



Music Booster Meeting notes 3/11/2025 6:30 pm



Attendees: Arlene Dubiel, Reid Bloomfield, Anthony Gnutek, Lisa Devona, Amy Moran, Devin Moran, Terry Foster, Jennifer Winters, Keith Kornatoski, Rachel Reger, and Jill Bradley.

President called meeting to order and reviewed minutes from the 1/14/2025 meeting.

- VP Moran motioned to approve the minutes. VP Devona seconded.
- All present affirmed. Motion carried and minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – President Arlene Dubiel

Agenda for Tonight: Treasurer’s report, Director Reports, VP Reports, Fundraising.

President Dubiel indicated that the budget is looking good and most areas should have some spend available. Asked that directors review and confirm plans on how it will be handled. Directors agreed and thought things were looking good. Comment from Director Bobik regarding “Upstaging Lightening” in Sycamore selling their used inventory. Have seen items on Facebook marketplace, exponentially cheaper than going new (ex \$1500 a light). Might be something to consider. Originally reached out for internships in music production but representative mentioned they redo their stuff regularly and sell off the used inventory.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Treasurer/Co-Treasurer Keith Kornatoski and Jennifer Winters

- Reviewed March Budget Report (see below). Will vote on 2026-2026 budget next meeting.
- Butter Braids Proceeds: \$3761
- Coffee/PopCorn Proceeds: \$1806
- 50/50 Raffle Proceeds: \$152
- Pops Proceeds: \$1209

Budget 2024-25 as of 3/9/25		
INCOME	24-25 Proposed	Gross Revenue
TAG DAY MARCHING BAND ONLY	\$8,000.00	\$7,853.72
50/50	\$1,500.00	\$1,370.00
CRAFT FAIR	\$7,000.00	\$8,001.05
POINSETTIA SALES	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
POPS / SPRING FUNDRAISER	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
CASH BOX AND OTHER DONATIONS NOT EARMARKED FOR MARCHING BAND	\$1,500.00	\$1,258.54
TOTAL GROSS REVENUE	\$21,500.00	\$19,483.31
CORPORATE DONATIONS		\$875.08
REVENUE + DONATIONS		\$20,358.39

EXPENSES	24-25 Proposed	Spend	Remaining
Band Equipment/Instruments	\$1,000.00	\$462.85	\$537.15
Chorus Equipment/ Instruments/Accompanist	\$2,000.00	\$1,031.81	\$968.19
Orchestra Equipment/Instruments	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Guitar Equipment/Instruments	\$1,000.00	\$811.81	\$188.19
Band Festivals/Clinicians	\$1,000.00	\$837.50	\$162.50
Chorus Festivals/Clinicians	\$1,000.00	\$62.50	\$937.50
Orchestra Festivals/Clinicians	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Guitar Festival/Clinicians	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Band Transportation	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Chorus Transportation	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Orchestra Transportation	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Guitar Transportation	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Jazz Concert Venue	\$500	\$150.00	\$350
Department Awards	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Department Emergency Funds	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Department Inter-District Activities	\$1,000.00	\$112.60	\$887.40
Marching Band (extra curricular)	\$8,000.00	\$5,116.54	\$2,883.46
Madrigal Dinner	\$1,500.00	\$1,098.12	\$401.88
Musical	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Operating Funds	\$250.00	\$956.77	-\$706.77
TOTAL	\$40,750.00		

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Orchestra Director: Terry Foster

- Progress with new doors continuing. Current estimate around 18k. Plan to brick top section of door, with glass in it, in order to improve soundproofing. Re-measuring to ensure accuracy and shooting for summer completion.
- Want to bring in clinician April to work with students.
- New door discussions still in process (President will discuss).

Band Director: Anthony Gnutek

- Symphonic band performed in Batavia. Great relationship with the school, enjoyable event.
- ILMEA wind ensemble event Wednesday. Asked them to send an invoice in order to pay the \$350 ILMEA fee. When received will send to Treasurers for payment.
- Will also be registering for the larger Downers Grove contest. They go in reverse order of sign up, so the timing on registration helps make sure they don't have to go too early in the program.
- April 15th Marching Band meeting.
- April 24th Spring Band concert.
- Coming back from Spring Break, ACT day, and late start, will be concerts. Also school improvement day and Good Friday concert.
- May 6th Jazz Concert (Vocal Jazz and Jazz Band).
- Keyboard piano went out during musical, used replacement. Got it working again, but don't anticipate it will last. It's at least 18 years old. Received recommendation from Duncan on one to get, around \$1400, and vendors agree on the selection.
- President Dubiel indicated budget it available for piano replacement. Purchase will proceed and invoice submitted to Treasurers.

