

MHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2020

Call to order: 7:02pm (Tonight's meeting held via Zoom due to COVID-19 school closure)

Present: Jim Hoferitza, President; Greg Shumski, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Kristine Asmussen and Maureen Casler, Uniform Chairs; Beth Ann Koenemann, Volunteer Coordinator; Yolonda Moenning, Hospitality Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 6 others. Total in attendance: 15

Past Events:

- We have been having guests speak to our students during e-learning and will continue to do so to keep the students engaged in creative ways. Guests have included MHS alumni who have given advice about auditioning and studying music in college
- We had two guests from the US Coast Guard band who spoke about preparing for auditions in general. The two guests were very well prepared and spoke to the students for the full hour and it was a great learning experience
- We have been using this e-learning time to have the students work on different skills and different aspects of their musicianship

Chair Updates:

- President: Jim Hoferitza (Claire Kasamis will be stepping up next year)
- 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 Luszczyk)
- Fundraising: OPEN
 - Scrip: Kristine Asmussen
 - Evening of Jazz: Maureen Casler, Beth Hoferitza, Dawn Schuhknecht (Shadows needed)
- Equipment: Rich Morris

President (Jim Hoferitza)

- Jim thanked Claire Kasamis for volunteering to step up for the President position

Treasurer (Greg Shumski)

- Bank balances as of 4/28/2020 Statements:
 - Boosters: \$25,386.23
 - Escrow: \$24,145.35
- Updates and Highlights:
 - General:
 - Pie Card Fundraiser – we still need a new one to replace this one
 - Boosters:
 - State of Illinois Tax Exemption renewal prepared and mailed
 - Annual Treasurer Audit Completed

- Senior escrow balance emails have gone out giving the seniors options to use, donate, or transfer their money to a sibling
- Escrow:
 - Senior class donations to boosters so far \$205.23

Uniforms - Marching

- Since we have not received a sample uniform yet, it is difficult to figure out any details. Normally we measure and assign uniforms during marching band camp, however, as of now the status of camp is unsure

Uniforms – Concert

- Collecting the uniforms and instruments may be a challenge, but we will follow the school given guidelines

Scripts (Kristine Asmussen)

- Purchases have definitely gone down, but we are still able to order all through the summer

Miscellaneous:

- Music Camp Scholarships – although emails were sent out with the form to apply, Mr. Sturgeon is planning on providing more information to families who may be interested
- We have a bit of food left over on the shelves at school that we may need to notify maintenance about
- Dine out event at Luigi's was successful and we are planning another one at Hitz next month
- Thanks to Kristine and Maureen for distributing Fanny May chocolates, all but one box has been passed out

Directors Updates:

- The directors are talking about a possible senior ceremony, but everything depends on what the school does in general about the school-wide senior events
- We had a request for a new commissioning, motion was made by Beth Ann and approved by boosters to provide \$500.
- The Jazz Ensemble has been invited to the 74th annual Midwest Clinic which is a big honor. Directors and musicians from around the world will be in attendance. Our band needs to book a guest artist to play with the band and a request has been put out for Wayne Bergeron, Trumpet. We are hoping to have our current seniors join as special guest artists with the JE in December. Once details are set, we may ask the boosters to help pay for some of the cost of bringing in our guest artist.
- As a consolation and celebration for our superstate selection, t-shirts have been made for the HWE students and Mr. Shelato will be personally delivering the shirts next week ahead of our special listening party we will have to review the music that was submitted and selected.

From the President

Parting words of thanks from Jim Hoferitza. Although it's not the end of year we would have expected, thanks to all parents of seniors and all other boosters members for making this school year a special one.

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm