

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Present: Jen Vincent, President; Yvonne Buisson, Secretary; Wendy McMurray, Treasurer; Heidi Gorsica and Jen Olorvida, Hospitality Chairs; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Sara Roberts and Kara Nuzzo, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Marie Vesely, Concert Band Uniform Chair; Chris Page, Fundraiser Chair; Silvia Benassi, Volunteer Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 8 others. Total in attendance: 21.

Past Events: Marchers performed well in the first game; Freshmen were very excited to experience it. Jazz Ensemble performance was well received; faculty's reaction to performance is always nice to see.

- 9/1 – Football Game – Senior Night
- 9/6 – Jazz Ensemble Staff Performance

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Wendy McMurray)

- Balances, as of 9/7/23:
 - Escrow: \$11,184.25
 - Boosters: \$40,719.37

Hospitality (Heidi Gorsica & Jennifer Olorvida)

- Ready for the upcoming events (Homecoming, Grayslake Marching Festival, Community Night)

Equipment (Jennifer Jenkins)

- In good shape for upcoming events

Marching Band Uniforms (Sara Roberts & Kara Nuzzo)

- Thank you to all the parents that helped out after the first football game!
- Seeking more parent volunteers for Grayslake Marching Festival for pluming

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- Concert band uniforms will be needed on 12/6

Fundraising (Chris Page)

- 9/11 – 9/25 Lou Malnati's fundraiser; cards will be ready for distribution in Oct
- 11/10 -11/27 Butter Braids sale – will be ready for pick up on 12/2
- 10% of RaiseRight goes to students' escrow accounts
- 25% of all remaining fundraisers (e.g. Lou Malnati's, Butter Braids, etc) go to students' escrow accounts

Volunteers (Silvia Benassi)

- Reach out to Silvia for any needs; texting Silvia will garner the quickest response

Shadows Needed (report given by Jen Vincent)

- Band Booster President – 2-year position
- Evening of Jazz Chair
 - In the Booster meeting, there was conversation about what this event should entail going forward. Previously, this event was held in the MHS gymnasium or cafeteria. In the last few years, it was moved to Doubletree, included meals, and required an increased level of planning and preparation

- It was discussed that going forward, to consider having a team to help the EOJ chair organize this event (example: 1 committee lead the marketing for the event, 1 committee to handle procurement, and 1 committee to handle all day-of responsibilities)
- There was a suggestion to consider getting the students involved with preparation
- Next Steps: keep thinking of ideas, will have a separate meeting to discuss EOJ, to be attended by those who are interested in participating with the planning and preparation of the event

Directors' Updates (Jerry Shelato & Andy Sturgeon)

- Interesting marching season this year in that there are 3 consecutive weeks of football games & marching performances, then no marching performances until mid-Oct, which will be the last performance
- Looking forward to having a guest at the marching band's 9/13 rehearsal

Upcoming Dates:

- **Sun, Sept 10: All day, Grayslake North HS** – Grayslake Marching Festival
- **Thur, Sept 14:** Home Football Game – Community Night
- **Sun, Oct 8: 6:00 pm, Nellie's** – Mundelein Jazz Ensemble (Honors Jazz Ensemble)
- **Sat, Oct 14: All day, Naperville Central HS** – Naperville Central Marching Classic (all Marching Mustangs)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43 pm

Next Meeting: Thur, Oct 5, 2023