

**Hammond High School Music Boosters**  
**10.9.23 Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT AT MEETING:** Ron Vance, Brook Walton, Gordon Alson, Rachel Smith, Malcolm Washington, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Stephen Dunlap, Rachel Choi, Douglas Paul, Jennifer Walton

**OPENING:** Call to order at 8:04 p.m.

**REVIEW MINUTES:** Rachel Smith moved to approve the September 6, 2023; minutes as presented; Brook Walton seconded the motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Alston reported that the September balance (checking account) started at \$7,819.73 with revenue of \$4,137.22 and expenses of \$0. It ended the month with a balance of \$11,956.95. The reserve fund account accrued monthly interest and ended with a balance of \$14,915.14. Student Account Balance as of now is \$1,807.51 (not inclusive of the recent Chocolate Sales). There was discussion pertaining to two outstanding checks.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Five new memberships were gained during September bringing the current membership to forty-four members. This is in-line with 2022-2023 numbers.

**BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Dunlap reported that the band had a great Big Bear Band with the feeder middle schools this past Friday including a positive performance during half time of the football game. This coming weekend is busy with the Homecoming parade and game. Potentially inclement weather may cause some changes to activities. The joint HCPSS Marching Band showcase is next week at 6pm on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, with nine county High Schools participating. Booster volunteers will be needed to help collect donations at the gate. Proceeds will be split between the nine participating schools.

**ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mrs. Reinhardt introduced her current student teacher, Rachel Choi, and indicated that both orchestras are doing well. The Orchestra Feeder Festival will be held November 15<sup>th</sup>. Booster volunteers will be requested to serve and provide dinner. The spring trip request forms were submitted to the county for approval in early fall. We are still waiting for approval.

**CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mr. Washington reported that all 3 choirs have started off well. He announced that he has arranged for the Towson University Choir Director to come to work with the Chamber Choir, later in the fall, as they are performing one of her original pieces. The first Tri-M meeting was held, and students will begin to sign-up for performances and service hours.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chocolate Sales - Miss Newman is working with Directors to finish the chocolate sales.

Restaurant Nights – We are confirmed for Red Robin (October 26) and Chick-fil-A (November 28). Proposal discussed and approved for Texas Roadhouse (December 19). Grottos is being considered for early 2024.

Reserve Bank Account - Proposal discussed to separate account into 2 accounts (Booster Reserves and Student Balance) to easily track distinct balances. Proposal discussed to invest a portion of the reserve funds into a 12-month CD and 18- month CD. Permission provided to Treasurer to continue to research options with the bank and bring a formal proposal to a future meeting.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Homecoming Parade and Football Game – October 14<sup>th</sup> – Covered in Band Directors Report.

Marching Band Showcase – October 18<sup>th</sup> – Covered in Band Directors Report.

Marching Band Senior Night – October 27<sup>th</sup> - Rachel Smith has volunteered to order flowers and will check with Mr. Dunlap for quantities and to get a recommendation for an undergraduate parent to assist at the game.

Spirit Wear - New inventory of shirts have been received. The plan is to sell shirts during fall/winter concerts. The question was raised if the group wanted to set up a table to sell shirts during Homecoming festivities. The decision was to not sell at Homecoming due to potential weather. A suggestion was made to do a formal spirit wear sale. The group will continue to consider this idea.

Aaron Reed Memorial Scholarship - Hammond Boosters were contacted by the family who are interested in continuing to extend the scholarship. The treasurer has reached out to start a conversation with the family to discuss interest and options for renewal.

**NEXT MEETING:** The first Thursday of November will not work. President Vance will send a Doodle poll to secure an alternative date in early November.

**CLOSE MEETING:** Rachel Smith moved to adjourn; Elizabeth Reinhardt seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas Paul". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name below.

Douglas Paul  
Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters