

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Call to Order: 7:09 pm

Present: Jen Vincent, President; Yvonne Buisson, Secretary; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Sara Roberts and Kara Nuzzo, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Marie Vesely, Concert Band Uniform Chair; Chris Page and Heather Song, Fundraiser Chairs; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 6 others. Total in attendance: 16.

Past Events:

- Fall Jazz Concert with Marques Carroll and Stevenson HS – Marques Carroll seemed to really relate to the students and vice versa.
- ILMEA Senior Festival – 9 MHS band students participated in this all-day event at Glenbrook South and wrapped up with a performance (in collaboration with other participating schools).
- Concerto Competition – Congratulations to winner Stella Moon and runner-up Shawn Mastandrea
- HJE Performance at Triple-I Conference – This year was MHS's first attendance; the participating MHS students had a great performance and were treated to new/different amenities, making it a very positive experience for the students.
- Twelve MHS band students participated in ILMEA Jazz Festival
- Jazz Ensemble has been getting together with Hersey HS Band to prep for their collaborative performance at IMEC
- UW Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble visited MHS and did sections with Jazz Orchestra as well as side-by-side clinic for Jazz Ensemble. Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble followed the working sessions up with a performance for the MHS student body.
- Shoutout to the Choir students for calling Noise up on stage and highlighting
- A suggestion was made to have house lights turned on in between set changes in MHS Auditorium to allow attendees to read program, etc

Chair Updates

Treasurer (report given by Jen Vincent)

- Balances, as of 11/23:
 - Escrow: \$15,361.53
 - Boosters: \$36,064.75

Hospitality (report given by Jen Vincent)

- Planning on providing Jimano's Pizza for the upcoming HJE; requested head count from band directors

Equipment (Jennifer Jenkins)

- Taking advantage of down time to check equipment in advance of 2024 marching band season

Marching Band Uniforms (Sara Roberts & Kara Nuzzo)

- Nothing to report

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- Returning to school on Mon, 12/11 to fix uniforms as needed

Fundraising (Chris Page & Heather Song)

- Jimano's dine out brought in a profit of \$235. Butter Braids had participation from 28 students, yielding \$3,808 in total sales and approximately \$1,500 in profit. Luke's dine out brought in a profit of \$175.
- Upcoming Dine Outs:
 - 2/6 – Chipotle
 - Possibly Topsy O'Brian's in Jan
- RaiseRight – Brought up the idea of delaying the Dec gift card order submission to a mid-Dec deadline for 2024. The impact of this is to give people more time to think about what gift cards they need to purchase. Many in agreement and this will go in effect for 2024.

Volunteers (Sylvia B)

- All Star Concert – will work with Hospitality to see if volunteers are needed
- Jazz Invitational – planning to send out the volunteer sign up in Feb 2024

Jazz Invitational (Yvonne Buisson)

- All roles have been filled with the exception of Auditorium emcee (Mr. Sturgeon to search for this person) and the Treasurer Assistant (Yvonne to search for this person)
- 54 ensembles have signed up (full capacity with some on a waiting list)

Evening of Jazz (Kristine Asmussen)

- Seeking volunteers for 3 committees
- Venue was a topic of discussion; landed on having the event in the MHS gymnasium
- Suggestions:
 - Have a raffle and fewer silent auction items
 - Ensure that Treasurer is present to check out to purchase the silent auction items
 - Have silent auction winners to take a selfie of them enjoying their prize (to help promote in future years)
 - Send a survey to parents/students to see what items would be of interest to include in auction
- Band directors to verify the guidelines regarding food donations

New/Current Events (report given by Jen Vincent)

- Serena Moon voted in to be Band Booster President starting with Fall 2024 school year

Directors' Updates (Jerry Shelato & Andy Sturgeon)

- It's been a pleasure to have Mr. Mesa with the band this year; best wishes to him when he joins West Oak Middle School's band
- Come to Holiday concert next week
- HWE performing at next week's faculty meeting

Upcoming Dates:

- Mon, Dec 11: HJE rehearsal with John Hersey HS
- Wed, Dec 13: HWE performs at MHS Faculty Meeting
- Thur, Dec 14, 7 pm: Band/Choir Holiday Concert
- Fri, Dec 15: HJE rehearsal with John Hersey HS
- Fri, Dec 15: HJE rehearsal with composer Michele Fernandez
- Wed, Jan 10, 7 pm: 8th Grade All Star Concert

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 pm

Next Meeting: Thur, Jan 11, 2024