

MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MINUTES
January 14th, 2019

I. Call to Order (Gretchen Shearer): 7:10 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, Jenn Bloom, Amy Burrows and director DaJuan Brooks, General Board members in attendance were and Nicole Leatherwood, Mary Spears, Jan Colip, John Azzarello, Wendy Ley, Joel Ley and Kaitlin Asta. Andrew Zwibel (marching band sound engineer) and Cinda Lester was also in attendance.

II. Band President's Report (Kaitlin Asta)

Last month we had the Holiday concert with Choir, Orchestra and the combined Wind Ensemble Wind Symphony band. We also had the privilege of hosting the Musashino Wind Ensemble from Tokyo Japan providing the D99 students with a once in a life time experience to hear them perform. Also, the Jazz cafe was on the 10th.

Upcoming events this month include the Purdue Jazz Festival this weekend, Jan 19th. ILMEA is next week. D99/NIU Jazz Festival on Jan 29th. Some other events going on this month are the Pep Band rehearsals and the Percussion Ensemble rehearsals. Leadership workshops are occurring on the weekends. The students are also preparing for band placement auditions which start this week.

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

Motion for Approval of December 3rd, 2018 minutes by: John Azzarello

Motion seconded by: Christina Coyle

Time of Approval: 7:14 pm

IV. Band Director's Report (DaJuan Brooks)

DaJuan reported the following:

Marching Band 2018

Greg has not yet had the opportunity to hand out patches to the students. This week, we will get them passed out in marching band 5A. An announcement will go out for any non-5A students to just stop by the band office to pick them up.

Music Bowl 2019

We are currently at 14 Bands for the 2019 Music Bowl. Greg has been emailing reminders consistently to area directors to get bands registered. This is a strong number to be at in mid-January. Greg plans on writing up a message to families this week, encouraging volunteers for Music Bowl Chairs. Confident we will get someone to step up. In the meantime, the directors will take care of off-season tasks.

Concert Band Info

CB/SB - just got word that they have been invited to perform at the March 15-16 Elmhurst Band Festival. This is most likely going to be a Friday performance. Info to be shared with those families tomorrow, with a more exact itinerary to follow as this will be a field trip from school.

The proposed Wind Ensemble trip to Cincinnati over Spring Break has been cancelled. This trip was planned in an effort to provide more performance opportunities with a concert and clinic on the trip. Due to too many conflicts with already planned activities, we are unable to continue with the trip.

Misc. Items

Have not heard back from IHSA about our registration to perform at a state tournament this year. DaJuan outlined a few priority needs for Marching Band next season. He would like to update the look of the uniform by getting new hats and adding colorful panels to the bottom of the existing jackets. The largest necessary purchase will be a new sound system (our current system is very old and no longer fits our needs). We are also in need of 2 new marimbas.

V. President's Report (Gretchen Shearer)

FOFA Presidents Meeting

The booster President's meeting was held on Jan. 7. FOFA was pleased with the Holiday concert, but the final numbers are not in yet. Choir held their Junior high fest on Jan. 8 and received volunteers and a donation for Kohl's something to think about for Music Bowl.

Marching Band

Gretchen received an email from Mike Legel thanking us for his senior sign and gift card.

Concert and Jazz Band

Thank you to Belle Lewis, Matt Leinart, Dan Fisher and Matt Fisher, who helped set up and serve the Mushashino Academie Wind Ensemble.

Gretchen thanked Asia Rutledge, JoAnn Weichec and Mark Weichec for a successful Jazz Café.

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)

Jamie reported the income for December was \$3,452.20. The largest expense for December was \$3,378.66 which went toward funding for Jazz Band.

The Marching Band budget for 2019 was presented.

VIII. Jazz Report (Glenn Williams via email)

2019 Purdue Jazz Festival

Bands will travel to the Purdue Jazz Festival Friday, January 18-January 19th. In addition to seeing Stefon Harris and Blackout on Friday night in concert, each of our three jazz bands and our small group will perform for judges and get immediate feedback through recorded comments and a clinic. This is a fabulous jazz immersion experience for all involved!

Jazz Café

Jazz Café was a sonic and hospitality success. Thanks to our jazz coordinators Joann and Mark Wiechec and Asia Rutledge for all that they did to make the evening a success!

OTHER COMING JAZZ EVENTS

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

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 – All 5 D99 Jazz Bands and the world renowned NIU Jazz Band perform at the D99/NIU Jazz Festival at the Tivoli. Clinics are in the afternoon and the concert starts at 7 PM. Students will be given ticket sales information in class this week. This is a DGN hospitality year. (This event was originally on the calendar for February, but, conflicts with NIU and the Tivoli Theatre precipitated the new date.)

Tuesday, February 6 – Jazz Ensemble opens for the Tom Fox/Brass Tracks Big Band at Hackney's in Palos Heights.

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)

Amy reported that the total earnings from the Schwann's fundraiser was \$578.84. A check for \$102.43 to benefit student accounts is expected to arrive from Schwann's soon. A full breakdown of earnings for the students who participated has been provided.

No numbers yet for the Chipolte fundraiser to support Winter Guard.

X. VP of Membership (Christina Coyle)

Christina has begun working with Robert Brandt, Mr. Hensel and Mr. Brooks to try and get the forms online for the upcoming season.

Band Booster membership is currently at 28 families.

XI. VP of Student Accounts Report (Cheryl Murley)

Balance of student accounts on December 1st was \$11,641.07. \$382.34 was used by students towards the cost of the Perdue Jazz Festive leaving a balance of \$11,258.73 on December 31st.

Cheryl provided a full report of student account balances for each student.

XII. VP Uniforms (Teri Azzarello)

Nothing to report.

XIII. VP Volunteers (Maria Wooton)

Student points have been updated in Charms for volunteer hours. Maria will provide a printout of the Point System report for Gretchen.

XIV. Coordinators Reports:

Plant Sale Coordinators (Wendy & Joel Ley)

Nash Farms have been contacted and sale is on track to be held on same weekend as last year in time for Mother's Day. Wendy suggested some signage changes to help encourage drop in purchases. Information about MFP needs to be confirmed in case the pick up location needs to be moved from the visitor parking lot.

Winter Guard Coorinator (Jan Colip)

Practice is going very well for Winter Guard's season. Jan thanked Rich Wienholtz for making the props for the show. Friends and Family are invited to see a performance of the show on January 24th at 9:00pm. The show will be performed on Friday January 31st during halftime for the boy's basketball game. The first competition of the season will be on February 2nd.

XV. Misc^[GL1]

The board agreed to raise the marching band fees to \$525 for 115 students. The total income

would be \$93,675 and total expenses are \$74,975. Gretchen presented the revised budget numbers and John Azzarello seconded it. The board approved the budget unanimously. The additional expenses were not voted on at this time.

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

XVII. Adjournment: 8:28 pm