

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Present: Jen Vincent, President; Aviva Mastandrea, (acting) Secretary; Heidi Gorsica and Jen Olorvida, Hospitality Chairs; Sara Roberts, Kristine Asmussen & Kara Nuzzo, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Marie Vesely, Concert Band Uniform Chair; Heather Song, Fundraiser Chair; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Sylvia Benassi, Volunteer Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 16 others. Total in attendance: 29.

Past Events:

- Marching Band Camp – students were awesome, great progress!
 - Thank you to the “snack people” – it ran so smoothly and was appreciated! (Heidi Gorsica)
 - Lots of growth and development at all levels during camp. (Sturgeon)
 - Parent marching opportunity at band camp performance was a hit! Great for kids and adults alike.
- Boosters sponsored 4 drum majors to go to the leadership camp. It was helpful for them to learn their roles– they returned energized and excited for the season!
 - Stephanie Aquino- won the Golden Whistle leadership award

Individual introductions made around the room

Chair Updates

Treasurer (delivered by Jen Vincent for Wendy McMurray)

- Balances:
 - Escrow: \$ 11,184.25
 - Boosters: \$42,711.73
 - Checkbook: \$40,314.73 (some checks outstanding)
- Explained how Boosters support the department, & where the money comes from/goes to
- Happy to report that graduating 2022-23 Seniors spent most of their escrow. Roughly \$800 transferred to Booster General Fund
- Total Income after expenses for 8/2022-8/2023: \$12,190.93

Hospitality (Heidi Gorsica & Jennifer Olorvida)

- TY to everyone for their donations and help for band camp snacks! We had over 6,000 snacks
- 3 major donation events coming in September
 - Homecoming Cookout Sept 8
 - Grayslake Marching Festival Sept 10
 - Community night FB game Sept 14

Equipment (Jen Jenkins)

- Two excellent moving pieces built by Steve Mastandrea, Jen Jenkins, and Dave Buisson
- Three categories of help posted for game nights – Ladders, Pit, and Hydration team. See the Sign-Up Genius link.
- Needs a shadow to take over in 2024

Marching Band Uniforms (Kristine Asmussen & Sara Roberts)

- Fittings went very smoothly thanks to a great volunteer crew and prep
- Need volunteers before, during, and after games. Watch for sign-ups for both that and festivals
- Looking for a shadow to take over for Sara Roberts in 2024-2025
- Drillmasters should arrive next week. Organizing Monday Aug 21 @10am will be appreciated! (Andy Sturgeon)

Concert Band Uniforms (Jennifer LaCroix & Marie Vesely)

- Doing advanced preparations before fittings. Hopefully scheduling them by mid-October

Fundraising (Heather Song)

- Gave overview of fundraising nights
- Would like to plan dine out monthly - let Heather know of restaurants that may want to participate
- Lou Malnati's, Butterbraids, and Fannie May fundraisers are planned again this year.
- Band Magnets/Vinyl stickers for car being priced as fundraiser idea. Aviva will follow up on this
- Raise Right encouraged for easily building escrow accounts

Volunteers (Silvia Benassi)

- Updating website for Sign Up
- Clarifying descriptions for time commitments
- Let Silvia know by text if you need volunteers for any band events

Points of Interest

- Band parent store will be available soon, and will be open for approximately 2 weeks
- Shadows needed for Equipment Chair (Jen Jenkins) and President (Jen Vincent)

Directors' Updates (Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato)

- Jazz Ensemble concert at Nellie's Sunday evening in Sept 6pm
- Jazz Ensemble at Jazz Showcase Mon Oct 23
- Fall Jazz concert will be **Nov 2nd** (**not** Nov 1 as previously announced)
- New drill writer this year; directors are happy with the change
- Shared the drill video
- Hoodie order will be entered next week

Upcoming Dates:

- **Friday September 1st, 2023** – Football Game – Senior Night
- **Friday, September 8th** – Homecoming Parade
- **Friday, September 8th** – Home Football Game/Homecoming
- **Sunday, September 10th** – Grayslake Marching Festival
- **Thursday, September 14th** - Home Football Game – Community Night

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, Sept 7, 2023