

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

**PRESENT AT MEETING:** Ron Vance, Brook Walton, Gordon Alston, Rachel Smith, Stephen Dunlap, Douglas Paul, Jennifer Walton; Kara Keister, Malcom Washington, Elizabeth Reinhardt

**OPENING:** Call to order at 7:02 p.m.

**REVIEW MINUTES:** Rachel Smith moved to approve the November 7, 2023; minutes as presented; Gordon Alston 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 \$11,021.71. The reserve fund account accrued monthly interest and ended with a balance of \$14,915.40. Of the two outstanding checks, one will be canceled and reissued (Bagget), while the second (Woods) will be cancelled.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** No new members joined in the past month. Recruitment tables will be hosted at each winter concert.

**BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Dunlap reported that the auditorium is fully functional. The MD Winds event was held at Guilford Park High School. The Concert Band and Wind Ensemble are both doing well and will be ready for their concert. Visits and Middle School awareness campaign has already started for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders from Hammond's feeder schools.

**ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mrs. Reinhardt informed the group the concert is this coming Thursday and will have an entry fee of \$5 per person/\$15 per family. The rescheduled feeder festival will be on Monday from 4-8pm. Volunteer sign-ups are mostly full. We are still waiting for approval from the Howard County Central offices for the Spring Trip.

**CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT:** Mr. Washington reported that all is going well with the three choirs. They are well prepared for the upcoming concert on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The Choir Feeder School Festival will be held on January 9 from 4-8pm. Volunteers will be solicited.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chocolate Sales – Sale will start on January 8<sup>th</sup> and run till January 31. The sale will feature new chocolate bars with additional flavors.

Popcorn Sales – Sale will open on Monday, December 11 and will run for 4-days.

Restaurant Nights – Boosters earned \$151 income from Red Robin and \$129 from Chick-fil-A. Texas Roadhouse is set for December 19<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming schedule includes January – open; February – Chipotle; March – open; April – Chick-fil-A; May – Crazy Mason. Investigating Corner Stable. No word from Raising Canes or Grottos. Mission no longer offers fundraising nights but may be willing to offer a donation for Little Night of Music.

Reserve Bank Account – Gordon Alston reported that a 2<sup>nd</sup> reserve account was opened, in the form of a checking account (to avoid account minimums), the student travel funds were shifted to this account (\$1,807.51). The most recent chocolate sales student funds still need to be allocated. An 8-month CD was also started (earning 4.5%) with \$10,000 from the original reserve account.

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Marching Band Showcase – Checks have been issued to participating schools.


**NEW BUSINESS:**

A Little Night of Music – Event will be held on April 6, 2024. A group of volunteers will need to be pulled together for this event. There are several returning volunteers, but more will be required.

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

**CLOSE MEETING:** Brook Walton moved to adjourn; Stephen Dunlap seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Paul". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a stylized 'P'.

Douglas Paul  
Secretary, Hammond Music Boosters