

## **MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes**

### **Thursday, October 5, 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 6 others. Total in attendance: 19.

**Past Events:** Recommend bringing an increased supply of cups to Grayslake Marching Festival

- 9/8 – Homecoming Parade
- 9/8 – Home Football Game – Homecoming
- 9/10 – Grayslake Marching Festival
- 9/14 – Home Football Game – Community Night

#### **Chair Updates**

**Treasurer** (Wendy McMurray)

- Balances, as of 10/4/23:
  - Escrow: \$11,939.92
  - Boosters: \$38,445.92

**Hospitality** (Heidi Gorsica & Jennifer Olorvida)

- U of I Marching Band Festival – Snacks will be provided for the bus ride and students are encouraged to bring their own to supplement. Jimmy Johns sandwiches will be served by Band Boosters at U of I, before the marchers' performance
- Will take on meal planning for joint band concert at Stevenson HS

**Equipment** (Jennifer Jenkins)

- 10/13 Home Game – no front bleachers for marchers will be needed due to change in location
- U of I Marching Band Festival – could use few more to help with Equipment; bus chaperone spots are almost full

**Marching Band Uniforms** (Sara Roberts & Kara Nuzzo)

- Reminder for students to bring their black socks; have no extra to hand out
- Uniforms will be brought to storage on Monday after U of I Marching Band Festival (reminder to keep personal belongings out of the Marching Band uniform garment bags)
- Planning to launder uniforms in November or December

**Concert Band Uniforms** (Marie Vesely)

- Seeking a co-chair replacement for Jen LaCroix
- Seeking volunteers to help Marie prepare for concert band season by ensuring that all students have a uniform

**Fundraising** (Chris Page)

- Lou Malnati's fundraiser - 671 cards sold; \$2,516 went to students' escrow accounts, \$839 allocated to Band Boosters. Cards should be handed out w/c 10/8
- 11/10 -11/27 Butter Braids sale – will be ready for pick up on 12/2
- RaiseRight – if planning on purchasing physical gift cards to use for holiday gifts, orders should be placed in November and cards will be passed out at December's Band Booster meeting
- Trying to get some dine outs lined up

**Volunteers** (Silvia Benassi)

- No updates

**Shadows Needed** (report given by Jen Vincent)

- Band Booster President – 2-year position
- Evening of Jazz Chair (some volunteered to be on the committee, looking for a lead)

**Directors' Updates** (Jerry Shelato & Andy Sturgeon)

- Parent hoodies are in the process of being distributed; a few extra are available for anyone interested
- Clinicians came to work with jazz and concert bands. Concert band clinician takes invested approach and provides continuous feedback to add spice to the show. Jazz bands clinician provided very specific feedback to help students enhance their performance. Clinicians are a great experience for directors and students.
- Special thanks to Marie Vesely for all her time and efforts to get the show choir and band concert uniforms ready!!
- Special thanks to those who helped with getting additional UHaul drivers for Grayslake Marching Band Festival and future events!

**Upcoming Dates:**

- **Sun, Oct 8: 6:00 pm, Nellie's** – Mundelein Jazz Ensemble performs
- **Fri, Oct 13:** Home Football Game
- **Sat, Oct 14:** All day, U of I Marching Band Festival
- **Mon, Oct 23:** Jazz Ensemble at Jazz Showcase in Chicago
- **Thur, Oct 26:** Jazz Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble Visit with Marques Carroll – Rehearsal
- **Thur, Nov 2:** Fall Jazz Concert with Marques Carroll and Stevenson HS

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:37 pm**

**Next Meeting: Thur, Oct 5, 2023**