

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Mar 7, 2024

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Present: Jen Vincent, President; Yvonne Buisson, Secretary; Wendy McMurray, Treasurer; Jennifer Jenkins, Equipment Chair; Sara Roberts and Kara Nuzzo, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Silvia Benassi, Volunteer Coordinator; Heather Song, Fundraising Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 7 others. Total in attendance: 17.

Past Events: Great events. Congrats to Noise on winning 1st place at 2 show choir competition events! Continued collaboration with other schools (Oswego in this case); this was a neat event.

- 2/5: Clinic Night with Dave Morrison
- 2/10: Noise at Fort Atkinson Show Choir Competition
- 2/15: Honors Band Concert w/ Chicago Brass Band
- 2/16-2/18: Noise at Great River Show Choir Competition
- 2/21: Jazz Ensemble Combined Event with Oswego HS
- 2/23-2/25: Western Dubuque Show Choir Competition
- 3/2: Elk Grove Percussion Festival
- 3/6: HWE and Jazz Combo Joint Band Concert at Stevenson HS
- 3/7: Noise at Winter Choir Concert

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Wendy McMurray)

- Balances, as of 3/7/24:
 - Escrow: \$15,378.83
 - Boosters: \$33,066.72

Hospitality (report given by Jen Vincent)

- Seeking 2 shadows for 2024-2025 school year

Equipment (Jennifer Jenkins)

- Nothing to report

Marching Band Uniforms (Sara Roberts & Kara Nuzzo)

- Seeking 1 shadow

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- Nothing to report

Fundraising (Heather Song)

- Fannie May – 27 participants. Earned \$2,190 for student escrows and \$737 for band boosters
- Chipotle Dine-out – Yielded \$132.50

Volunteers (Silvia Benassi)

- Looking for more volunteers to sign up for Invitational

Topics of Interest:

Shadows for 2024-2025 school year:

- Seeking 1 parent to fill Marching Band Uniform chair position, to start in May
- Seeking 2 parents to fill Hospitality chair positions, to start in early July

Middle School Concert Visits (Serena Moon) – Successful; approached by some students who showed interest in Band Boosters; a suggestion was made to have Boosters be present at New Marcher Meeting to highlight participation.

Jazz Invitational (Yvonne Buisson) – meeting held afterward

Evening of Jazz (Kristine Asmussen)

- Sent out sponsorship letters
- Food will be catered

Directors' Updates (Jerry Shelato & Andy Sturgeon)

Several universities have reached out to see if jazz faculties would be welcome to work with Jazz Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble and this will be happening on Tue 3/12, during class. Drumline went to Mechanics Grove to do an assembly and it was well-received by the Mechanics Grove students. Bringing some HWE students to Washington School on Fri to show instruments to the Elementary School kids

Upcoming Dates:

- 3/9: Mundelein Jazz Invitational
- 3/21: Winter Band Concert

Meeting Adjourned: 7:22 pm

Next Meeting: Thur, 4/4/24