

MHS Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 6, 2024

Call to Order: 6:17 PM (Adjusted Time)

Present: Serena Moon, President; Jen Knop, Secretary Shadow; Wendy McMurray, Treasurer; Liz Konczal, Hospitality Chair; Jaimie Patel and Dave Buisson, Equipment Chairs; Sara Robert, Erica Garrelts, and Kara Nuzzo, Marching Band Uniform Chairs; Marie Vesely, Concert Uniform Chair; Chris Page, Fundraising Chair; Silvia Benassi, Volunteer Coordinator; Andy Sturgeon, Band Director; plus 3 others. Total in attendance: 15.

Past Events:

- **Saturday, Feb 8, Feb 15-16, Mar 1-2:** Noise Show Choir Competitions
- **Saturday, Feb 8:** Vandercook Percussion Festival
- **Thursday, Feb 13:** Honors Band Concert
- **Monday, Mar 3:** HJE at Jazz Showcase with Bob Lark Jazz Septet
 - Great event, even though it's a late night.
- **Tuesday, Mar 4:** Placement Auditions for MHS Bands
 - Format worked well from band director side; easier to manage the 150 students that auditioned
 - Judges were all high school band directors. Anyone unable to audition on Tuesday submitted recordings for those directors to review.
 - Judges' notes are available now. Eighth graders may email for results.
 - Results should be posted before Spring Break.

Chair Updates

Treasurer (Wendy McMurray)

- Bank Balances, as of 3/3/25:
 - Escrow: \$12,903.57
 - Boosters: \$24,218.81

Hospitality (Liz Konczal)

- Melanie Ferrin will be taking over as co-chair starting in 2025-2026 school year
- Melanie is encouraged to attend the May meeting

Equipment (Jaimie Patel)

- Nothing to report - may have some equipment changes for next year (i.e. mics and carts)

Marching Band Uniforms (Kara Nuzzo)

- Nothing to report

Concert Band Uniforms (Marie Vesely)

- Nothing to report

Fundraising (Heather Song)

- Upcoming Events:
 - **Mar 18:** Jimano's dine-out, 4-8 pm
 - **Mar 4-Apr 14:** Tastefully Simple online event
 - Host reward items will go toward raffle basket(s) for Evening of Jazz
 - Share the link as items ship directly to buyers

Volunteers (Silvia Benassi)

- Lots of spots still open for Saturday
 - Hallway Monitors are a big need

Evening of Jazz (Liz Konczal)

- Current needs are auction items and sponsors
 - Each band and the Boosters committee will contribute an auction basket
 - Would love more “experience” type items
- Lorraine is working on posters

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, Mar 8:** Jazz Invitational
- **Mon/Tues, Mar 10-11-12:** Jazz Auditions
 - Mr. Shelato’s long-term sub will handle some of the auditions
- **Thursday, Mar 13:** March Band Concert
- **Monday, Mar 17, 7:30-9:00 pm:** Spring Break Trip Parent Meeting
- **Saturday Mar 22-Wed Mar 26:** NOLA trip

Points of Interest:

- **Band Boosters Summer Music Scholarships:** No High School applicants submitted so far; since it’s been a month, will open up to feeder school eighth graders, with stipulations that they must attend MHS and must participate in band.
- **Band Awards Night planning (May 8):** Seeking a non-senior parent(s) to plan
 - Senior Night is currently scheduled for Honors Bands Concert night, debate for switching performance dates among the bands
- **Shadows needed for:**
 - Treasurer
 - Fundraising Chair
 - RaiseRight Coordinator
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Jazz Invitational Coordinator
- **FINAL Review open items for Jazz Invitationa**
 - Contest Office - packets will be completed tomorrow night; judges will pick up from office
 - Volunteers - Shirts should come in tomorrow
 - Venue coordinators will meet on Friday at 6:00 in the band room
 - Concession - Will need a flatbed cart Friday at 6 pm - to move in the food/soda/water
 - Serena will create sign out for keys for Venue Coordinators

From the Directors:

- **PE Waiver amendment proposal:**
 - This was an issue about eight years ago at a local level; now it’s coming up at the state level
 - Raise awareness and reach out to legislation (may initially impact show choirs, but could also implicate marching band)
 - More information is needed on the status of the legislative process

Meeting Adjourned: 7:02 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, Apr 3, 2025 at 7 pm