



From Many, One!

SHS Band Boosters:

Meeting was called to order by President Vicki Shadel at 7:01pm.

In attendance: All current 2022-2023 officers were in attendance: Vicki Shadel, Alan Grimm, Dan Alberth, Carrie McHugh, Vinnie Inendino, Anthony Graffeo and Josephine Mascarenhas. Band Boosters present were: Sumathi Prabhakar, Kelly Rizzo, Tammy Loch, Donna Alberto, Jen Eisenmenger, Barb Targowski, Ivette Vega, Barb Velez and Traci Hoos

President Vicki Shadel's welcome: Welcomed all attending boosters and handed the floor over to Josephine.

Student Band President's report: In the middle of December the Orchestra concerts were held with wind symphony and symphonic band members accompanying them. Josephine and Andrew Fitch both attended the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, which is the largest instrumental music conference in the world and is held downtown. Last week there was a jazz ensemble rehearsal with alums, which was a wonderful opportunity to share in their experiences and helpful guidance. They were able to have clinics with sectionals split into groups, as well as a clinic for the whole group. All of these opportunities bring wonderful new perspectives for us all to you and gain knowledge from.

Secretary Carrie McHugh's report: The meeting minutes from last month are online for anyone to read and go over, in addition to the hard copies available this evening. Minutes were approved by the band directors.

Treasurer Dan Alberth's report: Dan went over in detail where our current financial standings are, on what has come in versus what has gone out. Benevity donations are coming in monthly right now, it is a wonderful additional way to fundraiser of your employers participate.

Band Uniformity: Tammy let us know that there's nothing really happening with uniforms right now, as we have lots of indoor activities happening. If any students need alterations done to their uniforms, please just let Tammy or Donna know.

Fundraising:

Dine 2 Donate - We finally had our money come in from Domino's, which was \$90 and Checker's was rounded up from just under \$82 to \$100. So our total from the most recent two D2D's was \$190. I had tried (twice) to get a Noodles & Company fundraiser to happen, but I guess I can't guarantee enough sales/people coming in, so I was refused both times. I didn't hear back from Green Joe coffee, so this month, we just have the Moretti's D2D on Wednesday 25th January.

Raise Right/GLS Gift cards - January gift cards will be skipped while we all recover from Christmas. February will be our next gift card purchase event.

Previous & New Business with Vicki Shadel: Holiday concerts were a success.

Next Tuesday (17th) we have our Pep band concert, which will take place in the auditorium this year, not the gym and we will also be doing the food drive. Parental help is needed to help pack up the donations. We do not know which food bank we will be donating to yet, we have to see who has the greater need at present. There will also be a 50/50 raffle at the concert, so help with selling raffle tickets is needed also. Selling will start at 6:30pm, concert begins at 7pm. Anyone willing to help, please let Vicki know.

Saturday 21st (Jan) we have the Mark Colby Jazz invitational at Harper College.

We have the last two pep bands of the school year on Friday 27th January and Friday 3rd February. In February things start to pick up once more... we have the SD54 Band-a-Rama concert on Tuesday 7th (Feb), wind symphony will perform alongside the SD54 students. We will be selling blizzards after that concert, so volunteer help is needed that night, in addition to some help needed when we feed the SD54 students lunch between 11:15am - 12:15pm. Reach out to Vicki if you can help. We have 8 students participating in the D211 honours orchestra on Saturday 11th February at Conant HS at 7pm.

We are holding the SHS solo & ensemble festival on Tuesday 21st February, this is the 2nd year holding this experience for the students. We get to watch our students perform for judges and receive feedback on their performances. We have the all day event of Jazz in the Meadows on Saturday 25th February.

Band Director Updates

Mr. Graffeo - The January lull is a nice break before we begin picking back up momentum in February and preparing all the students for what's to come in the home stretch of the last few months of the school year.

Mr Inendino - Solo & ensemble practices are on going in the run up to 21st February. At the end of the month we have our All State festival down in Peoria.

Our Next meeting is Monday 13th February at 7pm in the band room.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

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