

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Jan 11, 2024

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Present: Jen Vincent, President; Yvonne Buisson, Secretary; Wendy McMurray, Treasurer; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Sara Roberts and Kristine Asmussen, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Marie Vesely, Concert Band Uniform Chair; Heather Song, Fundraiser Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 7 others. Total in attendance: 17.

Past Events: December was a busy month and looking forward to another busy month in Jan

- 12/11 – HJE rehearsal with John Hersey HS
- 12/13 – HWE performs at MHS Faculty Meeting
- 12/14 – Band/Choir Holiday Concert
- 12/15 – HJE rehearsal with John Hersey HS
- 12/15 – HJE rehearsal with composer Michele Fernandez
- 1/10 – 8th Grade All Star Concert

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Wendy McMurray)

- A review of spending confirms that 2023 spending was in line with previous years' spending
- Balances, as of 11/23:
 - Escrow: \$16,524.83
 - Boosters: \$35,466.73

Hospitality (report given by Jen Vincent)

- Nothing to report from Hospitality
- Band directors seeking Hospitality's help for Honors Band Clinic Night (HSE & HWE) on 2/5; discussed Little Joey's

Equipment (Jennifer Jenkins)

- Started work on a list of repairs; Band Directors to let Jennifer know if anything else is needed

Marching Band Uniforms (Sara Roberts & Kristine Asmussen)

- Nothing to report; uniforms are off-site

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- Plan on working with Band Directors to determine best time to come back in to make necessary adjustments to uniforms

Fundraising (Heather Song)

- Coming soon:
 - 1/22 – Fannie May
 - 2/6 – Chipotle Dine-out

Volunteers (report given by Jen Vincent)

- Nothing to report

Topics of Interest:

Connecting with Incoming Freshman Parents (Serena Moon) - Booster reps to set up at final 8th grade concerts at each feeder school to share info and answer parents'/students' questions about MHS band

Jazz Invitational (Yvonne Buisson) – Wendy has sent emails regarding advertisements for the program; majority of activity will kick off in Feb

Evening of Jazz (Kristine Asmussen)

- Plans so far:
 - Will seek food donations (appetizers & desserts primarily)
 - Silent auction and live auction
- Suggestion was made to consider having committee chairs similar to Invitational

Directors' Updates (Jerry Shelato & Andy Sturgeon)

- Request for \$700 for IMEC swag and food was approved by Band Booster
- 1/22 – HJE's collaboration with John Hersey HS Band will be performed in Vernon Hills at 7 pm; anyone is welcome to attend
- Select students will be competing in All-State Festival at the end of Jan
- Excited for select bands to perform with the Chicago Brass Band on 2/15

Upcoming Dates:

- 1/15: HJE IMEC rehearsal with John Hersey HS
- 1/16: Jazz Combo rehearsal
- 1/17, 7 pm: Winter Jazz Concert
- 1/19-1/20: Purdue Jazz Festival – HJE and JO
- 1/22: MHS HJE and Hersey HS Jazz Ensemble IMEC Preview
- 1/26: HJE Performance at IMEC
- 1/27: Noise at Sauk Prairie Show Choir Competition

Meeting Adjourned: 7:36 pm

Next Meeting: Thur, 2/1/24