of the hats. Sara asked if the drum majors could wear a red cord, and it was approved. This year we have 5 color coded racks, 324 parkas and 213 uniformed marchers.
- Question was raised about what uniform volunteers will be doing. 2 parents will be assigned to each rack to help get the proper uniforms to the students and then to make sure at the end of the night that all uniforms are put back where they belong.
- We are going to ask the students to have a uniform buddy this year to help getting in and out of uniforms go smoothly
- Volunteer sign up sheets need to be adjusted for the rest of the season; the initial sheets were sent out just to get the information out quickly, but after the first game there will be adjustments to make sure that we have the proper number of volunteers in place at each event

Concert Band Uniforms (Julie Salski)

- We are still looking for a co-chair
- Some students have already been fitted, but we will do more next week. We are trying to finish in time for the first choir concert. Since choir shares uniforms with us, Julie was able to recruit some choir parents to help out with uniforms

Fundraising (Chris Page)

- The Turks Plant Sale will run from 9/13-9/19, the band will receive 20% of the profits. There is no flyer, just mention the MHS Band Fundraiser at time of purchase.
- Other than social media outlets, are there any other ways to get the word out about the Turks fundraiser that would reach a wide audience? A suggestion was made to make signs for the football games.
- Our first dine out event will be at Hitz on September 18. Pick up or dine-in only (no delivery). They will give us 15% of the profits, just mention the MHS band fundraiser
- Our second dine in will be at Tina G's on October 25 (10% profits), just mention the MHS band fundraiser
- The fruit fundraiser is in the works, we have a tentative 12/10 delivery date, after discussion with the directors, an alternate date could be 12/11. Order forms will be handed out in person to the students once they arrive.
- Chris is looking into the Butter Braids fundraiser to replace the Pie Card Fundraiser. The only drawback for the Butter Braids is the short window for pick up, given the need to keep the braids frozen. Chris will email Andy and Jerry about all the fundraisers so that we can get approval to proceed from the school.
- A question was asked if there has ever been a raffle in conjunction with a band event; it was probably the 50/50 raffle that the Education Foundation usually did at sporting events.
- Kristine did a Facebook blast with the Scrips enrollment code
- On 9/15, Kristine and Tracey would like to do a presentation to the parents about Scrips/Escrow while the students are at marching band rehearsal

Volunteer (Edgar Rodriguez)

- Edgar will be at all the games and available to help out with equipment
- It was brought up that we should provide clarification about the locations/contact names and numbers to the volunteers
- Field trip volunteers will be available to help out with everything - it was suggested that maybe we should ask for volunteers who could help at the school, and then for volunteers who would help by chaperoning and unloading on site

Points of Interest:

- Shadows needed/Open Positions:
 - President (Claire)
 - Secretary (Serena)
 - Concert Band Co-chair
- Serena requested in writing changes to the by-laws, mostly formatting, but including an important clarification to the term starting/ending months, specifically that the term will begin July 1 and end the following June 30 to ensure clear starting and ending dates. Claire asked for a vote, all were in favor.
- We need people to step up to be leaders for the Jazz Invitational (March 2022) and Evening of Jazz (April/May 2022) - Nikki Earich volunteered to lead the Evening of Jazz planning
- The Boosters are looking for someone to be the social media lead to keep events updated on Twitter and Facebook
- The sign-up sheet included a question whether attendees would be interested in purchasing a band boosters t-shirt/sweatshirt. The majority of people are interested in purchasing a t-shirt. It was suggested to use the t-shirt design matching the incoming freshmen t-shirt with slight adjustments. Should we use Ultimate Printing for t-shirts? Should the boosters open a “store” and allow parents to order directly?

Directors Updates:

- The new hoodie design was shared with the boosters
- Jazz Ensemble will be performing at Nellie’s on Sunday 9/12
- VIP digital links will be sent for band pictures (which will be taken Saturday 9/11 prior to the CMBF)
- Question was asked about the status of the spring break trip; the trip has not been cancelled, it is currently on stand-by.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm

Next meeting October 7, 2021 at 7pm