



Music Booster Meeting

9/9/2025 6:30 pm



Attendees: Kevin Riedl, Anthony Gnutek, Chad Bobik, Jennifer Parker, Christy O'Dea, Jennifer Martinez, Adam Martinez, Devin Moran, Amy Moran, Jackie Gillespie-Stokland, Arlene Dubiel, Jennifer Slater, Terry Foster, Rachel Reger, Jill Bradley, and Reid Bloomfield.

President Reid called meeting to order. Participants signed in and the agenda was reviewed.

- Secretary Rachel made a motion to approve the April Meeting Notes.
- Band VP Moran seconded. Minutes were approved.

President Reid asked everyone to introduce themselves to the group for our first meeting.

Program Directors	Officers and Chairpersons	Parent Attendees
Terry Foster – Director: Orchestra	Amy Moran – Band VP, Marching Band Coach (Senior)	Jackie Gillespie-Stokland (Soph/Choir)
Jennifer Parker – Director: Choir/Theatre	Devin Moran – Fundraising Chair (Senior)	Jennifer Martinez (SophChoir)
Anthony Gnutek – Director: Band/ Marching Band	Arlene Dubiel - Co-treasurer (Senior)	Adam Martinez (Soph/Choir)
Kevin Riedl – Student Teacher	Christy O'Dea- Craft Fair Chair (Junior)	Jennifer Slater (Orchestra)
Chad Bobik – Director: Guitar, Audio Guru	Rachel Reger – Secretary (Senior)	
	Reid Bloomfield – President (Junior)	

Treasurer Report – Co-Treasurer Arlene Dubiel

- Tag day cash \$5900. Don't have QR code info yet.
- Director Gnutek noted it was down for part of the day, so concerned that we may have lost out on some opportunities as a result.
- QR Code results may trickle in for a few more weeks and will announce when we have total.

Email from Treasurer Keith Kornatoski regarding account balance:

Tag Day '25 and other deposits

- #1 - Tag Day '25 Cash #1 \$1777.00
- #2 - Tag Day '25 Cash #2 \$2783.00
- #3 - Tag Day '25 Checks \$1335.00*
- #4 - Tag Day '25 Coin \$23.20
- Total - Tag Day '25 \$5918.20
- #5 - Drill Master Shoes: \$600.00
- Total Deposit: \$6518.20
- Account Balance: \$73,224.04

Secretary Rachel communicated information from an email with Treasurer Keith and banking contact that Zelle is an option for us to use for electronic payments at Booster Events. Will send information to the Board Members.



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DIRECTOR REPORTS

Orchestra Director: Terry Foster

- Gave concert dates (look up and add)
- 10/2 looking to have clinician come in for orchestra. Didn't give a price but typically paid as honorarium to clinician.
- Last time was done it was \$300 so want to make sure that's available.
- Co-Treasurer Arlene confirmed that it's in the budget already, so he's okay to proceed. Director Foster expressed his thanks
- Next year is the 50 year anniversary for orchestra department (school is celebrating this year, but Orchestra started following year).
- Want to do a celebration next year, so may have budget items requested for next year for that. Reaching out to former orchestra directors to come back for anniversary. One he is asking back is Clark Chaffey, former director and well known in orchestra circles. He's out of town so may need to pay for hotel and some travel.
- Door Update – Frame and window need to come out. Then window be blocked off. However, have to be able to see into room. Sound proof door with window isn't fire rated. Need to get approval on that. Have all the quotes and info so as soon as approval is given, will submit and make order.
- Asked group if we can consider option of subsidizing private lessons. He's had a few students this year communicate that they'd like to do it, but don't have the funds. Maybe something we could consider in the future.
 - Knows that Dundee Crown does it and he will reach out to them to see how they run it.
 - Co-Treasurer Arlene noted that we shouldn't be privy to financial needs of students so we can't ask for that information or decide based on need. Would need other criteria.
 - Parker mentioned non-profit organization that does lessons, Cadence Music and Arts Programs. They raise around \$50k each year through their fundraising and programs. May be something we can coordinate with.
 - Director Gnutek indicates that Band private students come through Encore, so there'd have to be some way to submit through that. Teachers who want to do it contact Encore to go through check process and be part of the program. Then kids register on Encore site for lessons and all done through them.
- **Concert Dates:** 10/16 Fall Concert, 12/9 Winter Concert, 2/24 Pops Concert, 4/28 Spring Orchestra Concert.

