

## **MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MINUTES**

### **February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

#### **I. Call to Order (Gretchen Shearer): 7:02 pm**

The meeting was called to order by Gretchen Shearer. Executive Board members in attendance included Gretchen Shearer, Gillian Lewis, Maria Wooton, Christina Coyle, Cheryl Murly, Teri Azzarello, Amy Burrows and directors DaJuan Brooks and Greg Hensel. General Board members in attendance were Jan Colip, John Azzarello, Joel Ley and Kaitlin Asta. and Cinda Lester was also in attendance.

#### **II. Band President's Report (Kaitlin Asta)**

Kaitlin reported a busy month for band students. Freshman Open House for the class of 2023 took place on January 28<sup>th</sup>. On Friday February 1<sup>st</sup>. Pep Band hosted a large group of these students for Junior High Night. The last Pep Band evening will be Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Percussion Ensemble will continue their rehearsals on Monday evenings this month. Second round auditions for concert ensembles will take place on Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup>. Winter concerts start on February 19<sup>th</sup> with a performance by Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony. The Midwest Music Festival will be held on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony will perform at this event. Concert Band and Symphonic Band will perform their concert on Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

Motion for Approval of January 14th, 2019 minutes by: DaJuan Brooks

Motion seconded by: John Azzarello

Time of Approval: 7:07 pm

#### **IV. Band Director's Report (DaJuan Brooks and Greg Hensel)**

##### **Marching Band 2018**

Marching Band kick off meeting for the 2019 season will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will take on a different format this year in an attempt to promote more excitement and enthusiasm especially for the new students coming in this year.

The show music this year will be original and the horn music composition has already been completed.

##### **Music Bowl 2019**

We are currently at 15 bands for the 2019 Music Bowl. This is a strong number to be at in February, there are only 7 spots left open. Greg has been emailing reminders to area band directors to get bands registered.

##### **Concert Band Info**

Concert Band and Symphonic Band just got word that they have been invited to perform at the Elmhurst Band Festival which is being held on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. The band will most likely perform on Friday, more information will be made available once the schedule is finalized.

The Midwest Music Festival will be on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The itinerary is expected to come out soon. Greg is working with the event organizers to ensure that our students get an early performance times as this is also the day of the Winter Dance.

### **Misc. Items**

Pep Band was not selected to participate in the IHSA state tournament. An application will be submitted again next year.

### **V. President's Report (Gretchen Shearer)**

#### **FOFA Presidents Meeting**

The choir boosters are planning their raffle fundraiser to be awarded at the March 8 concert. They will be having a Portillo's fundraiser on March 7.

All are invited to check out the Scholastic Art show at DGN which ends on Friday Feb. 7.

Kohls volunteered to help with the choir Jr. High night. They will help for 3 hours and donate \$500, if enough of their staff volunteer to help. This might be an option for Music Bowl.

#### **Concert and Jazz Band**

Thank you to Galinda Tunney for a successful Pep Band Jr. High night.

Thank you to the Jazz Coordinators (JoAnn and Mark Weichec and Asia Rutledge), the Jazz band students, staff and families for their flexibility for what was a difficult month weather-wise, especially for the Purdue Jazz festival cancellation.

### **VI. VP of Music Bowl's Report**

As of yet nobody has taken over as the VP of Music Bowl for next year. Until such time as that happens the band directors will take care of the off-season details.

### **VII. Treasurer's Report (Gretchen Shearer on behave of Jamie Nolan)**

January was a quite month; total income was \$323.08 which was a Pep Band refund check and total expenses were \$2065.15. The largest expense was for music license fees.

### **VIII. Jazz Report (Glenn Williams via email)**

#### **2019 Purdue Jazz Festival**

Thanks to all for your flexibility as the 2019 Purdue Jazz Festival was canceled due to inclement weather. The festival hasn't canceled for more than 30 years, so this was an unprecedented decision. We were proud of our students for responding so professionally to our D99 "mini" Jazz Festival. The feedback from the judges and the learning that continues to take place was a positive experience given the situation at hand.

**D99/NIU Jazz Festival at the Tivoli** – Thanks to everyone who turned out to hear a great night of music at the Tivoli featuring the amazing Northern Illinois University Jazz Orchestra led by Reggie Thomas. Each ensemble improved during the afternoon clinic time and the performance atmosphere was electric with all five D99 Bands followed up by the NIU Ensemble. Even though it was a DGN year for hospitality, thanks to Dorothy Daniele for her work in providing such a great meal experience for the NIU Jazz Orchestra.

**Tuesday, February 6 - CANCELED** – After 33 years of serving patrons in the Palos area, Hackney's recently closed without warning. As a result, the previously scheduled jazz ensemble date to open for the Brass Tracks Big band has been canceled. Thanks to all for your continuing flexibility as we work through some unique factors involving our jazz performance season.

#### **OTHER COMING JAZZ EVENTS**

Our Jazz Ensemble will be doing these run-out performances in the coming months:

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

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

The grand total for the Schwann's fundraiser was \$578.84. A check in the amount of \$102.43 to benefit student accounts should be received soon Amy provided a breakdown of the totals for the students who participated.

#### **X. VP of Membership (Christina Coyle)**

Christina is working with the band directors to ensure that all marching band forms are ready for this season. Forms will be available online this year.

Current membership for Band Boosters stands at 31 families.

#### **XI. VP of Student Accounts Report (Cheryl Murley)**

Balance of student accounts on January 1<sup>st</sup> was \$11,258.73. Revenue for the month was \$1008.00 for the cheesecake fundraiser and \$18.99 for Schwann's, for a total of \$1026.99. Expenses for the month totaled \$270.45 which included payments for music lessons \$136.53, Perdue trip payment \$83.92 and \$50.00 for booster fees. The balance on January 31<sup>st</sup> was \$12,015.27.

#### **XII. VP Uniforms (Teri Azzarello)**

Uniforms were not sent out to the cleaners last month due to weather related school closures, they will be going out on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **XIII. VP Volunteers (Maria Wooton)**

Nothing to report.

#### **XIV. Coordinators Reports:**

##### **Plant Sale Coordinators (Joel Ley)**

Plants are scheduled to be delivered on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Prices are mostly either unchanged or slightly lower this year. Joel and Wendy are working on organizing the forms so that they can be distributed. Joel gave the directors the necessary paperwork to ensure that we have the space reserved for the sale.

##### **Winter Guard Coorinator (Jan Colip)**

The 2018-19 Winter guard has been working hard to learn their show for this year. Several practices have been missed or moved around due to the recent bad weather which has been a little challenging. Jan is working with Robert to update the district website to include the Guard webpage (@dgs\_guards) and the twitter link (@GuardsDgs) as well as the calendar with the practices and competition dates. Our competition dates are not coming across the band's social media postings. After week 2 – the Winter Guard is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> out of the 15 guards in Scholastic A. There are two classes below us. Scholastic Regional A which is about 30+ guards. DGN competes here and Scholastic AA which has an additional 15 units.

Winter Guard's next 2 competitions will be; February 10<sup>th</sup> at Naperville Central High School and February 23<sup>rd</sup> which is the Winter Guard International Regional. This is a National Level competition at Naperville North High School.

The Winter Guard was also recently highlighted in the South High School "BluePrint" article. It is truly a special article including video interviews of some of the guard

<https://southblueprint.com/15802/features/bringing-friendship-into-a-performance-winter-guard/>

The Midwest Color Guard Championships are on March 31<sup>st</sup>. We would like to encourage the parents, boosters and students to attend one of the shows.  
Jan thanked everyone for their support.

**XV. Misc**<sup>[GL1]</sup>

Gillian is to research both Go Fund Me and Snap Raise fundraising platforms to decide which might be best suited to our needs.

**XVI. Announcements:** Next meeting is scheduled for March 4th, 2019 at 7:00pm.

**XVII. Adjournment:** 7:50 pm