



### From Many, One!

#### **SHS Band Boosters:**

Meeting was called to order on Tuesday 14th March 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: Kathy Ashenfelter, Barb Targowski, Donna Alberth, Lisa James, Pilar Vances, Traci Hoos, Jenna Norbut, Tom Norbut, Ivette Vega, Vanessa Hensley, Jennifer Eisenmenger, Michelle Pikscher, Sumathi Prabhakar, Robi Vollkommer, Kelly Rizzo, Dolma Bharadwaj, Maui Mendez, Dawn Hoelzer and Tammy Loch.

**President Vicki Shadel's welcome:** Vicki welcomed everyone to this evenings meeting and since Josephine wasn't available to speak first, we opened with the treasury report first instead.

**Treasurer Dan Alberth's report:** Dan walked us through all the incomings and outgoings and our current available funds for the month of February.

**Secretary Carrie McHugh's report:** The minutes for February's meeting have been approved by the band directors and are available in hard copy at tonight's meeting or online on the band website.

**Band Uniformity:** Nothing new to report. Donna will be available to help during the concerts and REMEMBER black socks. Dress code for concerts is concert black or tuxedos.

#### **Fundraising:**

**Dine 2 Donate** - We received our check from the Moretti's D2D for \$44.15, we also received money updates from our recent D2D's... Portillo's - \$113, Panera - \$123.93 and Chipotle - \$228.89. Our next D2D is 22nd March at Cinnaholic and will run all day.

**Raise Right/GLS Gift cards** - March is done, with 2 more months to order before the end of the school year. A question was presented on whether we wish to continue with Raise Right, this will be revisited.

**Student Band President's report:** The students have been planning a social event for this coming Friday. Pep tunes will be played. We just had a successful Jazz n' Joe concert, all of the performers played very well, which included our 2 combos, 2 ensembles, the SD54 Jazz band in addition to SHS vocalists performing in between sets. Last week we had a successful Orchestra concert with some of the Symphonic and Wind symphony members joining. We had some concerto competition winners performing at the concert, Sarah on Piano and Daigo on violin. The past weekend we had our honour band concert which went very well. Our upcoming band aid concerts will be Wednesday and Thursday.

**Previous Business with Vicki Shadel:** The SHS solo and ensemble festival had wonderful feedback and was a great experience for students.

IHSA which is the same thing as the previous, but a little more intense.

'Jazz in the Meadows' at Rolling Meadow HS had our two Jazz combos, Jazz lab band and Jazz ensemble. Each group gave wonderful performances and got to watch Great Lakes Navy band perform. That day we also had the band bake sale in partnership with the VIP craft fair, all feedback has been positive and everything seemed to go well, because of this there was a little bit of conflict for parents who like to be able to participate in both. Next was the IHSA solo and ensemble and the Elk Grove day of percussion and masterclass, which is a higher level of performance for all students involved. The IHSA solo & ensemble had 18 groups that garnered a Division 1 rating and BEST of DAY went to our very own Josephine Mascarenhas and Andrew Fitch for their Alto duet. SHS students who garnered perfect scores that day: Peter Eisenmenger for his snare solo, Andrew and Josephine's duet and Divya's clarinet solo.

Jazz n' Joe was standing room only again and thanks are given to watch and help. A highlight that evening was when the Jazz ensemble surprised the band directors with a 9 track CD they performed and recorded the past 4 months. Maui Mendez and the Fitches were instrumental in helping. Their performance of "Sing, sing, sing" was performed at the end of the night.

(Vinnie has the CD in his car at present and listens to it on his drive to and from work).

20 students performed at the D211 honors band.

**New Business:** Band aid concerts this week (Wednesday and Thursday) which start at 7pm. Wednesday is Cadet and Concert, Thursday is Symphonic and wind symphony. The charity selected this year is SCARCE. A local charity with recycles and supports teachers with supplies for their classrooms. Students pick the charity each year, drum major Divya volunteers there and recommended this charity. Students have an upcoming field trip to the CSO with only 90 tickets available tickets went to seniors first, then juniors and so on down to freshman. The students are very excited to have this field trip. CICBF invitational at Hersey on 15th April, this is like 'Jazz in the Meadows', but it's a concert band for symphonic and wind symphony. CICBF stands for Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students. 2-4 chaperones will be needed - there will be an email sent out. The school musical rehearsals are underway, the musical will take place 20th - 22nd and there will be band students participating not only in the pit but in the musical itself. It's that time of year for the Band Booster Scholarship, the application has been made available to all seniors and they have til the 7th April to apply, the deadline for submission is 11:59pm that evening. Please encourage your seniors to apply. Once the applications have been submitted, a committee will be formed and the selection process will begin to chose a winner. You do not have to be majoring in music to qualify, it is to help enhance and continue music appreciation in any way.

Nominations for next year are about to begin, if you would like to be on the committee then please reach out to Vicki. The nominating committee will be the deciding factor for whom takes the officer positions for the 2023-2024 year.

### **Band Director Updates**

**Mr Inendino** - A major highlight in the band at present is having a few alums come back and share a newly composed piece of music with us, which will be showcased at the band aid concert this week. The wind symphony has been working with Alum Tim Corpus to perform his piece called 'Moon shot', the piece is drawing from inspiration the Apollo (60's) and Artemis (present) missions.

Tim wrote this piece for us and also for Harper College's wind symphony, with conductor Greg Tipps having a hand in the process. Greg was instrumental in pairing another SHS alum who now works at NASA. After lots of back and forth communication (which included background checks) we were blessed to have alum Cathy Koerner, a former clarinet student, take a day out of her extremely busy schedule, so she could come and speak with physics and band students, sharing her personal thoughts on what her time within the band meant to her and information that she is allowed to share about her role within NASA.

As we have all heard by now, there is a trip proposal for next year, during Spring break for students to travel down to Florida. Opportunities for fundraising to help offset costs will take place throughout the year. The soft deadline was last Friday. Mr. Graffeo sent out an infinite campus post which students and parents should have received. There is a current cookie dough fundraiser happening, which is due today and delivery for cookie dough orders will be 4th April. Half of the proceeds from the sales go into the student accounts. The first student to sell 50 got a bonus. 'ARTS ALIVE' is a program that was started in the late 90's and initially was a week long celebration of 'ARTS', but this year it was decided it would be a month long celebration throughout the month of March. Events have been taking place on Fridays, the last two Fridays we've had a bluegrass band perform, as well as the NIU steel band. All band students got to watch and share on the performances. Last week a world percussion trio performed and this week in addition to the band aid concerts, some of our students are part of chamber groups and they will be performing during the band aid concerts to showcase pieces they have been working on, they will also be performing in an ARTS ALIVE showcase.

**Mr. Graffeo** - was at a wake and unavailable this evening.

Our Next meeting is Tuesday 11th April at 7pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

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