

MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MINUTES

November 5, 2018

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, Mary Spear, Robert Brandt, Christina Coyle, Dorothy Daniele, Cheryl Murly, Teri Azzarello, Maria Wooten, Amy Burrows and director Greg Hensel . General Board members in attendance were Jan Colip, John Azzarello, Kaitlin Asta. Cinda Lester and Nicole Leatherwood were also in attendance.

II. Band President's Report (Kaitlin Asta)

Kaitlin reported that now that Marching Band season has ended and the Band Banquet was a great success, they are now looking forward to the first concerts of the school year. The Wind Ensemble invitational will be Tuesday November 6th with Jefferson and O'Niell Middle Schools, the other three bands will all perform on Wednesday November 7th.

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

Motion for Approval of October 01, 2018 minutes by: Dorothy Daniele

Motion seconded by: Teri Azzarello

Time of Approval: 7:09 pm

IV. Band Director's Report (Greg Hensel)

Greg reported the following:

2018 Marching Mustangs

Fantastic end to the season-lots of growth and hard work. The students represented the band and the school at an extremely high level all season. Greg thanked everyone for their support.

Music Bowl Things to Do

A date for next years Music Bowl is already being worked on.

Concert Band Info

Fall concerts take place Tuesday November 6th (WE Invitational) and Wednesday 7th (CB, SB, and WS).

Congratulations to our students who will be performing in ILMEA festivals, Saturday November 10th is the Jazz festival at Hinsdale Central HS followed on Saturday 17th which is the Band, Choir and Orchestra festival at Oak Park River Forest.

The directors are looking for a music festival for CB and SB to perform at. The festival at Batavia HS in February is a possibility.

Misc. Items

Webstore Payment Portal has been opened on behalf of the Band Boosters. This portal can be used year-round and will hopefully be available for Winter Guard payments.

Pep Band is starting on Friday November 30th. Greg is applying for the opportunity for our Pep Band to play at the IHSA State Championship games. If accepted details will follow.

V. President's Report (Gretchen Shearer)

FOFA Presidents Meeting

FOFA poinsettia sale order deadline is 27 November 2018 (hard deadline). Plants are \$12.00, students earn \$4 per plant after the first one. Chipotle fundraiser will take place on Monday Dec. 10th.

Art student designed note card and calendar will be for sale at the Holiday concert during which orders for CDs and digital downloads of the concert will be accepted. Next year, digital downloads only. FOFA may need volunteers to man the tables.

Choir will host a monthly Panera fundraiser. There will also be a Dairy Queen, and Chipotle fundraiser on Tuesday Nov. 20. FOFA is planning a sale of yard signs for all Fine Arts students, signs will be \$30.00.

Marching Band

A big thank you to John Azzarello, Glenn Lewis, Jason Burrow, John Nolan, Teri Azzarello, Jenn Bloom, Gillian Lewis, Jamie Nolan, Asia Rutledge, Christina Wiseman, Galinda Tunney and the army of pit volunteers for all of your efforts to finish the season strong. A special thanks to the stellar chaperones John and Teri Azzarello, Glenn and Gillian Lewis, John and Jamie Nolan, Jenn Bloom, Lou Kucia, Al, Dorothy and Al Daniele, Connie Vanni, Christina Wiseman and Asia Rutledge.

Also, thanks to Jan Colip, Annie Bleau, Nicole Leatherwood and Mary Spear for another very successful banquet.

And last, but certainly not least, a huge thank you to Kelly Wygonski and Dorothy Daniele and the Music Bowl chairs for all their efforts to product an awesome Music Bowl.

The overnight trip was successful, mostly due to the spectacular performances of the Marching Mustangs. The hotel was paid for by Mr. Hensel with the departmental p-card, as there was a delay in receipt of the check that the school had sent. That check did arrive later on the next week, the hotel said that they would return the check to DGS. I have a copy of the receipt.

Congratulations to Mr. Brooks and Mr. Hensel and the Marching Mustangs for a very successful marching band season!

Webstore is now active for most band related expenses. An instructional email will be send out as soon as what there is clarification around what can and what can not be paid through the webstore. A request for booster dues membership will be included in this email.

