



Music Booster Meeting

10/14/2025 6:30 pm



Attendees: Anthony Gnutek, Chad Bobik, Jennifer Parker, Christy O'Dea, Devin Moran, Amy Moran, Arlene Dubiel, Jennifer Slater, Rachel Reger, and Reid Bloomfield.

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

- Co-Treasurer Dubiel made a motion to approve the September Meeting Notes.
- Devin Moran seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report – Co-Treasurer Arlene Dubiel

- Reviewed Budget figures. Several expense categories showing zero, since it's beginning of the year. Most expenses come in as the year moves on.
- Current income expected is approximately \$24,000. However, budget expense line items total around \$38,000. If we reach that level of spend, we'll need to add some fundraisers in the Spring.

Email from Treasurer Keith Kornatoski regarding account balance:

- 2025-10-14 Account Balance is \$76,264.46
- 2025-09-15 Account Balance is \$77,704.17
- A net decrease of \$ 1,439.71 for this 30 day period

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Choir Director: Jennifer Parker

- D300 Choral Fest is 10/20. There are rehearsals that Sunday and Monday. Choir Night out on 10/20, going to Chili's from 4:45-6:00 pm before Choral Fest as team building and fundraiser. Parents and others are welcome to attend as well.
- Fall Concert 10/23. Fall Play is Winnie the Pooh 11/6-11/8.
- Craft Fair 11/8.
- Musical will be Les Miserables 2/12-2/15.
- ILMEA just came out. Will be asking for checks for the musicians to accompany the performers. Generally it's \$250 per event, however, because this is in Peoria and on a Friday, the cost for the accompanists is \$400.00. Discussed if it will go through the boosters or through the school, as the school takes longer. Parker confirmed that the accompanists will use their own transportation. She may use some of her budgeted transportation funds for payments to them. Co-treasurer confirmed if the per-year earnings are over \$600, a W9 will need to be issued. She also stated that the Boosters will pay out of the accompanist budget line first and then we can transfer funds over later as needed.
- Madrigal Dinner has a concern. Other areas of the school in use that evening and may distract from performance. Reviewing options on whether she will have to move offsite (which could raise the cost and be difficult from fitting everyone) or moving it to the auditorium and not having a full dinner. If anyone has venue ideas that may be available and inexpensive, please share.
- **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.

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

- Contact of Mr. Foster's was the concert master for Les Mis. They are arranging a Zoom call with him and will be discussing their planned Les Mis performance.
- **Concert Dates:** 10/16 Fall Concert, 12/9 Winter Concert, 2/24 Pops Concert, 4/28 Spring Orchestra Concert.



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Guitar Director: Chad Bobik

- Thank you for the sound shell. It has made a huge difference. Can't wait to hear it on stage (it is currently set up in the Orchestra room and looks great!).
- 11/13 Concert and yearbook pictures will be taken.
- Bill Cadera was approved for guitar lessons. He should be coming out soon
- **Concert Dates:** 11/13 Fall Guitar Concert, 1/16 Battle of the Bands, 2/19 Pops Concert, 5/7 Spring Concert

Band Director: Anthony Gnutek

- Fall Band Concert is 10/21. Senior Night is 10/24 at the Football Game. Last competition is Saturday 10/18.
- May have a festival in the second semester. More to come later.
- **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.

VP REPORTS

Band VP: Amy Moran

- Have all three football games covered for 50/50 volunteers. However, we've seen receipts from it dwindling. Some of that may be due to weather or other factors. Last game was a blow out, not a lot of parents so not a lot of 50/50 tickets sold.
- Have also been selling the Flags. Still many to go, but have generated around \$100 for it.
- Some of the students have requested QR code for sales or a way to pay electronically (not for 50/50, but for merchandise).
- The football team is most likely going into the playoffs, but not sure if it will be a home game, for the band to participate. Will know more as it gets closer.
- Marching band has one more competition – Saturday 10/18.
- Penske has been charging the Booster Card (Co-Treasurer Keith), so do not need any reimbursements on it. Not a fan of how they do the mileage estimate, security deposits, etc. because of the additional charges or after-the-fact refund. However, there are no other options at this point. Mrs. Parker noted that she has a contact in the moving business who assists Hampshire and may be willing to assist us. She will give VP Moran the information.

