

MUSTANG BAND BOOSTER MINUTES

October 2020

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

Virtual meeting called to order by Adela Meitz.

Executive Board Members in attendance: Adela Meitz, Alex Hewawissa, Alison Henderson, Cinda Lester, Galinda Tuney, Tracy Hauppa-Kenyeri, Matt Plass, Phil and Cheryl Sumida, John Ford, Glenda Wells, and Band Director Greg Hensel.

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 Galinda Tuney

Motion seconded by Christina Coyle

Time of Approval: 7:15pm

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

2020 Marching Mustangs

- Audio Recording is now complete. Over two Saturdays, the band was able to record with Rob Reder. These audio files will be sorted through and sent along to the video production company, Bitter Jester Studios for post production editing.
- Rehearsals are essentially over with some mandatory/optional times that have been communicated to students.
- Our last major event is the video recording day on Saturday October 10th. The Google Calendar has been updated to reflect a 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM (for sunlight) recording day. We will continue our format of keeping students at school for no longer than 3 hours at a time. As soon as a schedule is created (from the video team) then we will release ASAP for students/families to plan their day.
- Show Shirts have been ordered. Hoping to have them by picture night. Fingers crossed!
- Music Bowl - Archived videos

Concert Band Info

- Students are getting into the swing of things. Routines for sectionals have been established.
- Teachers are working hard to plan for the best possible educational opportunities over Zoom.
- Classes recently started a unit that involves composer history, listening, writing, and performing (through recording). We're excited about this format as it "checks off a lot of boxes".

Misc. Items

- Booster Scholarships from the Spring - we need to make sure that students who received scholarships have also received the financial reward connected to it.

- Does anyone know who did the video recording last year for the MM? Trying to find a video of the Munster High School Grand Champion performance from Music Bowl.
- Music Notes Newsletter - my ultimate goal is for this to become a band booster produced media. I believe that this can be used to advertise the boosters, update everyone on everything DGS Bands. I could also see this as a money-maker, utilizing sponsorship. \$200 bucks for the year to put a company logo in the newsletter? That could add up quickly with several sponsors and offset the cost of some other line items throughout the year.

Discussion:

Question was asked if students can be involved in the newsletter- yes! Absolutely.
Do we have a date for next year’s Music Bowl? Not that Greg knows for sure.

Band Director To-Do List:

- Update Website with Booster Board Members

V. President (Adela Meitz):

Vote on the following Executive Board and General Board positions. All were approved.

Executive Board Positions

President	Adela Meitz
Secretary	Alison Henderson
Treasurer	Alex Hewawissa
Comptroller/Charms Coordinator	Lynn Hope
Vice President of Hospitality (Concert Band)	Matt Plass
Vice President of Student Accounts	Phil and Cheryl Sumida
Vice President of Volunteers	John Ford
Vice President of Ways & Means	Tracy Hauppa-Kenyeri

General Board Positions

Banquet Coordinator	Jodi Townsend
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Positions still needing to be filled are:

- Co-VP of Uniforms
- Color Guard/Winter Guard Coordinator
- Plant Sale Coordinator

Members are asked to reach out to other band parents that may be interested in filling remaining positions.

Those in new positions have been connected with those in the position last year for training.

Follow up with Treasurer to determine if Spring 2019 scholarships were payed. Waiting on report from DGS Bookkeeper. Check with Student Accounts.

Discussion:

- \$2600 paid for band booster scholarship in May.
- How to use band scholarship \$ for private lessons should be explained to parents.
- Students with awards should be notified since not all may have been on watching the virtual banquet.
- Adela will figure out how students access money and will send out a notice to all. Once it is all figured out, notices will be e-mailed to students.

Should we plan for virtual banquet?

- Greg said will be something virtual...
- Will Sugg is working with section leaders for what to keep in a virtual banquet.

Follow up on Senior Signs. (Galinda)

- Letters are cut; waiting on poster board; will get to the parents to stick on the poster board

Choir doing Dairy Queen dining fundraiser, Adela will send flyer to Greg to send to students.

VI. Comptroller

No report

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

No report

VIII. Treasurer (Alex Hewawissa):

"I have attached the latest copy of the SDMARM account; Student Activity report, that Samia Khouri kindly provided me this morning. The current balance of this account is ~\$35K; ~\$10K less than the balance the same time last year.

