

MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MINUTES

April 8th, 2019

I. Call to Order (Gretchen Shearer): 7:06 pm

The meeting was called to order by Gretchen Shearer. Executive Board members in attendance included Gretchen Shearer, Gillian Lewis, Christina Coyle, Amy Burrows, Jamie Nolan, Cheryl Murley, Terri Azzarello, Mary Spears and director DaJuan Brooks with Scott Ericson (student teacher). General Board members in attendance were Jan Colip and Joel Ley, Wendy Ley, Kaitlin Asta and Emma Lafin. Cinda Lester, Melissa Melendez and Adela Meitz were also in attendance.

II. Band President's Report (Kaitlin Asta)

Kaitlin reported the following; last month there was an orchestra concert on 12th and Jazz Ensemble performed in the Naperville Jazz Festival on the 16th. The Marching Mustangs had their kick off meeting where they announced next seasons show, "Reflection" and the new leadership team. This month marching band rehearsals will begin and the band exchange program will occur. The band from Beitigheim-Bissinger will perform with the Wind Ensembles from both DGS and DGN on Wednesday, April 17th.

III. Approval Minutes – Recording Secretary (Gillian Lewis):

Motion for Approval of March 4th, 2019 minutes by: Wendy Ley

Motion seconded by: DaJuan Brooks

Time of Approval: 7:12 pm

IV. Band Director's Report (DaJuan Brooks)

Marching Band 2018

Spring rehearsals begin on Wednesday, April 10th. Student leadership meetings will have begun are taking place during 5A. A mentoring and inclusion program called the "Big Little Program" will be implemented this season. Students on the leadership team will be paired with new marching band students to help them better intergrade into the program.

Concert Band Info

Concert Band and Symphonic Band had a fantastic performance/day at Elmhurst College before Spring Break. Both groups performed well, represented the program well and received exceptional feedback from the clinicians. Recording have been posted to Google Classroom for students to download.

The Wind Ensemble has applied to perform at IMEC in January of 2020.

Instrumental Music Day was a success-great performances and masterclasses for all students in the program.

Registration for the Disney Trip next Spring is due today.

Music Bowl

The directors are thankful to Cinda Lester and Melissa Melendez who have volunteered to be co-chairs for Music Bowl. Cinda and Melissa have met with Dorothy and Kelly who passed on all Music Bowl information and materials. They also met with DaJuan and Greg and are now ready to take over planning of this season's Music Bowl.

The band count for 2019 Music Bowl is still at 18

V. President's Report (Gretchen Shearer)

FOFA Presidents Meeting

Meeting was cancelled; nothing to report.

Marching Band

The Booster Scholarship information was sent out on April 01 2019; four or five volunteers will be needed to read the applications.

The search for parent volunteers to shadow board and music bowl committee chairs is ongoing. Please alert the directors and/or Gretchen if you have any ideas. Gretchen provided a list of open positions to the directors.

Mary Spears contacted Charms and there was an unsubscribe feature installed in charms that caused some people to unwittingly take themselves off of the list. Also, some emails are going to spam files. Charms recommended that users add them as a contact. Mary tried this and it seemed to help. Our Charms subscription expires in 90 days, the directors will look into possible replacement programs.

VI. VP of Music Bowl's Report

All updates for Music Bowl are still coming for the band directors.

VII. Treasurer's Report (Jamie Nolan)

Jamie reported that the total income for the month of March was \$2,516.35. \$2,016.00 of that came from cheesecake sales. The expenses for the month totaled \$3,912.50 which included music license fees and director's discretionary spending.

VIII. Jazz Report (Glenn Williams via email)

Jazz Ensemble at La Quinta de los Reyes – TOMORROW NIGHT! Jazz Ensemble will open for the Pete Ellman Big Band at La Quinta de los Reyes in Aurora tomorrow, April 9, 2019. Jazz Ensemble will perform from 6:30-7:15 PM, followed by the Pete Ellman Big Band from 7:30-9:00 PM. Jazz patrons are encouraged to attend this event and support both ensembles while enjoying some delicious Mexican cuisine!

