

# MUSTANG BAND BOOSTER MINUTES

## December 2020

### **I. Call to Order (Adela Meitz):7:02 pm**

Virtual meeting called to order by Adela Meitz.

Executive Board Members in attendance: Adela Meitz, Alex Hewawissa, Alison Henderson, Matt Plass, Cheryl Sumida, John Ford, Christina Coyle and Band Directors Greg Hensel & Will Sugg

General Board Members in attendance: Leslie Opila, Jody Townsend

### **II. Band President's Report:**

No Band President for this year due to Covid-19.

### **III. Approval of Minutes - Recording Secretary (Adela Meitz)**

Motion of approval of minutes by Christina Coyle

Motion seconded by Cheryl Sumida

Time of Approval: 7:02 pm

### **IV. Band Director's Report (Greg Hensel):**

#### **2020 Marching Mustangs**

- Senior Night Pictures were a success. Students were able to take socially distant pictures in the stadium. We are happy to hold something to honor these students.
- The Music Video is still in production. Unfortunately, we are stuck waiting for a time to re-record audio that was corrupted in the original takes. Due to COVID restrictions, we cannot have students in the building to get this done, and the weather is not conducive to quality audio recording.
- A virtual banquet is still planned, but we are going to postpone until we have the video ready to share. More to come when we are able to move forward.

#### **Concert Band Info**

- Bands are continuing to use SoundTrap and record themselves both individually and with groups.
- Symphonic Band will participate in a clinic this Friday during their normally scheduled class time. Clinic description:  
Students ask the question "What gives music meaning?" as they explore the ways both musical elements like register, rhythm, dynamics, harmony, timbre, and instrumentation, as well as non-musical elements like social and historical context, cultural relevance, and personal history, all shape how one perceives music and interprets its meaning.
- ILMEA Festival took place with virtual ZOOM clinics. Guest speakers were excellent and well-received by the DGS participants involved.

- Holiday Concert is virtual this year and will consist of archival footage from past holiday concerts. Concert will live-stream on the DGS Fine Arts YouTube Channel on December 17th at 6:00 PM.

### **Misc. Items**

- Had a meeting today with Jennifer Martinez to finalize the Butter Braid Safety Plan. I created a new plan using Jody's notes and a template from Martinez. Although we are waiting for final "approval", I think it is safe to assume everything will be in place for Thursday.  
Jody - Can I have access to the order form so I can email the people that placed orders and share the plan with them?
- Plant Sale Provider contacted Wendy and Joel Ley (forwarded to me) that they will be unable to provide fundraisers this year due to COVID impact. My suggestion is we look for someone to lead this fundraiser now that is willing to contact other greenhouses/etc. as a new provider.
- Among Us Game Night Scheduled for next week. Nearly 50 students signed up. Winner will receive a Doordash/Uber Eats Gift Card. Using this format to build morale/community. Potentially used for 8th grader recruitment next semester.
- November Newsletter was released. If you'd like to see previous issues, they are posted under the "Curricular Bands" tab on dgsbandboosters.com

### **Band Director To-Do List:**

- Update Website with Booster Board Members

### **V. President (Adela Meitz):**

- Company that we use for the plant sale is no longer participating in fundraisers. We will need to explore other options for a spring fundraiser.
- Will send email in January about becoming a contributing Band Booster.
- In past fundraisers where students have sold items, profits were split with the student 50/50. Half for the student's account and half for the band.

### **FOFA**

- Choir will be continuing their Dine Out Fundraisers. Home Run Inn, Noodles and Company, and Lou Malnatties are planned for next year. The choir has made double on these fundraisers than they have in past years.
- Fofa Poinsettia fundraiser pickup is Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Fofa is planning a virtual trivia night for spring.

### **VI. Comptroller**

No report

**VII. VP of Music Bowl (Cinda Lester and Melissa Melendez):**

No report

**VIII. Treasurer (Alex Hewawissa):**

- **Current balance of SDMARM (Student Activity) Account: approx. \$34,000**
  - About 15K of this number is student accounts
  - Video spend still to come out

**IX. Jazz (Glenn Williams via email):**

**REMOTE LEARNING IN JAZZ BANDS**

Jazz students have been participating in learning experiences grounded in transcription, listening, and personal performance. Listening experiences have been grounded in performance repertoire and [jazz musician birthdays](#). Students are transcribing, the process of listening to music and playing it and/or writing it down without seeing the written notes. Students have been working on standard tunes and repertoire, submitting recordings on [Soundtrap](#), a program similar to GarageBand where students can record with others and with backing tracks. [HERE](#) is an example of *Autumn Leaves*. [HERE](#) is an example of a jazz etude titled *Riff Blues*. [HERE](#) is an example of a student scat singing a melodic contrafact on St. Thomas.

**2021 PURDUE JAZZ FESTIVAL - THIS TIME ALL VIRTUALLY!**

The Purdue Jazz Festival will take place on Saturday, January 23, 2021. Our student musicians will attend virtually, participating in master classes with [world class clinicians](#), including Rex Richardon, Nick Finzer and Jamey Aebersold. More specific information on times will be shared in January when the festival confirms the clinic and master class schedule.

**X. VP of Ways and Means (Jody Townsend):**

Butter braids happened- 165 braids ordered

\$924 profit

About 23 families participated

Band/student percentage of profits has historically been 50/50. Everyone agrees to continue this percentage.

**XI. VP of Membership (Christina Coyle):**

Nothing new

**XII. VP of Student Account: (Cheryl Sumida) No change from November until Butter braid changes**

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Beginning Balance	\$15,510.69
End Balance	\$15,510.69

**XIII. VP of Uniforms (Glenda Wells):**

No report

**XIV. VP Volunteers (John Ford):**

No report

**XV. VP of Hospitality (Galinda Tunney):**

No report

**XVI. Coordinator Reports:**

**Spirit Wear Coordinator (Leslie Opila):**

All finally picked up or delivered.

**Banquet Coordinator Report (Jody Townsend):**

No report. Old supplies from past years have been passed to Jody.

**Medical Coordinator Report (Christina Coyle):**

No report

**Equipment Coordinator (John Ford):**

No report

**Jazz Coordinators (Sharon Gresik):**

No report

**XVI. Miscellaneous:**

- Jody Townsend suggest starting process documents for the next generation of committee members to make it easier and have a better paper trail.  
Everyone agrees it is a good idea. Boosters has a gmail account so could use Drive for this.
- Christina Coyle asked if all the freshman have been added to the Charms account so we know if seniors have siblings.
- Mr. Hensel reminded us of Jim Mizner's passing. He was the announcer since he came to south in 1965 and was a great supporter of the music program.

- Mr. Hensel also has the idea for a fundraiser. The orchestra always does an ugly t-shirt sale that is successful. It would be easy for Greg to get something designed and set up the online orders through Custom Ink. He will check with Tracy for if she has any plans before the plant sale.

**XVII. Announcements:** Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

**XVIII. Adjournment: 7:45 p.m.**