

MHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2021

Call to order: 7:02pm

(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, Concert Band Uniform Chair; Edgar Rodriguez, Volunteer Coordinator; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 5 others. Total in attendance: 14.

Past Events:

- 8th grade All Star Event - the leadership team had a great time interacting with the 8th graders. There were not as many parent questions as we had anticipated.
- Hybrid Learning at MHS - the students are back in school under the hybrid model but those who are in person are not able to play their instruments yet, so it is challenging for them.
- The Purdue Jazz Festival was held virtually this year. They offered an opportunity for schools to watch professionals perform and there were master classes available. We were able to submit a recording from last year's performance and received adjudication and feedback.
- New Trier High School will also be holding their festival virtually. They will allow one of our students to "participate" via zoom.

Board/Chair Reports:

Treasurer (Greg Shumski):

- Bank balances as of 1/31/2021 statement:
 - Boosters: \$26,607.65
 - Escrow: \$21,193.43
- Updates and Highlights:
 - Proceeds received from Area Coffee Dine out event (\$50.00)
 - We are still waiting for proceeds from Emils and Tony Cannoli
- Scrips Deposit for January \$125.65

Fundraising (Nicole Knight, not present, update by Claire):

- Tony Cannoli profit was \$154.88 (this includes a generous donation by Tony because he matched our profit and doubled our actual profit)
- We will start our annual Fannie May fundraiser on February 17th once we receive the order forms from the vendor. It will be a traditional paper form fundraiser.
- Our next dine out event will be Monday 2/22 at Tina G's.
- Scrips (Kristine): More and more people seem to be using the electronic gift card or ship to home option, so we have not received any physical cards this month.

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

- Our big marching uniform project was to get the parkas out of their boxes and into the stage back room for storage. We will store the extra parkas in D02 and only store the sized parkas back stage eventually.
- We are trying to coordinate with Choir about continued efforts to organize D02.
- All old uniforms and accessories have been boxed for sale/donation. All new uniforms will be stored off site until we have a need for them.
- Uniform chairs have suggested that even if we do have an adjusted marching band/concert band season, we do not size any of the students because it would be more effort than it's worth for the abbreviated seasons. We can start anew for next year, hopefully during band camp in the summer (Marching band) and then in the fall for concert band. Maureen has offered her help in the fall for next season to make the transition smoother.

Points of Interest:

- Shadows are still needed for Treasurer, Equipment Chair, Concert Band uniform chair and eventually for Hospitality.

Directors Updates:

- Our next event will be the Solo/Etude Festival on February 18. Every student in an honors band as well as any other interested students will participate. Each student will be allotted 15 minutes, 3-5 minutes for their etude and then the remaining time will be an opportunity for a brief lesson with the adjudicator. We have asked our lesson teachers to participate to give students exposure to them and also to allow some students to have a lesson with a private lesson teacher that they may not normally take lessons with. We are considering asking for parent volunteers to be room monitors. Roughly 100 students will participate.
- Band auditions are coming up early March and will be conducted virtually.

Next Meeting: March 4, 2021 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:58pm