

MHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes March 4, 2021

Call to order: 7:03pm

(Tonight's meeting held via Zoom due to COVID-19)

Present: Claire Kasamis, President; Greg Shumski, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Kristine Asmussen and Sara Roberts, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Maureen Casler and Julie Salski, Concert Band Uniform Chairs; Edgar Rodriguez, Volunteer Chair; Nicole Knight, Fundraising Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 4 others. Total in attendance: 15.

Past Events:

- Virtual Solo/Etude festival: All clinicians had great positive feedback about our students. Some local band directors "visited" to see how we were doing this so that they could put on a virtual festival for their own schools. Overall, it was a very good event and students were well prepared and very polite to their clinicians.
- In person band practice 2/21/21: Band directors and students were glad to finally have an in person rehearsal. Since the school has gone through some schedule changes, the band will also need to make certain adjustments to continue in person rehearsals while adhering to safety protocols. The great thing is that we will have full access to the entire auditorium and that space has the capability to circulate the air in a timeframe that allows quick turnover and still follow guidelines. We are hopeful that all the ensembles will continue to be able to hold in person rehearsals going forward.

Board/Chair Reports:

Treasurer (Greg Shumski):

- Bank balances as of 1/31/2021 statement:
 - Boosters: \$26,678.67
 - Escrow: \$21,277.99
- Updates and Highlights:
 - 2021 Graduation candidates have \$5,164.84 in escrow. Since we were expecting this to be a trip year, some students may have difficulty providing information for reimbursement. Greg will work with the directors to communicate with the seniors to provide them their options.
 - Fannie May fundraiser was not as successful this year as the last two years, but we were still able to raise \$4,225 total profit.
 - Question was asked if we should consider asking for cash donations. We had a discussion about adding a sentence or so in the communications for future fundraisers letting parents and friends know that they can always make a donation even if they don't necessarily purchase the fundraiser item.
- Scripts Deposit for February: \$93.95
- Amazon Smile deposit: \$56.99

Fundraising (Nicole Knight):

- Tina G's Dine Out raised \$300. Nicole will pick up the check and drop off at Greg's home.
- We are still waiting for a check from Emil's
- Luke's dine out has been scheduled for March 15.
- Nicole has reached out to Turk's greenhouse for our potential spring fundraiser and she is waiting for a response. Band directors will pursue permission from the school.
- Scrips (Kristine): We sold \$1815 of gift cards, which translates to a \$111.55 profit.

Uniforms (Kristine Asmussen, Sara Roberts, Maureen Casler, Julie Salski):

- We are still waiting for additional rods to be installed so that the majority of the parkas can be stored upstairs.
- The first home football game will be on 3/26 and only the drum line will perform. In general we agreed that for this season students will wear their sweatshirts and jeans, but if needed, we can bring out the parkas.
- Concert uniform jackets need to be taken to the dry cleaners. Maureen will try to get that done this year so we can include in this year's budget.

Points of Interest:

- Evening of Jazz: It's still unsure whether we will be able to hold this event. Given the nature of the event, it would be ideal to have it in the school, but at this time access to school rooms are limited. Kristine will call to find out more information about possibly doing an outdoor event in downtown Mundelein just outside of Tina G's.
- Mundelein Village is planning on proceeding with their summer concert series at Kracklauer Park and we will likely participate this summer.
- Shadows are still needed for Treasurer, Equipment Chair, Concert Band uniform chair and eventually for Hospitality.
- Several boosters volunteered to plan special recognition for the seniors

Directors Updates:

- Last year the Boosters purchased large carts for use during Marching Band season and they have come in very handy this year to move the drum sets back and forth between the multiple spaces that the band is using.
- Virtual band auditions have been going well. The students have been coming very well prepared.
- Maureen asked if any pictures will be taken of the band students this year. Large ensemble pictures will probably not be taken. If any seniors are interested in taking one last picture in their uniforms, both Maureen and Kristine are open to trying to pull out their uniforms for them.
- The percussion ensemble usually goes to the Elk Grove Festival in March of each year, and this year they will attend a virtual event.

Next Meeting: Thursday April 1, 2021 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:21pm