



Music Booster Meeting notes 9/10/2024 6:30 pm

Attendees: Arlene Dubiel, Rachel Reger, Jill Bradley, Michael Craig, Mini Varghese, Amy Dempsey, Amy Bluhm, Jennie Clark-Moran, Brian Wright, Rose Feeny, Jennifer Winters, Keith Kornatoski, Chad Bobik, Jennifer Parker, Anthony Gnutek

President’s Report: Arlene Dubiel

Goal for this year is to have systems in place to ensure we can transition between leadership more easily. Leadership should document actions/activities to pass on to next year’s team. If you volunteer for something, document what you did to share for next year.

Second goal – as much involvement as possible by parents and boosters. “Many hands make light work.”

Passed around attendance sheet for emails. Communications will go out via email. Concert attire store through Cousins this year. Store closes 9/22.

Treasurer’s Report: Keith Kornatoski and Jennifer Winters

August Financials – Update

Beginning Balance				\$62,914.12
Credits	Tag Day Cash	\$5,637.46		
	Tag Day QR Code	\$2,041.11		
	Other	\$1,450.00		
		\$9,128.57		
Debits	50/50 Raffle	\$200.00		
	CNA Surety Insurance	\$100.00	(To Run 50/50 raffle)	
	Encore Music Academy	\$165.00	(Licensed music therapists/clinicians for independent study students)	
	Account Analysis	\$7.35		
	Monthly Fee	\$152.93	(Booster President and Treasurers will review what the fee is for)	
		\$625.28		
Ending Balance				\$71,417.41
Net Increase				\$8,503.29
September Preview				
Credit	50/50 Raffle Proceeds	\$214.00		
Credit	Drill Master Shoe Receipts	\$560.00		
Debit	Stagg Truck Rental	(\$193.49)		
Debit	Stagg Fuel Expense	(\$59.16)		
Debit	CAN Surety Insurance	(\$100.00)		
		\$421.35		

Orchestra Director: Terry Foster (Recapped by Jennifer Parker, Foster not present)

- 10/17 first concert. Working on bringing in clinicians.
- LA trip is on – choice and orchestra going. Waiting on airfare confirmations. Trying to get flights out of ORD instead of MDW to make it easier on transportation of students. Fundraisers in motion for trip.
- Foster suggests meeting with all directors related to soundproof door initiative. Previously, plan had been in place for the practice rooms and teacher office doors to sound proof so that more individual practice rooms are

available. Initiative stalled during pandemic, revisiting now. Money was earmarked for the doors, so we need to re-evaluate process and steps, talk to custodial staff, see if new bids are necessary, etc.

Choir Director: Jennifer Parker

- Attire/Uniforms in process: <https://jacobshsgroupstore2024.itemorder.com/>
- CA trip in process. Also working on getting Lyric Opera tickets for interested students (have about 50 right now). Nov 21st trip during school, with a 1:30 pm show time. The performance is Marriage of Figaro.
- Choir concert 10/10
- ILMEA list comes out 9/11 for choir. Rehearsals will start soon after.

Band Director: Anthony Gnutek

- In the throws of marching band, which takes up lots of time and funding. Had first competition past weekend and have done one football game. HDJMB didn't place at competition, missed by fraction of percentage. Team worked hard at Monday's rehearsal to come back from it.
- Upcoming competition: 9/14, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19 (Off Chicago Marathon weekend). At Football Games 9/27, 10/11, 10/25.
- 10/22 1st concert. 10/24 Jazz concert (Jazz Band and Jazz Choir) at FCC in Crystal Lake.
- 11/12 Wind Concert at Westfield

Guitar Director: Chad Bobik

- Guitar Ensemble underway. Starting electric guitar club. Initiating morning club "jam sessions" to encourage involvement and collaboration. Also doing open mic type activities after school.
- Jacobs hosting "Battle of the Bands" in January. First time in several years. Want to get the word out – it's for all three high schools on 1/17/2025. Trying to build music community at Jacobs (Devona suggests providing a flyer to orchestra, choir, and band leaders to share with their students).
- Guitar Ensemble 7 pm concert, open mic before that.
- Have not sent out uniform information yet. Olivia Wood doing merch design.

Orchestra VP: Jenny Clark Moran

Introduced self. New to Jacobs. Daughter is freshman violin. New VP. Nothing to report yet.

Band VP: Amy Moran

- Introduced self. Marching band underway. Learning how to load and unload trucks for competitions. Cart broke last weekend, working on fixing it.
- 50/50 raffle needs volunteers. Last came was \$214 in fundraising, down from previous. To increase, we need more people to assist – some games have none scheduled. Noted that there may be an increase to dry cleaning bill for uniforms due to new choreography involving dance moves on the grass.
- 9/11 Photos for Marching Band

Choir VP: Lisa Devona

- Fundraisers lined up for CA trip. Have thoughts on general fundraising ideas. We need to generate more. Right now, only doing Tag Day/QR code, 50/50 raffle, and craft fair. Should be looking for more options.
- President interjecting about having a fundraising chair and looking at the position. Devona agrees and indicates have in the past. Devona also said she'll stay on as choir chair as long as needed (daughter is senior) until someone else is ready to take over, "that's my jam."

Guitar VP: Jill Bradley

Introduced self. Daughter is junior. New to role. Nothing to report yet.

Craft Fair Chairs: Amy Dempsey and Mini Varghese

- First year chairing craft fair event. Any and all feedback and help welcome. 11/2 is craft fair. 65 booths reserved, but had 95 last year so aiming to meet or exceed that number. 57 applications submitted thus far, 52 have paid. Note that Mr. Foster does the student volunteer sign ups (Tri-m for service hours).
- Need to contact Mr. Budnyk for tape to outline booths. Have the binder from the person who did it last year. Going through everything Need to plan concessions and get the info. Need donations for donuts, etc. Booster president has to sign. President Arlene also confirmed that spirit wear gets set up in the hall outside the library on craft fair day.
- Gnutek asked for a flyer/link to get sign ups. Co-chair Amy asked if anyone had a sample from last year they could use as reference. Craft fair supplies stored in choir closet per Devona.
- ILMEA Jazz also on 11/2, per Parker, which could impact some student participation.
- Parker advised that new owner of “Nothing Bundt Cakes” reached out about collaborating. Devona advised had contacted new ownership several times with no response. Parker will provide info for follow up.

New Business

- Secretary position open – candidate for consideration, Rachel Reger
- Rachel introduced self. President asked if anyone else interested and then took vote. All approved placement.
- Orchestra VP now filled. Have a full board for the first time in years! Hooray!

Reminders:

Concert attire due 9/22. Done online. Will be shipped to Arlene’s house, if anyone wants to come over and help sort. Then students will come by school to pick up.

President had additional booster attendees introduce themselves. Next meeting next month, 10/8. Will see everyone then. President Arlene closed meeting at 7:25 pm.