



From Many, One!

SHS Band Boosters: Tuesday, August 16th, 2022. Meeting was called to order by President Vicki Shadel at 7:01pm

In attendance: Vicki Shadel, Carrie McHugh, Dan Alberth, Vanessa Hensley, Vinnie Inendino, Anthony Graffeo, Ivette Vega, Kathy Ashenfelter, Barb Targowski, Luz Picazo, Alan Grimm, Debbie Grimm, Tim Ashenfelter, Heidi Trybus, Sumathi Prabhakar, Scott Eisenmenger, Jennifer Eisenmenger, Donna Alberth, Tammy Loch, Pam Ackert, Kim Diercks, Jeana Norbut, Tom Norbut, Michelle Pikscher, Lisa James, Bob Seiser, Dawn Hoelzer, Alicia Nunez, Denise Freehling, Tracy Hoos, Dena Zell, Yun Brown, Dolma Bharadwaj, Venkat Ramaswamy, Robi Vollkommer, Kelly Rizzo, Barbara Velez and Margaret Dombrowski

President Vicki Shadel's Welcome: Thanked everyone for joining us and asked that we go around the room and introduce ourselves.

Treasurer Dan Alberth's report: The report was submitted during the meeting, Dan walked us all through our current finances. Student accounts were discussed and explained by Band Directors, Vinnie Inendino and Anthony Graffeo.

GLS and Raise Right presentation: A presentation was made and explained by Debbie Grimm. A video was shown to explain how Raise Right is utilized through an online App or through physical gift cards (GLS). Gift cards are typically offered the first Wednesday of the month, while the App is always available. A code will be given out to parents via Charms email.

Tom Norbut spoke about possibly utilizing the Amazon Smiles program.

Secretary Carrie McHugh's report: As this is the first meeting of the year no meeting minutes were presented for review and approval.

This year I will be handling and running the Dine 2 Donate fundraising. I discussed and shared the outlook for the year, with the emphasis to partner with as many local businesses as possible, specifically reaching out to new places, so we may entice the students to participate in addition to parent participation. Our first Dine 2 Donate to kick off the year is with Pilot Pete's over at Schaumburg airport and will be held on Thursday, August 25th. When you visit the participating business, you need to show the flyer to let them know you are part of the fundraiser that day.

Band Uniformity with Tammy Loch and Donna Alberth: Thanks were given for help that has already been received with the band uniform fitting. Some fittings are still ongoing. They are looking to place the shoe order in time for the first event of the season and some extra band member t-shirts will need to be ordered also. Any gloves that were ordered will be found in the student's hat box.

New parent information was shared: Uniforms and formal wear is always kept at school and handed in at the end of each event. Students own their band shirts, gloves, and shoes, as well as shirts and bow ties for formal wear. These items are allowed to go home with the student. **BLACK SOCKS that sit above the ankle are**

required for all students to maintain uniformity. Socks and gloves are available to purchase through Tammy. Anyone who wishes to help with uniforms can reach out to Tammy.

Previous Business (Vicki Shadel): Band camp was a huge success! The students worked hard during a long week. Thanks was given to parents for supporting their kids during the week of band camp and for help with the practice parade. The Daily Herald came out to watch the practice parade and the band made it into the paper. The article can be found online if you missed buying a physical paper. The Band also performed outside the Schaumburg Boomer's stadium before performing the National Anthem for the game. The students had a lot of fun that night. Thanks were given to any parent that helped and supported that night.

Vicki shared the importance of being part of the Band Booster organization and how everything we do is in support of the directors, the program, and the students. We love seeing so many parents share in the experience and help make the organization as successful as possible, in addition to making new friends and having some extra time and new experiences with your child.

New Business (Vicki Shadel): Upcoming Events...

SeptemberFest parade: Vice President Alan Grimm discussed how the parade has been handled in previous years (prior to Covid) and how exciting it is to see our student's parade. The students will not only be participating in the parade, but they will also be working towards winning the parade award for 'Best High School Marching Band'. Students need to be hydrated and have some food in their stomach prior to the parade to help them prepare for the day. Parental help will be needed during the parade, around 20 parents needed so they can be split into groups:

- 1) Water squirters: this group makes sure the students stay hydrated by squirting water into their mouths as they march.
- 2) Wagon pullers: this group pulls the wagons carrying the water bottles, coolers and other needs at the back of the Saxon parade.
- 3) Runners: This group is the go between for the wagons and the Water squirters.

We ask all parents helping to look out for any student that may be feeling faint and needs to be cooled down/attended to.

Call times were given for anyone helping with uniforms that morning or the parade.

A band photo will be taken in the gym that morning at 8:05am.

Security issues for the parade have been discussed and are being worked on by the band directors with the Village and the local police.

