



From Many, One!

SHS Band Boosters:

Meeting was called to order by President Vicki Shadel on Tuesday 15th August at 7:03pm.

In attendance: All current 2023 - 2024 officers were in attendance: Vicki Shadel, Vanessa Hensley, Dan Alberth, Carrie McHugh, Vinnie Inendino, Anthony Graffeo.

Band Boosters present were: Ivette Vega, Lisa James, Traci Hoos, Pilar Vences, Alan Grimm, Jen Eisenmenger, Michelle Pikscher, Kathy Ashenfelder, Donna Alberth, Kelly Rizzo, Tom Norbut, Jeana Norbut, Tammy Loch, Maui Mendez, Andrea S, Venket Ramaswamy, Dolma Bharadwaj, Gijo DeVassy, Yun Brown, Rajitla Gurrum and Pam Cole-Ackart.

President Vicki Shadel's welcome: Vicki welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the school year 2023 - 2024.

Student Band President's report: No student band president at present, we should have one in place for September's meeting.

Secretary Carrie McHugh's report: The meeting minutes from May's end of school year meeting can be found on the Band Booster online page.

Treasurer Dan Alberth's report: Dan walked us through the years estimates and projections for the coming school year.

Band Uniformity: Tammy Loch & Donna Alberth - Thanks were given for all the help during the Uniform fitting days, there are still a few students who need to be fitted before our first marching band event at the first football game on Friday 25th August.

A suggestion was made to have the black beret added to the uniform fees list, as it's presently handled by the section leader parent. Students are currently supposed to provide their own. For all new freshman parents, students MUST wear calf length BLACK socks when in uniform.

Fundraising:

Dine 2 Donate: Carrie McHugh - Our August fundraiser 'Back to school/end of summer' event at Sprinkles seemed to be successful. I am waiting to meet with the owner Dennis to go over the details of that. We may have one possibly on Wednesday 23rd August, I am waiting on confirmation, if it is approved then i will send out the information immediately. **Upcoming:** We have SUBWAY September happening. Every Monday in September, we will be partnering with the Subway on Schaumburg road. 15% will be given back to the band (after further clarification on the terms of the deal) and students can also receive a free cookie when they present their student ID when purchasing a sub. If this is a success the owner is willing to offer this all year!

Raise Right/GLS Gift cards: Debbie Grimm - GLS sales are due the 1st Wednesday of every month and sales are opened up to purchase two weeks before the due date. This is a good way to fundraiser and put money in your students band account to help cover private lesson fees or a band spring break trip (when offered).

The Band Boosters webpage and Facebook page post all fundraising details so you can check and share.

Previous Business recaps with Vicki Shadel:

Sectionals week went really well which helped lead into Band camp bonds.

Band Camp: It was a **very warm** weather week and we had a few sun/heat related issues as the week went on, please remind our students to hydrate when the temps are high. The students worked hard during the week to get ready for the marching band season. The bonding that happens within this week really solidifies the one big family vibe and its wonderful to watch the students create long lasting memories.

A lot of parental help was given during the week to make sure the hot lunch was as seamless as possible. Thank You Pilar Vences for working with the local restaurants to make this meal deal offered during the band week. We are hoping a parent can continue this in the coming years. Thank you to all who helped during the band camp week.

The Saxon marching band season premiere (parent preview) of "A night at the rock opera" was a lot of fun! Families getting to go on the field with their student and gave fun getting put through some paces.

The Boomers game was a lot of fun and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We heard a lot of Boomers fans asking which school the students came from, in future it might be a good idea to take a sign or banner along with us to proudly showcase who is providing the entertainment. The bands performance was well received, with lots of compliments being passed around. Thank you to everyone who helped support this event for the band.

New Business: Upcoming important dates before our next Booster meeting to be shared...

The 1st football game of the season is Friday 25th August and we will need volunteers for that game and going forward. There are two volunteer teams for marching season, the uniform team and field crew. Uniform volunteers help give uniforms out and collect them at the end of the night. Field crew are responsible for making sure all equipment/items needed on the field are out and ready for the directors and the band.

SeptemberFest parade (4th September) volunteers are needed, as we have different positions to make sure we can make the parade as seamless as possible. Volunteer positions are chaperones on the buses to and from the parade, wagon pullers, runners, water bottle handlers and uniform helpers. If you want to help please make sure you have filled out a volunteer form and given it to Vicki. **ALL volunteers need to be in the band member shirt to be part of the parade team.** We may be working with the Lions club again this year, if we are then Bingo volunteers are also needed.

NIU band day is on Saturday 9th September and volunteers to chaperone on the busses, keep the students in check and hydrate our students, it is a first come first served volunteer opportunity. It's best if you complete the volunteer form, you will always be contacted prior to an event if you are still available to help.

Thursday 14th September is our 2nd football game and it's also SENIOR night which begins at 6pm.

Saturday 30th September is the Craft show and Bake sale and Kim Diercks will be running this event, if you want to either help during the bake sale or donate/bake something for the bake sale then we will make sure you are in touch with Kim.

Band Director Updates

Mr. Graffeo - first up lots of THANK YOU's for all the help and support given so far this year... Band camp volunteers and the hot dinners volunteers, it was wonderful to see the kids grab their tickets to get their dinners. The Spirit stick that can be won by the sections each day, creates a great sense of community and so thanks given to parents for supporting throughout the week. Thank you for the huge turnout of parents supporting the season premiere and the students! Overall, THANK YOU for any time you can give to help and support our kids.

It's wonderful to continue with the Boomers game tradition and we are waiting on the final percentage generated from ticket sales.

Spring break trip: there is still time to register your student for the trip and also fundraiser to help cover some of the cost. The current fundraiser is the Popcorn sale which is due this Thursday. Chaperones will be needed for this trip, once students are signed up and we have the correct number, we will determine how many chaperones are needed. A charms message will be sent out to discuss the chaperone portion.

The By Law committee is almost done with the update and it will be shared soon.

Our first online band store is open with Waist Up (Waist Up is a local Schaumburg business) and we chosen them once more as our band store option so we can give back to our community. You can find the band member shirt in the store, the member shirt will be available to purchase during every store we run throughout the school year. This is a shirt that ALL band students must have and if they are going on the spring break trip they will want to have more than 1, as laundry isn't done during the trip, so hygiene reasons we would recommend having at least 2 member shirts for spring break week. Florida is very hot and the kids will need to wear their member shirt as part of their uniform requirement. All orders are due by this Thursday (17th August).

Mr Inendino - Unavailable this evening.

Our Next meeting is Tuesday 12th September

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

These minutes have been approved by Band Directors Vinnie Inendino and Anthony Graffeo upon submission by Band Booster Secretary, Carrie McHugh