Concert Band

Concert band refreshments – There are no cheese cake to sample at the Fall concerts. After consultation with Mr. Williams, we will be offering treats and water after the concerts this week and after the Jazz concert next week. The winter concert will be butterbraids or nothing and no refreshments after the May concerts.

Misc.

Lastly, I would like to recognize the “graduating” parents who have contributed so much to the program: Kelly Wygonski, Dorothy Daniele, Jim Jankowski, John Azzarello, Teri Azzarello, Asia Rutledge, Melody Jankowski, Rob Perry, Brenda Sullivan and Al Daniele.

VI. VP of Music Bowl's Report (Kelly Wygonski and Dorothy Daniele)

2018 Music Bowl was a huge success!!! Not all expenses have been paid out yet so final figures are not available but preliminary numbers are looking very strong. Dorothy thanked the all of the committee chairs; Jim Jankowski, Glenn and Gillian Lewis (Concessions), Melody Jankowski and Tracy Wade (Finance), Christina Coyle (First Aid), Shelly and Doug Quinn (Hospitality), Brenda Sullivan and Annette Ohlsen (Program Ads), Rob Perry and Jason Burrows (Parking), Ken Laffin (Stadium), Alison Henderson (Sponsorship), Gayle Pape and Cheryl Murley (Ticketing), Amy Burrows and Asia Ruthledge (Unit Movement), Mike Legal (Video), Galinda Tunney (Volunteers), Rolando Cervantes (Website/Scoring), Gretchen Shearer (Booster President), Jamie Nolan (Booster Treasurer). Thanks also to the countless parents who volunteered to help make the event such a success!

VII. Treasurer's Report (Jamie Nolan)

Jamie reported total income for October to be \$51,941.78 mostly, but not limited to, Music Bowl ticket sales and concessions. Expenses for the month were \$22,710.43, the largest expenses included, but were not limited to, Music Bowl judges and other misc. Music Bowl expenses, truck rental for Marching Band, Jazz Band funding and group meals for Marching Band. The overall total for the month was \$29, 231.32

VIII. Jazz Report (Glenn Williams via email)

Jazz Concert

Our three curricular jazz ensembles are slated to perform on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 in the auditorium at South High School. Featured on this concert will be the Jazz Workshop, directed by Mr. Brooks, the Jazz Lab Band, directed by Mr. Hensel, and the Jazz Ensemble, directed by Mr. Williams.

2018 Purdue Jazz Festival

Letters were mailed home about the 2018 Purdue University Jazz Festival. This weekend is a complete jazz immersion experience – from the Friday evening concert in Loeb Playhouse to the clinics and performances on Saturday, each and every student musician will return a changed jazz listener and performer. Friday night our students will be able to hear the world-renowned Stefon Harris and BlackOut, one of the leading jazz vibraphonists in the world. Our students will perform in festival venues with more than 80 jazz ensembles from Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. Each group will play for a panel of adjudicators and get a short clinic after their performance. Additionally, each judge will provide written and recorded comments and a score for each band that performs. In the past several years, the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Workshop have both earned “Outstanding Band” awards in their respective competitive classes. The cost of the trip is \$85 per student, which will include the Friday night concert ticket and one night’s stay at the Purdue Union Club (located inside the Purdue Memorial Union). District 99 pays the contest entry fee and motor coach transportation for the trip. Meals during the trip are the responsibility of each student.

OTHER COMING JAZZ EVENTS

Thursday, January 10, 2019 – The Jazz Café, featuring jazz groups from South HS, O’Neill MS, Jefferson JHS, Eisenhower JHS and Lakeview JHS. 6:00 PM start in the cafeteria at South HS.

January 18-19, 2019 – Purdue Jazz Festival

Saturday, March 16, 2019 – Jazz Ensemble at the Naperville Jazz Festival

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 – Jazz Ensemble opens for Pete Ellman Big Band at La Quinta de Los Royos

CONGRATULATIONS TO ILMEA JAZZ STUDENTS FROM DGS

South High School continues to have strong student placements in our ILMEA district in the area of jazz performance. Special congratulations to these students: Carson Aldrich (12) – trombone;

Nathan Brummel (10) – trombone; Joe Daniele (12) – trombone; Isaac Rutledge (12) – alto saxophone; Nathan Weichec – (11) – trombone. The festival is Saturday, November 10, 2018 at Hinsdale Central HS.