The Lyons Club offered us an opportunity to help them with their bingo over all 3 days of the Fest weekend, in return they will give money back to the Band program. This is an adult only opportunity, students cannot participate. Please contact Vicki Shadel if you can help.

NIU Band Day: The students get to play at the game. It is an all-day event out in DeKalb, IL on Saturday, September 17 and a dozen volunteers are needed to travel with the band and help keep them in check.

A request was made for an individual or a small team to create a quarterly newsletter for the Boosters.

There is a volunteer sheet (physical or online) for all parents who are interested in volunteering for any upcoming events. The online form can be found as a link on the band webpage in the Band Boosters section. Website: Schaumburgband.com

The Craft show bake sale has been moved to Spring, instead of its usual Autumn time slot. No date is available at present.

Our first football game is Friday, September 2nd and we have two teams that help at each home game to get everything in order. The Uniform team and the Field team.

Uniform team: Responsible for all pre- and post-game set up which includes but is not limited to... the correct uniform is given to the correct student, all hat boxes are readily available, helping the students with whatever they need to make sure they are ready to perform and attaching the plume to each hat before they take to the field. Post-game they help make sure the uniforms are returned and hung correctly, hat boxes are refilled, and all plumes are returned.

Field team: Responsible for all pre- and post-game set up which includes but is not limited to... moving equipment, ensuring water bottles and coolers are filled and ready to go, chairs are set up and taken down, the medical cart is on the field and the students are kept safe.

When you volunteer for either Uniform or Field your entrance to the game is free, family members will still need purchase a ticket at the gate or a VIP pass to get into the game.

September games are Friday the 2nd, 9th and 30th.

Friday, September 9th - Senior Game Night. Photos will be taken of each senior and their family members before the game.

Friday, September 30th - Junior High night and Alumni football game. The SD54 bands come and perform with our marching band and any alums who wish to perform will be asked to participate. We feed the SD54 students that evening, as well as holding an Alumni reception. Volunteers will be needed for that night before and after the game, separate from the uniform and field helpers.

DIRECTOR UPDATES

Mr. Inendino: Shared the band website: Schaumburgband.com and that all information can be found on the page. The 'announcements' page lets you check in with what's happening with your students in the program. There is a freshman calendar, specifically for freshman families which removes any upper classmen activities and only shares the information freshman need. Links can be found on the webpage for any of our media, like Saxon Band Dad who records all of our performances and the Facebook page(s).

Mr. Graffeo: Shared that the calendar will be updated by the weeks end and emphasized how wonderful it is to see so many parents in the meeting this evening. He asked to spread the word so more parents would join.

We have a new apparel vendor we are working with as our previous vendor, Jim retired. The new vendor is a local online store named 'Waist Up', Mr. Graffeo will be submitting the items requested by the students tomorrow and hopefully we will be able to order here very soon. This will be another way for us to fundraise, as the prices were tweaked slightly so money could come back into the program. When it is up and running an email will be sent out via Charms with a link and purchases can be made online with a debit or credit card.

Open Mic: Vicki opened the floor for any questions that hadn't been answered already.

Michelle Pikscher asked if we had bylaws and budget guidelines. Dan Alberth answered and let the room know we will have our budget information at the next meeting and that we do adhere to bylaws, we are a corporation (a 501C3) with officers, we file taxes and when we pay vendors we issue 1099's. Everything is above board and money is tracked very carefully.

Dan Alberth asked that "we" (Vicki Shadel, Carrie McHugh and Vanessa Hensley) talk about the Italian Ice fundraiser and how it was an opportunity for parents to get together. The Band directors and some Band Booster parents had discussed previously how we wanted an opportunity for parents to come out and get to know each other a little better. In addition to that, we felt we could kick off the year with a mini fundraiser while we got to know each other. Going forward it is our goal to have more parent social opportunities, whether that is in 'section' groups like our students or a parent group. The Italian ice sales were a success, and that fundraiser will definitely happen again.

The Schaumburg Band t-shirt made by President Vicki Shadel was made so that parents could have an unofficial uniform while raising some money for the band. Vicki will be offering a chance to purchase a t-shirt within the next month. A portion of the proceeds will be coming back to the band program. Orders will be taken by Vanessa Hensley. This is separate from our vendor, 'Waist Up'.

Mr. Inendino shared that we meet on the second Tuesday of each month, in the band room, so we don't overlap with the VIP meetings. Sometimes that is subject to change, if there is a conflicting event and we are always informed in a timely manner.

Parents shared how much they loved parent preview and being on the field with our kids.

This concluded our meeting and we adjourned at 8:10pm

These minutes have been respectfully submitted by,

Carrie McHugh, Secretary