

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Aug 15, 2024

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Present: Serena Moon, President; Yvonne Buisson, Secretary; Wendy McMurray, Treasurer; Heidi Gorsica and Liz Konczal, Hospitality Chairs; Jaimie Patel and Dave Buisson, Equipment Chairs; Sara Roberts and Erica Garrelts, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Silvia Benassi, Volunteer Coordinator; Marie Vesely, Concert Uniform Chairperson; Chris Page and Heather Song, Fundraising Chairs; Jerry Shelato, Band Director; plus 8 others. Total in attendance: 22.

Past Events:

- Band Camps – positive feedback regarding the various camps that drum majors and band students attended over the summer

Chair Updates

Secretary (Yvonne Buisson) – distributed copies of the updated Booster By-laws; to be voted on at Sept 5 Band Booster meeting

Treasurer (Wendy McMurray)

- Balances, as of 8/1/24:
 - Escrow: \$17,839.05
 - Boosters: \$32,618.23

Hospitality (Heidi Gorsica & Liz Konczal)

- Band camp was a success; a big thank you to the generous parents for donating snacks
- Discussed Wheeling event 9/14 – sign up is ready to go and will send to directors
- Community Night – do pizza for the 8th graders; will ask for volunteers
- Planning for homecoming is in the works; will ask for donations and volunteers

Equipment (Jaimie Patel & Dave Buisson)

- Discussed timing to start moving equipment on to the field on home game nights
- Senior Night – to have the volunteers start earlier than usual
- Seeking volunteers to help move equipment on home game nights; job descriptions are located on the Band Booster drive; Silvia to send the descriptions to Jaimie & Dave
- Key fob works
- Have 1 volunteer to drive truck to Wheeling and UIUC; seeking 1 more

Marching Band Uniforms (Sara Roberts & Erica Garrelts)

- Developed and implemented a new process which resulted in nearly all students fitted for uniforms before start of school year; 3 left to fit; expecting to have everyone fitted the week of 8/19
- Seeking volunteers for game days
- Need 6 passes to use throughout the season; to obtain from Equipment Chairs

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- Will be meeting with Mr Sturgeon and Mrs Thompson the week of 8/19 to assess all the uniforms
- Seeking volunteers to help before mid-Sept to:
 - Assemble bags and verify fit for returning students before their first concert in Oct
 - Fit new choir students before early Oct
- HWE Band Students need to have their uniforms ready before Nov 20 for a collaboration with UIUC band

Fundraising (Heather Song & Chris Page)

- Tina G's dine out on Aug 5 yielded \$450 for the Band Booster
- Considering Culver's dine out which requires 2 adult volunteers per shift; 20% goes towards Booster program
- Lou Malnati's fundraiser will initiate in late Sept
- RaiseRight – Heather reminded everyone of the benefits, ease of use, and ways to optimize usage

Volunteers (Silvia Benassi)

- Hospitality, Equipment Chairs, and Marching Uniform Chairs to wend the volunteer sign-ups to Silvia when they're available

Points of Interest:

- Spring Break Trip Info – working to schedule an info meeting by end of Sept
- Anticipated Board/Chair openings for next year:
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Hospitality
 - Fundraising/RaiseRight
 - Volunteer
 - Jazz Invitational
 - Evening of Jazz Coordinator

Directors' Updates (Jerry Shelato)

- HWE to perform with Illini band on Wed, Nov 20
- Dr Myers – to come to Band Booster meeting on Sept 5 re referendum
- Shared a sneak peek of drill writer's piece for 2024 marching band season

Upcoming Events:

- Fri, Aug 30 – First Home Football Game, also Senior Night
- Sat, Sept 14 – Chicagoland Marching Band Festival (Wheeling, IL)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:24 PM

Next Meeting: Thur, Sep 5, 2024