

**MHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes**  
**March 5, 2020**

**Call to order:** 7:30pm

**Present:** Jim Hoferitza, President; Greg Shumski, Treasurer; Serena Moon, Secretary; Kristine Asmussen and Dawn Schuhknecht, Maureen Casler, Uniform Chairs; Beth Ann Koenemann, Volunteer Coordinator; Yolonda Moenning, Hospitality Chair; Rich Morris, Equipment Chair; Andy Sturgeon and Jerry Shelato, Band Directors; plus 9 others.  
Total in attendance: 20

**Past Events:**

- It has been an eventful month for Noise but the students really stepped up. At the Naperville North event, one student was unable to make it last minute, so one of the other students learned the solos last minute and was able to put on a great performance. We were awarded the Best Band recognition.
- At the Honors band concert and even in rehearsals for it we were able to get great recordings that were submitted for the Super State application. Regardless of whether our band is chosen for that festival or not, it's a great learning experience because the judges will give feedback based on our recordings.
- At the Jazz in the Meadows festival Andy's mentor worked with the Jazz Ensemble on improvisation. There was a good guest artist at the festival and our students were able to experience new instruments/new music and it was great to see the kids excited to see and experience new things. The festival also gave the students an opportunity to meet and listen to students from other schools perform.

**Chair Updates:**

- President: Jim Hoferitza (Shadow needed)
- Treasurer: Greg Shumski
- Secretary: Serena Moon
- Uniforms:
  - Marching: Kristine Asmussen, Dawn Schuhknecht (Shadow: Sara Roberts)
  - Concert: Maureen Casler, Dawn Schuhknecht (Shadow needed)
- Volunteer Coordinator: Beth Anne Koenemann (Shadow: Edgar Rodriguez)
- Hospitality: Lynn Owens, Yolonda Moenning (Shadow: Paula Luszcz)
- Fundraising: OPEN
  - Scrip: Kristine Asmussen
  - Evening of Jazz: Maureen Casler, Beth Hoferitza, Dawn Schuhknecht (Shadows needed)
- Equipment: Rich Morris

**President (Jim Hoferitza)**

- It's becoming urgent to find someone to fill the president role for next year, as well as other empty roles. We will have sign-ups and announcements at next week's concert.

**Treasurer (Greg Shumski)**

- Bank balances as of 2/28/2020 Statements:
  - Boosters: \$24,649.94
  - Escrow: \$17,400.29

- Updates and Highlights:
  - Escrow:
    - Scrips Deposits \$511.27
    - Escrow holdings by class:
      - 2020: \$3,689.56
      - 2021: \$4,278.47
      - 2022: \$5,468.25
      - 2023: \$1,749.56
    - Toward the end of the school year an email will be sent to all families with seniors reminding them of the three options they have for their escrow money: to use it, to roll it over to a sibling, or to make a donation to Boosters.
  - Amazon Smile:
    - February deposits totaled \$33.33
  - Other:
    - (CLOSED) Federal Tax Return Requirements to maintain tax exempt status, Jerry does this each year
    - OPEN: Renewal of Illinois Tax Exempt Certificate – Greg will work on
    - OPEN: Other questions – Greg will send questions to Photopoulos family to ask their accountant
    - GENERAL:
      - Mundelein Jazz Invitational
        - Shared cashbox requirements with band leaders
        - Thanks to Jack for coaching Greg in preparation for the event
        - May need 2<sup>nd</sup> person for a shift or two late PM
      - Pie Card Fundraiser – we need to find someone to run this fundraiser or to find someone to find a fundraiser to replace this one. If we do continue or replace this fundraiser, option to stagger it so that it doesn't run at the same time as the fruit fundraiser
      - Recruiting for 2020/2021 Officers and Committee chairs – we should figure out what open positions we have, or will have and Greg suggests sending a dedicated recruiting mail to all band families (at the next band concert, we will make an announcement at the beginning of the concert)

#### **Secretary (Serena Moon)**

- Our first informational table at the middle schools was at Fremont and it went well. We should definitely have giveaways for the tables in May.
- More than giving info for band, we should consider those informational meetings as opportunities to recruit for Boosters

#### **Uniforms - Marching (Kristine Asmussen)**

- We are still waiting for the sample of the new uniform

#### **Uniforms – Concert (Maureen Casler)**

- Maureen needs to know when to order new uniforms to fill some gaps. Do we need to coordinate with choir? Choir has the dresses washed through the janitorial staff. There's confusion about the sharing/non sharing of uniforms with choir.
- We will need to submit numbers for next year's budget soon depending on our uniform needs

### **Volunteer/Fundraising (Beth Anne Koenemann)**

- We still need to fill some volunteer spots for the invitational
- Fannie Mae fundraiser: we sold 1,135 boxes for a total of \$14,765. We decided to stick with the 80(student)/20(Boosters) payout aligning with the Pie Cards and Fruit fundraisers. Chocolates will likely be delivered after spring break

### **Scripts (Kristine Asmussen)**

- We had \$896 profit between 11 families

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Music Camp Scholarships – traditionally we have offered up to 20 \$100 Band Camp scholarships for students who apply. Boosters voted to keep this going again this year.
- It was brought up as a suggestion last month to put out a tip jar at the band concerts. Boosters decided against this due to 1) unsuccessful attempt in the past 2) negative feedback from parents. Instead it was suggested for the Evening of Jazz – we will definitely have a jar (opaque) out for people to make an alternate donation if they are not purchasing an auction item

### **Directors Updates:**

- On April 9, we will have a guest ensemble from the Air Force Academy who will perform during 5/6<sup>th</sup> periods and it will be open to the entire school
- Official announcement that next year's spring break trip will be to Disney World. Beth Anne suggested that people be reminded that Bob Rodgers (the travel company we use) offers need based scholarships and info will be available on their website
- Kristine asked if incoming freshman will be allowed to audition for Jazz Band – yes, they will get information through the feeder schools

### **Upcoming Events**

3/7-8 Noise – Totino-Grace Show Choir Spectacular

3/11 March Band Concert (CB, SB, HSW, HWE)

3/14 Mundelein Jazz Invitational - 55<sup>th</sup> Annual

4/1-2 Jazz Band Auditions for 2020-2021

**Next Booster Meeting will be Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:25pm**

The Boosters meeting was preceded tonight by a meeting dedicated to the planning of the Jazz Invitational.