I have been in touch with Jamie Nolan and we are in the process of completing some training the best we can. Jamie has also provided me some electronic files containing data for the various accounts/ledgers that were maintained within Quicken. There are a few more files that she expects to provide me in the next few days. My first step is to reconcile the various accounts (managed within Quicken) to Sam's SDMARM ledger balance. That will help me get grounded."

59 kids paid in the \$75 fee= \$4300

Discussion: \$10,000 less this year is probably less marching band fees and fewer students

IX. Jazz (Glenn Williams via email):

We are excited to welcome two clinicians to our virtual jazz classrooms this week. Anthony Kidkonakis plays saxophone and is the Professor of Jazz Students at VanderCook College in Chicago. Kirk Garrison

plays trumpet and is the former lead trumpet player for the US Air Force Jazz Band in Washington DC. Mr. Garrison currently teaches at Elmhurst College and plays lead trumpet with the Lt. Dan Band featuring Gary Sinise. Both artists will teach jazz improvisation concepts, recording techniques, and tips for successful jazz performance. Thanks to VanderCook College and Elmhurst College for sponsoring these clinics.

2020 PURDUE JAZZ FESTIVAL CANCELED IN PERSON

The 2020 Purdue University Jazz Festival has been canceled as an in person event. If Purdue develops a plan for a virtual festival, we will pursue possibilities for participation. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

GROUPS CONTINUE TO EXPLORE WITH SOUNDTRAP

Our Jazz groups continue to learn and explore using the software called SoundTrap. Students are submitting projects both individually and collaboratively. HERE is the Jazz Ensemble trumpet section recording of Moten Swing to give you an idea of how this is working as a learning tool.

ILMEA AUDITIONS - HAPPENING VIRTUALLY!

ILMEA will hold District auditions and the District Festival this year virtually – specific information on the plans can be found HERE. Students wishing to audition should complete the ILMEA audition preference form posted in Google Classroom and await further instructions as they become available from the organization. This process might be even more beneficial this year to provide students with incentive to continue to practice and prepare the audition scales and etudes.

X. VP of Ways and Means (Tracy Kenyeri):

She has met with the previous chair and is getting ideas together. Tracy will put together some ideas for next meeting.

XI. VP of Membership (Christina Coyle):

No report

XII. VP of Student Account:

No report. No change from last month

XIII. VP of Uniforms (Glenda Wells):

No report

XIV. VP Volunteers (John Ford):

"I contacted Maria Wootton and she gave me the Sign Up Genie account information and password. I have tested the password and I now have access to the account. I still need to sit down with her and go through how to work Charms. She is more than willing to teach me."

XV. VP of Hospitality (Galinda Tunney):

No report

XVI. Coordinator Reports:

Spirit Wear Coordinator (Leslie Opila):

1. The show shirt should be handed out to students at picture day. We will set up near Christine's check in spot.
2. The DGS online store is ready!

Here's the link:

<https://www.storessimple.com/crpromotions/groups.php>

And your access code is: DGS2020 (must be all CAPS, no spaces).

It closes 10/14. It can be extend by a few days if orders are low. Please let me know if you hear of someone who missed the deadline.

The show shirt design will be "revealed" on October 8th after they have been given to the students. There is an option to order a 2nd show shirt for student if desired.

Leslie will send this information to the directors to send out an email and remind and to Robert Brandt to add to the website and social media platforms.

Banquet Coordinator Report (Jody Townsend):

Nothing new except willing to help with whatever happens.

Medical Coordinator Report (Christina Coyle):

Nothing to really report except to say that I am proud to be the nurse of all these students. They all come to rehearsal with their mask on and they keep their distance. Yes there are times I need to remind them about the six feet distancing but they are all truly amazing! I have told all the students this as well and let them all know that I am one "Proud Nurse" and "Proud to be part of the Marching Mustangs".

Equipment Coordinator (John Ford):

No report

Jazz Coordinators (Sharon Gresik):

No report

XVI. Miscellaneous:

XVII. Announcements: Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 2nd, 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

XVIII. Adjournment: 7:44pm