NO JAZZ AT FISHEL PARK THIS YEAR

Because our District calendar changed and graduation is before Memorial Day, we are no longer able to participate as the opening concert for the Downers Grove Park District Summer Concert Series at Fishel Park.

2019-2020 AUDITION MATERIALS

2019-2020 audition materials will be available posted and made available to students in early May. Stay tuned to Google Classroom and the Band Booster Web Site for more details when the audition materials are available. Auditions will take place during the first week of school in August of 2018.

2019 SPRING JAZZ CONCERT

Our Spring Jazz Concert is Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium at South. Featured groups will be the Jazz Workshop, Jazz Lab Band, and Jazz Ensemble. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend this event. All the bands are sounding fabulous as we head towards the end of the year – this is a concert you won't want to miss!

CONGRATS TO JAZZ LAB BAND!

Congratulations to Jazz Lab Band for their April 4, 2019 performance at the inaugural Eisenhower JHS Music Café. Groups from EJHS, DGS and Hinsdale South all performed during the course of the evening. Lab Band received rave reviews for their energetic performances.

IX. VP of Ways and Means Report (Amy Burrows)

Nothing to report.

X. VP of Membership (Christina Coyle)

As of today we have 43 students that have completed the Google Form. Those numbers are broken down as follows; Freshman = 8, Sophomores = 11, Juniors = 11, Seniors = 13, Band = 38, Color Guard = 5.

Payments have also started coming in, we have received 45 payments so far. Of those 45 payments 10 of them are paid in full and 1 has made a \$325.00 payment. 3 families have already paid Booster fees for next year.

The total number of family who have paid Booster membership fees for this year is at 37. There is some confusion about credit card payment as it is hard to tell exactly what a payment is intended for, Christina will be working on this in the upcoming weeks.

Our membership to Charms will expire on 5/23/19. So far Christina has not put anything into Charms for the next season but will start to if we are going to continue to use it.

As of today we are still trying to collect payment from 4 band students for shoes, 1 Color Guard student for shoes and 6 Color Guard students for both shoes and bodysuits. Jan Colip has the information on who still owes fees for Winter Guard.

XI. VP of Student Accounts Report (Cheryl Murley)

Student account balance stands at \$12,080.27, with almost no activity for the month of March

XII. VP Uniforms (Gillian Lewis)

Marching Band uniforms are back up in the loft. We will start taking head measurements for the new hats at the next rehearsal

XIII. VP Volunteers

Nothing to report.

XIV. Coordinators Reports:

Medical Coordinator (Christine Coyle)

Christina has 2 conflicts that will mean that she will miss a couple of partial or whole rehearsals during April and May, otherwise she will be at all rehearsals and will be available to answer any questions any of the students or parents have.

Plant Sale Coordinators (Joel Ley)

Plants are scheduled for May 12th. The exact location of the sale is still being figured out, MFP construction may cause the sale to have to move from the visitor parking lot. Volunteers are needed to help with this event.

Winter Guard Coorinator (Jan Colip)

Winter guard season ended with THE BEST show of the season earning a 78.52!

The championships had a total of 71 guards there performing over the weekend. 44 of the guards were in a lower class than DGS. We ended up 5th for our group in our SA division.

They had a mega successful season with a solid placement for DGS. Thank you to Raul, Megan, and Jill for another fantastic season! A special thank you to Pati Pluher for taking videos at our competitions. And a special thank you to the floor crew who helped at our competitions as well.

Thank you for all of your support over the season and thanks to all of the Guard who worked so long and hard. They truly are the best!

Fees have been collected by all but 4 students. The names have been given to Raul and the band directors. Fees for shoes missing for 3 students, and fees for body suits missing for 2 students.

The 2020 Winter guard championships are at the same time at the Florida trip scheduled for next year. The winter guard students will not be able to go on the trip.

Jan asked the directors to please check on staff payments and reimbursements for Raul.

XV. Misc

XVI. Announcements: Next meeting is scheduled for April 29th, 2019 at 7:00pm.

XVII. Adjournment: 8:30 pm