

Hammond High School Music Boosters
11.07.23 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT AT MEETING: Ron Vance, Brook Walton, Gordon Alson, Rachel Smith, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Stephen Dunlap, Douglas Paul, Jennifer Walton; Sai Vallurupalli, Archana Neidermyer, Samantha Neuman

OPENING: Call to order at 7:04 p.m.

REVIEW MINUTES: Rachel Smith moved to approve the October 9, 2023; minutes as presented; Brook Walton seconded the motion; motion carries with unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Alston reported that the checking account ended the month with a balance of \$12,030.25. This included chocolate sales revenue of \$4,843 and ACH/Square revenue of \$1,229.71. The reserve fund account accrued monthly interest and ended with a balance of \$14,915.17. Band Showcase revenue will be split and sent to participating schools this month.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Current membership is thirty-eight families and one administrator. This is in-line with 2022-2023 numbers.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Dunlap reported that the band had a great end to a successful marching band season, which included the Marching Band Showcase, Homecoming and Senior Night. He offered his thanks to all students, parents and volunteers who helped make the season so successful. The transition to Wind Ensemble has gone well as the group is working towards the winter concert. MD Winds concert is next week, with more details to come.

ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Reinhardt informed the group that the auditorium is unexpectedly being worked on and will be unavailable until December 1. This will cause the Feeder School Festival to be postponed. Orchestra is going well. We are still waiting to receive approval from the county for the Spring Trip.

CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Washington was unable to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chocolate Sales - Miss Newman is working with Directors to finish the fall chocolate sales. The group decided to move forward with typical January sales and decided to try a new chocolate brand for the sale.

Restaurant Nights – We are confirmed for Chick-fil-A (November 28) and Texas Roadhouse (December 19). We are waiting for check from TGI Fridays and reported a \$151 income from Red Robin.

Reserve Bank Account – Group discussed Treasurer Alston's proposal to split the current reserve account into two separate accounts, one specifically for student travel money and the other for booster reserves. The group also discussed taking a portion of the booster reserves and putting it into a CD to increase the interest rate.

Rachel Smith moved to approve the proposal to split the current reserve account into two accounts, one for student travel funds and the other for booster reserves; Gordon Alson seconded the motion; motion carries with unanimous vote.

Rachel Smith moved to approve the proposal to take a portion of the booster reserves and place into a CD; Gordon Alson seconded the motion; motion carries with unanimous vote.

Hammond High School Music Boosters
11.07.23 Meeting Minutes

Spirit Wear – Spirit wear sales are going well and will stay open until November 15th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Orchestra Feeder Concert – November 15th – Covered in Band Directors Report. There is a sign-up for volunteer opportunities: - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4DACA82FA1FB6-45328283-orchestra>

Winter Concerts – Concert dates are set with December 7th for Band/Orchestra and December 12th for Choir/Percussion. The plan is to have a music boosters table for membership drive and to sell music boosters t-shirts. There will be a \$5 per person entrance fee for both concerts, with funds going directly to the music department.

Pop Corn Sales – The group discussed the idea to continue with the Popcorn Fundraiser and decided to continue. Ron Vance will reach out to set up sales dates. The group decided to not provide samples this year at concerts.

NEXT MEETING: Ron Vance will send a Doodle poll to secure a date in early December.

CLOSE MEETING: Stephen Dunlap moved to adjourn; Brook Walton seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Douglas Paul
Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters