



Huntley Band Booster Agenda November 12, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Deanna Reeves, Joya Morales, Tyler Guthrie, Josh Smith, Sarah Manata-Smith, Matt Pontious, Todd Gato

Meeting called to order 7:02

1. Treasurer Report I recorded the monies we took out and paid for band fees for Lou's. Deanna and I will draft an email for all the families. I drafted an email to the school about the instruments and equipment and supplies. We are at \$9800 deficit in the red. Money from last year we are using in a different fiscal year. I transferred additional money from savings to checking for reimbursements for senior night. Senior Night-had \$1500, I book \$1180. Deanna, I added \$266 for the ornaments. The other money is cash for the fundraiser.

2. Executive Board

- **Approve the October meeting minutes** Sarah motioned, Deanna seconded.

3. Director Update I talked with athletics-the money will get to my account this week. I told Quinlan and they are aware.

ILMEA went very well for Camille and Grace. Audition for MCHB next week. Next concert is all together, 12/13. March 11 is a concert and Booster Meeting. We will need to move the meeting. We have getting the lyers back. I think there are 5 not accounted for. Deanna, that is new, so we should make that part of the contract. Tyler, I got one back with a loose hinge, I didn't make them replace. I want to make a MB handbook. Music Cafe-I have 2 dates that were sent to me earlier this week. Leah is trying to book the cafeteria. One of the dates there was a conflict. We are aiming for Feb 22. Fundraiser-we are up to \$11,030 total on the website. We are at a plateau. It was very easy once it was set up. Tyler can see how many messages they have set and how many contacts. There were families that did not want to download the app. There were a few other families that downloaded the app, and then shut it down. Deanna, I was very disappointed with the video. Tyler, he was here all day, then at the last minute we did a video. Deanna, this was fine, but maybe we needed to look at other options. They take 25%. Sarah, that is a big chunk. Deanna, there was a big disconnect with the company.

4. Operations Update Matt is not here yet-do you know anyone that wants the trees? Tyler, I don't have any interest, but I have not asked around. Deanna, I will put them up on the FB marching band site for \$4,000. Casey took a few pictures. Sarah, who was the other driver? Deanna, Mike Espisito. Sarah, I just paid Moersfelder mileage

***Action Items: Dates for Music Cafe
Posting the tress on FB.**

Committees: *update from committee leaders/Representative Board Members*

- **Website (Josh/Matt)** no report
- **Sponsorship Program** no one is running
- **Band Meals (Joya)** no report
- **Uniforms (Anne)** Anne said after pictures next week, kids can bring their show home. She will be looking for help with washing. Julie and Angela are willing to co chair next year.. Looking for the tux jackets.
- **Spirit wear (Deanna)** it is down. Even for our show stuff, we were down. We are not even meeting the numbers. Right now we are 8 short, so Boosters can buy 2 of each size to have. Next year, the show shirts and the band jackets with the car decals. Then after school starts, do the general merch. We charged \$22 last year and we made more. He owes us \$100. We don't increase the pep band jacket or the band jacket. Tyler, next year we can do a t-shirt for pep band..
- **Scholarships (Josh)** no report. But wait, there is more. Last year I sent out the info before break. Underclassmen can not apply again until they are seniors. Then we will need to determine if we have enough funds for an incoming freshman. Next month we should discuss who and how many before the email in Dec. As soon as Jan hits, I reach out to Del Webb.

Action Item: we need to decide who and how much for the scholarships

5. Discussion Items

- **Photography for Marching Band** Josh, last year we charged \$5 per students. Booster covered the remainder of the fee. I don't have confirmation. \$425 total. I want to see more students participating. Next week Thursday, group in the PAC, and Keith in the band room. Deanna, when the big companies come, students don't pay. Josh, that is not 100% true. That guy is out of CL, but he is \$750 retainer. He is amazing. There might be an advantage of collaborating with other groups. Even for Chicago, the headshots are terrible. Tyler, I wonder if fewer people do it because they can buy from ISU. Deanna, maybe earlier in the season. Josh, last year we had 53 kids that participated. Deanna, can we poll then book him? Josh, we are

already booked. But we should talk about this is July. We delayed because uniforms. Deanna, I am worried about fundraising. We have paid for a lot for families. And this is great, but we are not supposed to do. We are to enhance the band program. Josh, at the same time. I'm hesitate to save because these students fundraising. Deanna, it is for the end of the year. It is supposed to go to the band, not food or gifts for students. Sarah, we have \$2500 in savings. Josh, we are sitting on a bunch of money. These seniors have done the fundraiser. It is the responsibility of the upcoming kids and incoming parents. Deanna, our school or district does not spend it in the room. I don't want it on food and pictures. It is a different mindset. Josh, then we need to change the mindset of the parents, being able to offer complimentary head shots for \$200 is worth it. Let's talk to the other fine arts teachers. We have consistently offered meals. Deanna, we used to pay for meals out of pocket. That is why Joya worked so hard. We pay for yard signs, blankets, etc. that was above and beyond. We have grown. We owe it families and students to have more of what we can show for out money. The athletics don't pay for senior night for the kids-junior families pay for that. The families don't remember what it was like to pay \$10 per meal. It doesn't fall under the mission statement. Josh, you have mentioned food a few times. Deanna, we have a budget for meals. That is great. But we need to be diligent. We need to benefit the program. We have all this money, we can do so much , but we need to impact the band program, it is meals, senior night, yard signs. If we didn't do as much for that, can we do more for the bands. Josh, should we charge \$10? Matt, I would pay \$10. Joya, I would pay. Josh, let's see if the vocalists and the orchestra want to join. Tyler, when do they pay? Josh, day of. We need to send out an email tomorrow. I will send the email to Tyler. Tyler, I can include it in the Band Weekly newsletter. Tyler, when does the budget change? Sarah, we do July 1 to June 30. Tyler, that is when we can converse about Deanna's issues. Deanna, it will be in March.

- **Music Café** Mike Espistio
- **Fall Fundraiser** we talked about

Usually we do a Bands Award Night. We should start looking at day-first week of May. Tyler-I have a meeting coming up-there is talk about combining the 3 into one. Deanna, for us, we would need to change. We say everyone's name. And the senior's share an experience. Sarah, where would we have it? We are a big group. Tyler, everyone was in the office talking. One thing is that we can have some together and some apart. We are most formal for awards night compared to all the other groups. Josh, can we say the amount of years instead of all the accolades. Tyler, we talked

about having it on the screen. Deanna, I think we can change. The senior thing needs to stay. Sarah, what if we say here are the freshmen. Deanna, giving more recognition to the seniors. We can list it in the program. Sarah, if we combine it could be good. Josh, so the talk about show choir has been that this is going to be a thing. I don't think combining is looking forward. Tyler, I think it is just to have us all shorten the length.

Sarah, what's the money from this fundraiser going for? Tyler, the timpani. That is number one, except for stands. Deanna, we need to consider that in future budgets. We need to rethink all of that and fees. We took on wind ensemble, but we took it on for ease. Sarah, were we thinking of getting newer books for Tag Days? Deanna, yes, some recognizable songs. Sarah, the incoming freshmen don't know anyone or what to play.

8:06 adjoining.

6. Upcoming Events

- **(11/14-16) Chicago Musical**
- **(12/13) Holiday Concert**

Next Meeting: December 10, 2024 @ 7pm HHS Band Room