Band Director: Anthony Gnutek

- Marching Band in full swing. Competition last Saturday. Won all categories except for color guard (originally announced that they had won it but it was an error and he mailed back the trophy this week).
- Off to a good start, but next two competitions will be tough.
- Homecoming Friday. 4 more football games after that. 9/30 is D300 Exhibition at Dundee Crown,
- Also looking to get clinician, a college band director, to work with the kids. Clinician for 9/30 is already in budget.
- Independent study program is working with students, giving them an introduction to music therapy, music education, and special needs instruction. Learning and working with specialty professional, but also activities and jam sessions to increase participation.
- October concert with DMS. November concert with Westfield.
- **Concert Dates:** 10/21 Fall Band Concert 10/28 Jazz Band, 11/19 FVC Jazz Fest, 12/10, 2/25 Pops Concert, 4/30 Spring Band Concert, 5/5 Spring Jazz Band Concert.



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Choir Director: Jennifer Parker

- Announced that Christy O'Dea is stepping in to Choral VP role, aiding VP Devona. Christy is currently chairing craft fair, but will also be helping with Madrigal and choir activities.
- Madrigal event has been going on 30 years, may want to amp up this year's event to recognize that.
- On Friday, this year's musical will be announced. Won't disclose in advance to Booster Group – no spoilers.
- Jan 30 vocal jazz going downtown to perform, part of IMEC (IL Music Educator Conference).
 - Choir students have professional musicians to play during events. Interested in seeing if they will help with special performances off of school grounds. Not sure if there would be a cost increase if we hired them to do the offsite events with us as well.
 - It would offer students consistency and working with someone they know, but she's going to find out if it would add to the fee.
- Concert 10/23 and yearbook pictures will occur.
- Want to bring in extra clinicians for students. Will have clinicians for Goldenaires and Bel Canto on 10/19 and 20. Director from St. Charles is coming, as well as the University of DePaul Conductor. Very exciting!
- **Concert Dates:** 10/20 D300 Choral Festival, 10/23 Fall Choral Concert, 10/28 Fall Jazz Concert, 12/11 Winter Choral Concert, 2/26 Pops Choral Concert, 4/27 Spring Choral Concert. Madrigal Dinner 12/5 and 12/6.

Guitar Director: Chad Bobik

- 11/13 Concert and yearbook pictures will be taken.
- Guitar club has 26 members, which is over 100% growth from two years ago. Most of the growth is in freshman and sophomores, which is good.
- Bill Cadars hoping to bring out for student private lessons. He signed up for Encore. Waiting for formal approval.
- Thank you for the drum kit. Would like to request acrylic sound shell to go around it. May cost \$650-\$775. Benefits all music groups, can be used for everyone's events.
- Guitar kids drawing up designs for merch. Bumper stickers may be coming out too.
- **Concert Dates:** 11/13 Fall Guitar Concert, 1/16 Battle of the Bands, 2/19 Pops Concert, 5/7 Spring Concert

VP REPORTS

Band VP: Amy Moran

- VP Band Moran all about band and marching band events right now.
- Have 3 spots for 50/50 raffle volunteers at the football games 9/12 (filled), 9/20 (need 1), 10/10 (filled), 10/24 (need 2).
- Directors Parker and Bobik offered to resend VP Moran's email for volunteers out to their parent groups.

Craft Fair Chair: Christy O'Dea

- Sitting at 57 vendors that have paid. Goal is 100. Counted out that we have total 103 spaces for the event.
- Reached out to Crystal Lake South to see if we could get some of their vendor information (since it's a different day) or anyone that they've turned away. They will not share their list.
- Was able to get some information from their website, the application form, and the contact person.
 - Two day event. Charge over \$200 for vendor space for the two days. 140 booth spaces.
 - More stringent vetting process, vendors have to show FB page, Etsy, etc. and submit pictures. They also ask vendors to donate one item for a silent auction, so they get money that way as well.
 - Earn \$5-7k on \$3 admission. Social media is critical. Need to get into Craft/Vendor Facebook groups, etc.
- We need more signage for the event to drive traffic. Need print signage to look better as well. Nice ones for bulletin boards as well as yard signs.
- A couple vendors who've come in the past turned down this year's event because last year was bad for them.



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- A few people said they had a commitment that day already.
 - Director Gnutek advises that they confirm the date in advance for the following year and have the current people informed on it before leaving current year's event.
 - Co-Treasurer Arlene stated that's difficult because the district won't allow calendar to be published before 7/1 of school year. The school usually is pretty good about working with us, but could be district calendar issues.
 - Director Gnutek offered to set a calendar date for the event as a jazz band performance, date so that the slot is reserved, since technically students are performing at the event.
- Parent Participants Martinez Family offered to print nice posters for boards and help with signage. VP Jill discussed coordinating the effort.
- As we get closer, Chair O'Dea will designate areas for "troops" to go to with posters and place in the community.
- Chair O'Dea will send info to directors to send to their distribution groups. President Reid will follow up with D300 secretary and she will contact individual secretaries at feeder schools to see if they'll include in their announcements.

