

MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS MINUTES
March 4th, 2019

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, Maria Wooton, Christina Coyle, Amy Burrows, Jenn Bloom and directors DaJuan Brooks and Greg Hensel. General Board members in attendance were Jan Colip and Joel Ley and Cinda Lester and Adela Meitz were also in attendance.

II. Band President's Report (Kaitlin Asta)

Kaitlin was not in attendance, no student report.

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

Motion for Approval of February 4th, 2019 minutes by: DaJuan Brooks

Motion seconded by: Jenn Bloom

Time of Approval: 7:10 pm

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

Marching Band 2018

Interviews for student leadership positions will be held on Saturday March 9th. The successful candidates will be posted on the same evening. Marching Band kick off meeting for the 2019 season will be held on March 11th.

Band camp schedule format will be different this year and will end with an overnight trip to Indianapolis where the students will get to see bands perform at the DCI competition held at Lucas Oil field.

Music Bowl 2019

We are currently at 18 bands for the 2019 Music Bowl. Greg has been emailing local school band directors to encourage them to sign up as there are very few spots left to fill.

Cinda Lester has volunteered to take a position as Music Bowl co-chair. Email requests have been sent out to try to fill the second co-chair position.

2018 Music Bowl patches will be ordered, they should arrive in April and will be distributed to students during 5A.

Concert Band Info

Permission slips have been sent home for Concert Band and Symphonic Band performances at the Elmhurst Band Festival.

The Midwest Music Festival on Saturday February 23rd was a great success. 2nd place for Wind Ensemble and 3rd place for Wind Symphony in their respective classes.

March 21st will be Instrumental Music Day. The judges will be holding master classes.

Wind Ensemble has been making recordings in class to be submitted for Super State and the Illinois Music Education Conference.

A trip to Walt Disney World for orchestra, choir and band students is being planned for Spring Break 2020. A parent information meeting is being held on March 19th.

V. President's Report (Gretchen Shearer)

FOFA Presidents Meeting

The choir boosters' restaurant fundraiser is on March 8, which is on the same day as their concert. The Boosters will help publicize this Portillo's event. They will also be holding the Raffle drawing at the concert.

The FOFA cookie dough fundraiser will be taking place in late March/April. They are also planning a Portillo's fundraiser for April 8.

Marching Band

The Booster Scholarship information will be sent out later on in March. Gretchen is seeking volunteers to be on the scholarship committee.

The search for parent volunteers to shadow board and music bowl committee chairs is ongoing. Please alert the directors and/or Gretchen if you have any ideas. Gretchen will provide a list of open positions to the directors.

Gretchen and Mary Spears will investigate the issues with Charms.

VI. VP of Music Bowl's Report

All updates for Music Bowl are still coming for the band directors

VII. Treasurer's Report (Gretchen Shearer on behalf of Jamie Nolan)

Income for the month of February was \$2,270 most of which was made up of Winter Guard and Marching Band dues. Expenses totaled \$2,521.87, most of that was made up of \$1,977.50 for Winter Guard funding and \$165 for Jazz Band funding.

VIII. Jazz Report (Glenn Williams via email)

No Jazz report this month.

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

The next fundraiser will be Butterbraids, pick up of orders will be on Wednesday, March 13th.

The Bowling Night fundraiser is still being worked on however finding a date that works has not been easy. More information to follow.

X. VP of Membership (Christina Coyle)

Nothing to report.

XI. VP of Student Accounts Report (Cheryl Murley)

Student account balance stands at \$12015.27, with no activity for the month of February. Cheryl submitted a report of senior student balances which total \$3,618.20.

XII. VP Uniforms (Jenn Bloom)

Marching Band uniforms will be coming back from the cleaners on Thursday March 20th.

XIII. VP Volunteers (Maria Wooton)

Nothing to report.

XIV. Coordinators Reports:

Medical Coordinator (Christine Coyle)

Nothing to report.

Plant Sale Coordinators (Joel Ley)

Plants are scheduled for May 12th. The exact location of the sale is still being figured out, MFP construction may cause the sale to have to move from the visitor parking lot. Order forms will be available soon.

Winter Guard Coorinator (Jan Colip)

Jan reported that the Winter Guard season is going great! Students have been working hard and each performance has been getting stronger. Raul is consistently pulled aside by MWCGC administration and other instructors telling me how much they love the show.

The team has been able to continue to build our relationship with the North guard. Both teams support one another at the competitions and North helps us with performance set-up since they compete in an earlier classification.

Finances

Dues collected: \$4827.

Balance due for Guard Fees: \$1372.5

Balance due for last year marching fees: \$15.00

Balance due for shoes: \$164

Balance due for bodysuits: \$128

Total fees still to be collected: \$1679.50.

Next Fee collection day is March 15. Balance due emails have been sent as needed.

Future performance dates include:

March 9, 2019, Saturday, at Lake Park HS

March 23, 2019 at Minooka HS

March 30 & 31 Championships at LaPorte HS

Spectator support is welcomed.

Jan thanked Robert Brandt for getting Winter Guard information and videos up on the band booster web page and the shows announced on the social media accounts!

XV. Misc^[GL1]

Crowdsourcing Fundraising (Gillian Lewis)

Two crowd sourcing options were looked into.

Snap Raise: this company will all of the fundraising work for us once the students each provide them with a list of email addresses. Snap Raise will set up a temporary web page and send out emails asking people to consider donating to the program. Snap Raise keeps a maximum of 25% of all of the funds raised that percentage goes down if all student provides a list of 20 email addresses. The campaign is live for 2 weeks after which the web page is pulled down and the funds are paid out.

Go Fund Me: we set up the web page and manage publicizing the campaign ourselves. The campaign is open ended so we can keep it live until we reach our set goal or for a predetermined length of time.

Go Fund Me charges 2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction. We can cash out multiple times if necessary.

Next step is to check if the school administration will allow us to use a crowd sourcing site to raise funds.

XVI. Announcements: Next meeting is scheduled for April 8th, 2019 at 7:00pm.

XVII. Adjournment: 7:56 pm