

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Oct 10, 2024

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Present: Serena Moon, President; Yvonne Buisson, Secretary; Wendy McMurray, Treasurer; Jen Olorvida and Heidi Gorsica, Hospitality Chairs; Jaimie Patel and Dave Buisson, Equipment Chairs; Kara Nuzzo and Erica Garrelts, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Silvia Benassi, Volunteer Coordinator; Marie Vesely, Concert Uniform Chairperson; Chris Page and Heather Song, Fundraising Chairs; Andy Sturgeon, Band Director; plus 5 others.
Total in attendance: 18.

Past Events:

- **Saturday, September 14** - Chicagoland Marching Band Festival (Wheeling, IL)
- **Friday, September 20** - Home Football Game/Community Night
- **Friday, September 27** - Homecoming parade/cookout/ football game
- **Friday, October 4** - Home football game

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Wendy McMurray)

- Balances, as of 9/4/24:
 - Escrow: \$21,539.94
 - Boosters: \$29,974.29
- Lou Malnati's fundraiser resulted in \$3,042 raised

Hospitality (Jen Olorvida & Heidi Gorsica)

- Discussed Marching Band Festival at UIUC – will be offering pizza to students at MHS, prior to departure. Snacks will be available on the busses and students are welcome to bring their own snacks as well. Talked about what adjustments can be made in future years so that students have the chance to consume a meal prior to the competition.

Equipment (Jaimie Patel & Dave Buisson)

- Seeking more volunteers to help move equipment at Marching Band Festival (UIUC). Equipment will be loaded the morning of the festival.

Marching Band Uniforms (Kara Nuzzo & Erica Garrelts)

- Plan to spray plumes to eliminate odor, will do this the night before the Marching Band Festival.

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- All of HWE and HSW students have been fitted
- Searching for volunteers to help make alterations/hem

Fundraising (Heather Song & Chris Page)

- Panda Express dineout - raised \$83
- Lou Malnati's – sold 676 cards, raised \$3,042; cards will be distributed to students approx end of Nov
- Will investigate the possibility of rescheduling the Culver's dineout so that students can participate

Volunteers (Silvia Benassi)

- No updates

Points of Interest:

- Anticipated Board/Chair openings for next year:
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Hospitality
 - Fundraising/RaiseRight
 - Volunteer
 - Jazz Invitational
 - Evening of Jazz Coordinator (needed for Spring 2025)
- Spring Break Trip:
 - 100 students signed up, 8 chaperones – seeking 2 more chaperones (must be age 21+)

Directors' Updates (Andy Sturgeon & Jerry Shelato)

- Cuban musicians came to share culture & musical upbringing; masterclasses were held throughout the day. Much engagement from band and non-band students.

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, October 13** - Jazz Ensemble Performance at Nellie's
- **Tuesday, October 22** - Last evening marching band rehearsal (6:30pm Boosters @ Crossroads)
- **Friday, October 25** - Last Home Football game
- **Saturday, October 26** - Illinois Marching Band Championships, Champaign, IL

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38 PM

Next Meeting: Thur, Nov 7, 2024