Added Note - Chair Devin talked to City of Algonquin representative regarding posting signs early and having more, when he went to get licenses for 50/50 raffle. The representative advised that it's not permissible. However, she didn't inform of what fines there may be, if any, if it was determined signs were posted too early or were too numerous. President Reid commented that, as such, we may want to push a bit and see what happens (obviously Crystal Lake does it and have had success. Plus they post near our school as well).

- Director Gnutek suggested we announce at the football games. Agreement that that's a good idea. Devin will be in the press box Friday and will make the announcements, already doing 50/50 announcements.
- Chair O'Dea revisited parent yard signs as an option and would like to have advertising signs in more strategic locations. Asked for any feedback in that regard.
- VP Jill asked how many yard signs. Secretary Rachel suggested starting with 100. We can have them at the October music concerts for willing parents to take home and place in their yard. If we need more, can order at that point, but that is at least something to get us started.
- Director Parker asked if we can get better trifold signs. Gave an example of signs used by City of Palatine. They have plexi-glass/plastic cover on outside that open and allow for printed poster to be placed inside, underneath the protected plastic. Seems to hold up better and looks much nicer. She will google pricing on that option.
- We will also need to get adult volunteers lined up for the event.
- President Reid will get Facebook site up and running to build traffic there.
- Increase focus on attendees outside of music department family and more general community members.
- Director Bobik can ask music production students to do a project for advertising for the event (podcast, form of voiceover, etc.).
- Chair O'Dea felt it was a missed opportunity over the summer for Farmers Markets and could have talked to those vendors. Something to think about for next year.
- Secretary Rachel agreed and suggested looking for other upcoming community events and speaking to the vendors at those events to see if they would be interested in participating, for example, Heritage Fest this weekend in downtown Dundee. She will visit the crafter booths to try to drum up more crafters.
 - To entice more vendors, we need to know what kinds of things we've turned away so we aren't double dipping, but also not inviting people who we end up turning away.
 - Director Gnutek commented for example, Crochet is a category, but there's a wide variation of options (some people doing large items and others doing small things).
 - Guidance from Chair O'Dea: Anything handcrafted is fine because it will by nature be different. Where we are limiting people is if it's the same, commercial or pre-purchased merchandise.



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- Algonquin Farmers market is first week in October. Chair O'Dea will go to that event for another opportunity to hit up vendors. However, most of those are food. Previously, we said we wanted to shy away from food. Are we going to consider removing that objection?
 - Stipulations: Has to be prepackaged, made offsite, have license.
 - We will make exception to fill booths, especially if we aren't getting a large response. Vendors will have to show their license. They should know the rules and already have registered with city.
- Director Parker recommendation for food trucks outside. Churros and Chocolate wants to work with us and will give a portion back. Others may be willing to do as well. Discussion about having them in lot (bus lane so not blocking off top level or other traffic). That will allow us to minimize the food costs at concessions and need to coordinate with athletics booster for food. Only making \$500-700 on food trucks anyway. Should be able to make that up with vendors giving portion of their sales.
- Chair O'Dea reiterated that the vendors really like the music and we'd like to have more, ongoing at this year's event. If we can't have live performances can we have recordings of students?
- Director Foster said he can have a string quartet there, just need sound system.
- Director Bobik will handle audio and use equipment from music program, so using equipment from the field house will not be necessary. Can have DJ club, open mic, etc., and pepper in recordings.
- Director Parker's groups have conflicts that day with ILMEA, so can't provide a whole group live. Can do recordings and some solos or small groups.
- Chair O'Dea stated she'd like to have a Google form for signing up. Everything is on paper right now and some people are having a hard time with it. If we can't accomplish for this year, can we have in place for next year.
- www.hdjmusicboosters.org/craftfair

Other Business:

Director Parker introduced the option of having spirit wear done by the Martinez family. That way we can have everything in one place and it may be easier to work with versus On Target. Director Gnutek commented that Marching Band did their spirit wear already, but could do another sale later – possibly in spring.

Fundraising Chair: Devin Moran

- Fundraising Chair Devin needs concert info. Will include in notes and Directors can share with Booster Group.
- Organizing fundraising. Popcorn and Coffee guy. Will share info in near future.
- Not doing 50/50 at pops. Too confusing and too much competition with auction.
- Will revisit fundraising discussions for Band Trip (Disney 5/31-6/4).
- 50/50's are scheduled through the end of the year and licenses had. If go into playoffs for Football and we want more, would have to arrange those.

Secretary Rachel inquired on scholarships for summer, in particular candidate who emailed, Paul Reid. Co-Treasurer Arlene confirmed it was handled and student received response.

Next meeting will be in October. Chair Devin made motion to close. VP Jill Seconded.

Meeting ended 8:10 pm.