

MHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2020

Call to order: 7:01pm

Present: Jim Hoferitza, President; Greg Shumski, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Kristine Asmussen, Uniform Chair; Yolonda Moenning, Hospitality Chair; Rich Morris, Equipment Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 14 others. Total in attendance: 22

Past Events:

- It was a busy month for our jazz bands. In addition to their jazz concert at MHS, the HJE travelled to the Purdue Jazz Festival. On the way to Purdue, we stopped over at Hersey HS and had a joint jazz night, which was a great way to perform without the pressure of competition and to watch other peer groups perform. The entire weekend at Purdue was an opportunity to watch phenomenal musicians, plus our HJE was awarded the top award in the room where they performed.
- In preparation for the class of 2024 night, Noise, HJE, HWE performed with other fine arts groups at three feeder middle schools. Then the drumline performed at the 2024 night.
- Noise performed in Sauk Prairie at the first show choir competition of the season. Noise continued to show improvement throughout the competition.
- HJE had their IMEC preview concert. The program book for IMEC came out very well. MHS was one of 6 jazz bands who were invited to perform at IMEC. After the IMEC, three of our students stayed to perform in the All State Festival.
- We had a wonderful clinic night for our honors concert bands. We had 10 clinicians and Dave Morrison to lead the big bands. We noticed improvement in both bands from the clinic and all the kids enjoyed the experience.

Chair Updates:

- President: Jim Hoferitza (Shadow needed)
- Treasurer: Greg Shumski
- Secretary: Serena Moon
- Uniforms:
 - Marching: Kristine Asmussen, Dawn Schuhknecht (Shadow: Sara Roberts)
 - Concert: Maureen Casler, Dawn Schuhknecht (Shadow needed)
- Volunteer Coordinator: Beth Anne Koenemann (Shadow: Edgar Rodriguez)
- Hospitality: Lynn Owens, Yolonda Moenning (Shadow: Paula Luszcz)
- Fundraising: OPEN
 - Scrip: Kristine Asmussen
 - Evening of Jazz: Maureen Casler, Beth Hoferitza, Dawn Schuhknecht (Shadows needed)
- Equipment: Rich Morris

President (Jim Hoferitza)

- Thanks to everyone who helped out to make all of last month's events run smoothly

Treasurer (Greg Shumski)

- Bank balances as of 1/31/2020 Statements:
 - Boosters: \$25,097.33
 - Escrow: \$17,307.04
- Updates and Highlights:
 - Escrow: Scrips Deposits \$135.59
 - Amazon Smile:
 - Planning another “advertising” post this weekend
 - Other:
 - Phenomenal job by the jazz band at IMEC and All State Festival. The HJE played to a full house (approx. 250-300 educators) and afterwards received a standing ovation
 - Summer camp scholarship checks resolved, 1 stop payment, 1 reissued
 - Federal Tax Return Requirements to maintain tax exempt status, in search of an accountant (James Photopoulos will ask his accountant)

Secretary (Serena Moon)

- Our first informational table at the middle schools coming up tomorrow (Jim Hoferitza, Jack Sikora, Lorraine Kocian and Serena Moon will be volunteering).
- Carl Sandburg 5/14 @ 7pm (Sara Roberts and Jim Hoferitza will volunteer)
- West Oak 5/21 @ 7pm (Jim Hoferitza and Rich Morris will volunteer)

Uniforms (Kristine Asmussen)

- All fittings for new uniforms have been completed. Forms for the actual order need to be reviewed and signed.
- Sample uniform should be ready in about 4-6 weeks, hopefully we will have the new uniforms in time for the first game in the fall
- In response to some questions we had about uniforms – Andy was able to get some answers. The uniforms will be lined. The white material on the uniform and the hat should not be a problem – they will be relatively resistant to stains.

Equipment (Rich Morris)

- Rich brought the new Gatorade bottles/carriers, we are still waiting on two more sets

Fundraising (Chair Needed):

- Since the Bakers Square in Libertyville shut down, we will consider doing a different fundraiser next year
- Scrips: After the holidays the purchase of physical gift cards has gone down, but we have had an increase in e-cards being purchased

Directors Updates:

- New sousaphone cases have arrived – and they have wheels! The sousaphones have been repaired and polished.
- Honors band concert coming up soon. We will need snacks for that.

Miscellaneous:

- Next month we will have the Jazz Invitational meeting at 6:30pm to accommodate Booster parents who want to attend the show choir concerts

Upcoming Events

2/7-8 Noise - Fort Atkinson Competition

2/15 Noise – Naperville North

2/20 Honors Band Concert (HWE, HSW)

2/29 Jazz in the Meadows

3/5 Noise – Winter Choir Concert

3/2-3, 3/5-6 Band Auditions 2020-2021

2/11, 2/12, 2/14, 2/18, 2/21, 2/26 Pep Band

Next Booster Meeting will be Thursday, March 5th at 7:00pm; Jazz Invitational Meeting will occur BEFORE the regular Booster Meeting at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned: 7:32pm

The Boosters meeting was followed up by a meeting devoted to the planning for the Mundelein Jazz Invitational coming up on March 14, 2020.