



From Many, One!

SHS Band Boosters:

Meeting was called to order by President Vicki Shadel on Monday 13th February, 2023 at 7:01pm.

In attendance: All current 2022-2023 officers were in attendance: Vicki Shadel, Alan Grimm, Carrie McHugh, Vinnie Inendino, Anthony Graffeo and Josephine Mascarenhas, with the exception of Dan Alberth who was out sick.

Band Boosters present were: Donna Alberth, Sumathi Prabhakar, Debbie Grimm, Ivette Vega, Vanessa Hensley, Jeana Norbut, Kathy Ashenfelter, Michelle Pikscher, Kelly Rizzo, Jen Eisenmenger, Dawn Hoelzer, Dolma Bharadwaj

President Vicki Shadel's welcome: Vicki welcomed everyone and opened the floor to Josephine.

Student Band President's report: Josephine shared the end of season pep band news, we won against Conant, mixing excitement with sadness as the season came to a close. The Schoology anonymous compliment board is running successfully and the students continue to encourage the practice. The Band-a-Rama concert was a success and the students really enjoyed meeting the "new blood" that will be joining in the Saxon band in the 2023-2024 school year. Thanks were given to the band boosters who provided the lunch and helped with the Blizzards sales. This past weekend while the school play was running, a band outing was organised for the Friday night which entailed dinner at Culver's and then watching the school play.

The goal is to organise a few more band outings before the end of the school year.

The students have made a decision for the upcoming band-aid concert, the charity we will be supporting is 'SCARCE', which is an organisation which assists and supports teachers in collecting materials for underfunded schools.

Treasurer Dan Alberth's report: VP Alan Grimm stepped in to go over the current budget stats, since Dan is out sick this week. Get well soon Dan!

After walking us through the details of our current incoming and outgoing finances, Alan shared that as of the end of January we have an available fund of: \$194.41.

Secretary Carrie McHugh's report: The report for January can be found on the website, in addition to the hard copy provided at tonight's meeting, having been approved by the Band Directors.

Band Uniformity: Nothing to report this evening. Donna shared the usual reminder for BLACK SOCKS! :D

Please check in with your students regarding any adjustments that may be needed for formal wear, prior to upcoming concerts.

Fundraising:

Dine 2 Donate - Still waiting on the checks from the Morettis D2D and Portillos D2D, as they will be posted directly to Vinnie from the corporate offices. Our next fundraiser is Panera on Wednesday 22nd February at the Schaumburg Road location, the timeframe is from 4-8pm. In March, we have Chipotle from 5-9pm on Wednesday 8th and Cinnaholic will run all day on Wednesday 22nd.

Raise Right/GLS Gift cards - Debbie shared that Panera gift cards have 8% profit and it would be a good way to double hit for fundraising. March 1st is the next time to order.

Previous Business with Vicki Shadel:

Pep band concert and the food drive... food collected went to the SHS pantry. Thanks were given for the support. The Harper Jazz festival was a successful day of performing followed by clinics with professionals/professors at Harper college. The last two pep bands of the season were fun to watch and be part of, especially the last game, which got pretty heated with the rivalry between Schaumburg and Conant. The SHS and D54 Band-a-Rama, the D54 schools we hosted came from Keller and Frost and the entire evening was a success from the concert itself to the Q & A with incoming Junior High parents, as well as thanks to the boosters who sold blizzards and Italian ice. D211 honors orchestra was held on 11th and feedback was very positive.

New Business: SHS Solo and ensemble festival is being held on 21st February, ALL parents are welcome, EVERY students will be performing in ensemble/combo, in addition to some students performing solos. The time slots are 15 minutes long, the earliest beginning at 4pm and the latest at 8:30pm.

Jazz in the Meadows is taking place on Saturday 25th at the Rolling Meadows HS, with all of the SHS jazz groups performing. Entrance is \$10-15 and it runs all day.

Also on Saturday 25th is the VIP Craft Fair and Band bake sale, as it had to be rescheduled from Autumn to winter/spring. It runs from 10am - 4pm. The band bake sales tables have been laced in a heavy foot traffic area to help us sell our goods.

IHSA solo & ensemble and the Elk Grove day of percussion are being held on Saturday 4th March.

“Jazz n’ Joe” is being held on Tuesday 7th March with doors opening at 6:30pm and performances beginning at 7pm. The cafeteria becomes a jazz coffeehouse for the evening and you get to listen to the students perform. Local establishments have been approached for donations, but an email will be sent to all parents asking for donations.

Alan Grimm shared that we are quickly approaching the time for the Band Booster scholarship to happen, with the deadline for application coming the week following Spring break. Notifications will be sent out very soon and along with the gathering of the committee.

Band Director Updates

Mr. Graffeo - while he is here in the building, he is unable to speak this evening, as he is working with some of the percussion students.

Mr Inendino - When the treasurers report was discussed we may have noticed that the private lessons number was higher than usual, this is because several of the private teachers invoice us at the end of the semester, in addition to students that began lessons in the autumn with the two “free” lessons we provide.

At the end of January, we had 3 students that went to the all state festival in Peoria that represented our school.

We had 19 Saxons students play this past Saturday in the Honors orchestra, 8 of those were band students.

IHSA solo and ensemble will be held at Reavis High School in the southwest suburbs.

All of our percussions are participating in the Elk Grove day of percussion.

Our Jazz n’ Joe guest artist (musician) is saxophonist Brent Griffin, he will be performing with all of our groups.

March is our ‘ARTS ALIVE’ month were as a school we have professionals come in to perform for classes throughout the school. Some of the music highlights is a world percussion group, percussionists who perform with the Elgin symphony, we will also have the NIU steel band, NIU has a world renowned steel percussion group and we try to get them out here every couple of years. They will be here on the 3rd of March.

There will be a music department showcase happening on 17th March, a series of student recitals will happen for their fellow students throughout the day.

The musical rehearsals started today and pit band rehearsals will begin soon.

We had several students selected for the D211 honour band, there will be a rehearsal on Monday 27th February at Hoffman Estates HS and they have a two day festival... Friday rehearsal with the guest conductor and Saturday is the concert at 3pm (March 11th), the guest conductor is Don Shupe, he is the former band director at Liberty HS and conducts the NW wind ensemble. It’s a free concert.

Our Next meeting is Tuesday 14th March

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

THANK YOU to Kelly Rizzo for the delicious Nothing Bundt treats.

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