

**MHS Band Booster Meeting**  
**November 7, 2019**

**Call to order:** 7:05pm

**Present:** Jim Hoferitza, President; Greg Shumski, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Yolonda Moenning and Lynn Owens, Hospitality Chairs; Kristine Asmussen, Uniform Chair; Rich Morris, Equipment Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; and plus 12 others. Total in attendance: 21

**Past Events:**

- Robert Morris Band Festival – preparations for food went well. We may use Photos for the food in the future. Cost per student: \$3.
- We had a new sound system at the Indoor Marching Band concert
- Senior Night – thanks to the Boosters for providing bandanas
- Jazz Concert with Kim Nazarian went very well. Kim worked well with the students and had high expectations for them. Kim showed a high level of professionalism and was a great example for the students. The students also enjoyed playing with the Lake Zurich Jazz band. We had plenty of food – maybe order ½ the amount next time. The food was ordered from Hitz for the first time, and they did an outstanding job. Rich suggested that Hitz should be given a free ad space because of their high level of service they provided. Although we had volunteers to bring dessert, we did not have enough and we had to buy some that night.

**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):**

- We need a shadow for president and several other positions, please speak with Jim if you have any questions or are interested in stepping up.

**Treasurer (Greg Shumski):**

- Bank balances as of 10/31/19 Statements:
  - Boosters: \$26,748.67
  - Escrow: \$14,593.35
- Updates and Highlights:

- Escrow: Scrip Deposits for October totaled \$311.15 (We sold \$3,535 in SEPT and \$3,955 in OCT face value gift cards)
- Amazon Smile: Promotional Mailing – learned that he does not have access to the Smile Account. Working with Amazon to re-enable access
- Other:
  - Federal Tax Return Requirements to maintain tax exempt status
  - Thanks to Beth Hoferitza for her service as Secretary (retired) for the Band Boosters. Welcome Serena!

**Uniforms (Dawn Schuhknecht - Not Present, Kristine Asmussen, Maureen Casler):**

- All girls concert uniforms are finished minus one which is brand new and still needs to be fitted
- New hangers were ordered for the dresses and tuxes
- New tux bags do not have pockets in the back for ties. Students will need to be reminded to place items inside the jacket pockets instead
- Next week we will do the fittings for the boys

**Hospitality (Yolonda Moenning, Lynn Owens):**

- Treat schedule for concerts: (Andy will send out emails prior to each concert)
  - December 10: HSW, SB
  - February 20: HWE
  - March 11: SB, HWE
  - April 30: CB, HSW

Treats do not need to be sweet, as long as they do not need to be refrigerated

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade All Stars concert – food needed for approx. 112 students plus a few MHS student volunteers

**Volunteering (Beth Anne Koenemann – Not Present):**

- She will be at MHS next Monday with the first set of pie cards. During the pie card fundraising season she will try to be out each Monday and Friday.
- Fruit sales – we may need volunteers to help when fruit arrives
- Can we have approval to give away two free pie cards to the top two winners - \$23 (for both cards, at cost)? This was approved by the Boosters.
- Confirmation needed for 80/20 (Boosters/Student) payout for pie cards and fruit sales. Confirmed by the Boosters to keep this ratio.
- Information requested about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade All Stars concert to determine what time volunteers will be needed. 5:30pm will be the dinner break, with the concert starting at 7pm. It was decided that we will provide cookies, chips and fruit (approx. cost \$180) in addition to pizza.

**Equipment (Rich Morris):**

- We had lots of volunteers during Marching season, which was great
- Rich is requesting the Boosters purchase 2 rolling water coolers with 36 bottles. He will price them out and present at the next Boosters meeting.
- It was suggested that we consider buying Costco sized coolers for water for warm weather days
- Boosters are considering purchasing plaques for the ladders. Jack Sikora will find out the price for a large plaque. We may need 2-3 smaller plaques for the side ladders.

**Directors Updates:**

- Last month we had Dave Morrison as a guest clinician for the marching band and he introduced the dance movement element and the kids were receptive to his suggestions to try new things. He helped to improve the show overall in just one rehearsal. The kids enjoyed performing the show with the new elements.
- The clinic for the Jazz Ensemble also went well. Students had sectionals. Students gave feedback afterwards and indicated that they would like to have another clinic and that they wished it was longer.
- Emails went out Tuesday inviting bands to participate in Jazz Invitational and so far 29 bands have registered. Last year we had 42 bands; this year the date conflicts with a couple of other band events, so we may not have as many.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade band concert will be this Thursday. We anticipate approximately 112 8<sup>th</sup> graders will participate. HWE and CB will play about ten minutes each.
- The HWE played at the Veterans Day Assembly. It was great to see the veterans being honored by all in attendance. Channel 5 had a short video clip of the Drum Line entering and then the Veterans entering.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Color guards did a great job during Marching Band Season
- Gifts were presented to the directors from Tie Mart

**Upcoming Events**

11/9 ILMEA Senior Band/Orchestra/Choir Festival

11/10 Jazz Ensemble at Dirty Nellies

11/14 8<sup>th</sup> grade All Star Concert with HWE and CB

11/23 ILMEA Jazz Festival

11/25 Concerto Competition

**Next Booster Meeting will be Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:01pm**