Craft Fair Chair: Christy O'Dea

- All spots have been completely sold out. 104 booths and fully paid. Booth assignments have gone out and welcome packets have been sent. A few things needed tweaking, but no major issues.
- Hoping to have the signs from Adam Martinez over the weekend. He had to order the materials. Flyers have been printed (brought to meeting by President Reid). Need to have students take flyers to businesses and signs home to post. Mrs. Parker and Mr. Gnutek will sign off on Tri-um hours for students so they get volunteer credit for their assistance.
- Christy will be emailing elementary schools about the Craft Fair, requesting info to be included in their E-Blasts.
- Have 4 dining trucks secured for the event, 3 are food and 1 is drinks. Plan to have them in the bus lane, but some concern that it may be a problem for the school. President Reid was asked to contact Matt Bennett in Operations to confirm if it's an issue.
- Concerned about tables blocking doors by gym. Recommendation was made to direct people who want to sit with food to the commons. There's also a cash machine there and can have tables placed. Mrs. Parker will submit request to reserve the commons that day in order to accommodate.
- District provides the tables. Custodians set up the night before, based on where Gaffer Tape is laid out. Must be 2' Black Gaffer Tape, case of 24. Co-Treasurer Arlene will follow up with last year's chair to see if any Gaffer Tape is leftover, especially since it's expensive.



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- VP Moran and Chair Devin brought up concerns with Zelle payments and being able to tell if they go through or having someone cancel the payment. Wondering if we have additional options for electronic payments. Theater uses Go-Fan. Parker has an account for that using her school email, but doesn't recommend for this type of option based on the fee structure and additional \$2 per transaction. Considering Event-Brite, Stripe, Apple Pay, Four Square as options.
- Hoping to have enough room for the musicians. Will be sending maintenance a request to make sure pads, volleyball standards, other equipment, etc. are moved. Mr. Gnutek confirmed he just needs one outlet. Mr. Bobik will be fine with his set up. ILMEA is 11/8 so Mrs. Parker will not have a lot of students who can participate in the Craft Fair as entertainment. However, she will see if there are any solo options for people who want to attend. Mr. Bobik will have concert tracks available to play during downtimes.
- Offering Merch Store of "Music Spirit Wear" so don't have to have items in person, people can buy on line. Mr. Bobik and Mr. Foster have made their selections. Mrs. Parker and Mr. Gnutek still have to review.
- Christy noted that the Craft Fair Chair for Crystal Lake South High School has been very helpful and providing tools and tricks. She is going to meet with Christy as well to share additional knowledge. She has been doing the Craft Fair there for 20 years. Christy observed that there were no village stickers on the signs placed for the event, so she's less worried about that for our signs.
- For next year, she's going to have a limit on different categories that can participate. Will also require photos to be submitted with their application. Didn't have that as part of the form this year. Also have plans to increase booth cost for next year as well.
- VP Amy sent an email for Craft Fair Volunteer sign ups to the directors. Mr. Foster has sent his. Mr. Gnutek and Mrs. Parker have yet to do so. VP Amy and Chair Devin will be onsite Friday and Saturday for set up and vendor check-in. Reid will update the Booster website with the link so that people can sign up to volunteer online.

Fundraising Chair: Devin Moran

- Looking at establishing relationship with Buffalo Wild Wings. They have a program where you mention your "team" and they provide a portion back to the group. The contact seemed very motivated. He will work out the details, develop cards to give out with specifics, and will report back.
- Looking at doing more dine 'n' shares, especially for the concert season. In addition to BW3, Tropical Smoothie Café is also willing to do a date.
- Asked about poinsettias for the holidays. Has the info from former VP Devona. Mrs. Parker is good with having them for the concert, but doesn't want to plan on selling them at the Madrigal Dinner since we aren't sure it will be a dinner and where it will be.

Additional Business

- President Reid advised that the Concert Attire exchanges are coming Wednesday 10/15.
- Orchestra concert is this Thursday 10/16, need someone to do the donations box for Boosters. The box collects cash and has a Go Lively QR-code for donations.
- Schedule for Booster Meetings: November 18th, January 13th, March 10th, April 14th.
- We should be able to recap Craft Fair success at next meeting.
- We will discuss Spring fundraisers next meeting, after Craft Fair.

Chair Devin made a motion to close the meeting. Co-Treasurer Arlene Seconded. Meeting ended 7:45 pm.

Post meeting, Craft Fair flyers were provided to participants to take and post in the community.

Secretary Rachel and President Reid discussed VP of Orchestra position with Jennifer Slater. She agreed to take on the role.