Choir Director: Jennifer Parker (not present, no update)

Guitar Director: Chad Bobik (not present, no update)

VP REPORTS

Orchestra VP: Jenni Clark-Moran (not present, no update)

Band VP: Amy Moran

- Popcorn and Coffee fundraiser almost wrapped up. Just two more items left to deliver, but they didn't put name on the list. Director Foster suggested to bring the items to school and the directors can check with students to determine correct ownership.
- Made around \$700 off the fundraiser.
- Vendor wants to do another with us in the fall. His core is popcorn and coffee, but he also has some Christmas options.
- Received \$152 from 50/50 raffle at Pops Concerts.

Choir VP: Lisa Devona

- Musical is over. Pops concert is over. 24-hour musical coming up this weekend. Check in 5 pm Friday, 7 pm Saturday show. \$5 tickets.
- Event is fundraiser for NISRA (Northern IL Special Recreation Association).
- Asked Directors for a headcount of seniors who would need the yellow floral pins so she could start working on them.
- Trip payments have been made. Fundraising items have all been collected. Leaving June 2nd, 2 planes and split group. Orchestra and Choir divided between two plans: Orchestra will leave school at 4 am, Choir will leave school at 9 am.

Guitar VP: Jill Bradley

- Battle of the Bands was great (Olivia Wood's band won 😊).
- Concert coming up in April.

FUNDRAISING DISCUSSION

President Dubiel: Discussion on Raffle Event at Pops concert.

- Overall, feel like results were a win. Good "restart," especially since it's been a while since have done the activity. Pops Concert Raffle generated about \$1209, including donations from evenings.
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Secretary Reger: Recapped the Raffle Ticket Sale Counts per evening. 1529 tickets total (if all sold at the 15 for \$10 pricing, would equate to \$1019.33, but did have some single ticket purchases for \$1 each).

- 566 sold at Choir Pops Evening.
- 487 sold at Band Pops Evening.
- 476 sold Orchestra Pops Evening.
- Most Popular items in raffle included: Tropical Smoothie Gift Certificate (131), Raising Canes Basked (129), Platt Hill Gift Certificate (120), Texas Roadhouse Basket (118), and Bath & Body Works Basket (98).

Other Ideas for Spring

- President Dubiel suggested other fundraising opportunities. Menchie's "Dine and Share" night of Orchestra Concert.
- VP Devona asked if Menchie's would be willing to do a Dine and Share event at each of the Spring Concert Nights. President Dubiel indicated very likely and she would follow up on the request.
- Director Foster suggested checking with Syrup and Buttered Toast to see if they would do a dine and share event on late start days, since many of the students go out for breakfast together on those mornings.
- Devin Moran recommended having a fundraising chair for next year. It wouldn't be a voted board position, but need someone to organized all the different activities and streamline the process. Offered to take the role, if wanted, or can put out a general notice but need someone to get their arms around whole effort.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – President Dubiel

- Next Month's meeting will need to vote on board nominees. Asking for names to be nominated for Board Positions, including a new president, as she will be stepping down. Also, require another co-treasurer.
- Asked VP Bloomfield if he would consider running for President. He agreed. Asked those present if they would be willing to take on positions. Secretary Reger said she can do position again for next year. President Dubiel asked VP Bradley if she would consider one of the open positions. She said she would put in her name for the VP role. That would still leave a second Treasurer position open.
- President Dubiel will send a generate email notice out to get candidates for the positions. Also need chairs for the craft fair. The chairs from 2024 are not available for 2025. Needs two people to do it.
- Also asked directors to send out message to their distribution lists to get volunteers and candidates. Asked Board members and current VP's to do the same with parents they know with students in music.

Next Meeting April 8, 2025.

- VP Devona made a motion to end the meeting.
- VP Moran Seconded. Motion Carried.
- Closed meeting 7:35 pm.