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

Amy reported on three fundraisers;

Schwann's which started on July 13th (for 45 days student accounts benefit 20% of order, after 45 days accounts benefit 5% of order) ends in 21 days. A check for \$476.42 was written on September 19th, so far \$542.00 has been raised for student accounts.

SAVERS fundraiser will take place on Wednesday November 14th from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

Gourmet Delight Cheesecake order pick-up will be Wednesday November 14th from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Cheesecake cost \$18.75-\$22.00 each, \$7.00 profit on each cheesecake, split evenly between student accounts and band boosters.

X. VP of Membership (Christina Coyle)

Christina started by thanking Greg, DaJuan and Raul for all of their help with collecting all forms and fees for Marching Band students. As of today, fees from only 4 students are outstanding for a total of \$861.00. Those families have been contacted. There are still a few students who owe for marching shoes. Those families have been notified along with 9 families of Color Guard students who still need to pay for bodysuits and/or shoes. The total unpaid is \$1,507.00.

So far 22 families have paid Band Booster fees.

CHARMS is completely up to date as of November 2nd, including all transfers and deposits to student accounts.

Christina will work with Jan Colip and Greg to make sure that Winter Guard payments are processed and that records are kept to ensure that all fees are collected.

Looking ahead to next season Christina will try to have all forms for Marching Band online.

XI. VP of Student Accounts Report (Cheryl Murley)

Cheryl reported that the balance in Student Accounts as of October 31 is \$11,103.71. Total revenue for the month was \$1,454.95 and expenses totaled \$1,821.92.

XII. VP Uniforms (Teri Azzarello)

Uniforms will be organized to be sent out to the cleaners after winter break

XIII. VP Volunteers (Maria Wooton)

Volunteers are needed for both cheesecake pick-up and SAVERS on November 14th. Most spots can be filled by students but a sign-up for adult volunteers will be posted.

XIV. Coordinators Reports:

Medical Coordinator (Christina Coyle)

The decision to have a small First Aid bag on each of the busses and one with pit worked out well.

For next season Christina will also carry a small cross body cooler for ice packs and cold towels.

Christina suggested that there be an informational session held with Marching Band students

before next season starts. This session would be about the importance of proper hydration and nutrition. The same information could also be relayed to parents during parent 101 meeting.

Fall Banquet Coordinator (Jan Colip)

Jan thanked everyone, both students and adults, who helped to make the banquet a success. In total 351 guests enjoyed the evening. Gross revenue was \$5,316.00 (\$4022.00 in tickets and \$1,294.00 raffle ticket sales), expenses totaled \$ 3,544.14 for net proceeds of \$1,771.86. This number may change as not all reimbursements have been paid out.

Jan suggested that a better protocol be put in place next year for receiving cash during the event. There were also some issues that arose from the fact that a large number of reservation slip were turned in late, with 100 of them coming in after the deadline.

Winter Guard Coordinator (Jan Colip/Mary Spear)

Tryouts for Winter Guard have taken place and 26 students have been selected for the 2018/2019 season. This seasons show will be "The Best" performed to the song "In Your Eyes". Practice and show schedules have been posted. Fees per student are \$275 for performers and \$50 for the floor crew, fees include an overnight trip to Michigan City, Indiana for the season end championship. Fees will be payable through the new year-round Band Booster webstore.

A new floor tarp is needed this year (the existing one was purchased 3 years ago). As a Winter Guard competition was not approved by DGS administration this year additional funding will be needed to help bridge the gap between the season's income, estimated to be \$7,300.00 and the expenses, which are estimated to be \$14,958.00 (figures are not final as students have not made payments yet). Band Boosters funds of \$3,000.00 will narrow that gap but that still leaves a different of over \$4,000.00. Greg will check with school administration to try to get approval to set up a Go Fund Me campaign to raise money for the purchase of the tarp.

XV. Misc

A vote was held for additional funding of \$4,108.00 to go to Winter Guard this season. John Azzarello motioned for approval, Amy Burrows seconded and the vote was passed unanimously. Any and all funds that may be raised if the Go Fund Me campaign is approved will deducted from the \$4,108.00 amount.

XVI. Announcements: Next meeting is scheduled for December 03, 2018 at 7:00pm.

XVII. Adjournment: 8:36 pm