

Hammond High School Music Boosters
4.16.24 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT AT MEETING: Stephen Dunlap, Rachel Smith, Elizabeth Reinhardt, Malcom Washington, Gordon Alston, Doug Paul, Jen Renekevans, Archana Neidermyer. Samantha Neuman, Brooke Walton

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

REVIEW MINUTES: Rachel Smith moved to approve the March meeting minutes; Stephen Dunlap 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 \$12,032.34. March revenue was received through a variety of sources including Middle School Band Assessment concession sales, transfer of student funds for final music trip payment and receipt of Aaron Reed scholarship donation. The reserve fund ended with a balance of \$7,913.66. The Student Balance account ended the month with a balance of \$2,119.37. The CD account balance is \$10,118.98.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No new members joined in the past month.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Dunlap thanked everyone who volunteered for Little Night of Music and the Middle School Band Assessments. Next Thursday, April 25 is the Percussion Ensemble concert. May 8 is the joint Band Spring Concert. The Wind Ensemble will perform at Graduation on May 30.

ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Reinhardt reported that the Orchestra performed really well in their assessment and received good comments from the Judges. The Spring trip went well, and everyone had a good time. Many thanks to all the chaperones. Ensembles are preparing for May 8 concert.

CHOIR DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Washington reported that the Choirs did a phenomenal job at their assessments. The choir also performed well during the spring trip. Spring Concert will be Monday, May 13. Hammond will be hosting choirs from two feeder schools – Patuxent Valley and Lake Elkhorn. Middle School students will show up early for rehearsal and Mr. Washington will plan to provide a simple pizza dinner. Choir and dance are performing together at the May 30th Graduation. Due to a number of cancelled Bear Times which impacted Tri-M meetings, some seniors may need to perform their pieces at a special after school Tri-M meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Restaurant Nights – Last fundraising night for the year is May 2 at Crazy Mason.

A Little Night of Music – Working on final accounting which will appear in the April Financial report. The event was a very successful night with a great audience and great performances. Great work from everyone who volunteered to make the night such a success.

Scholarship Committee – Scholarship application will be released tomorrow to students with a due date of May 3. Rachel Smith and Archana Neidermyer have volunteered to serve, but still need at least two volunteers to assist. Ron will issue a Signup Genius for two volunteers (preferably of underclassmen and at least one rep from choir) to join the Scholarship Committee meeting on Monday, May 6 from 4:15 – 6pm at the Savage Library Branch.

24/25 Board Members –

President – Open. We are looking for volunteers willing to serve as president next year.

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Vice President – Rachel Smith

Treasurer – Gordon Alston

Secretary – Open. We are looking for volunteers willing to serve as secretary next year.

Doug Paul will put out a “call for volunteers” on social media throughout the month and current leaders will make an announcement at both Spring Concerts.

Awards Night – Event will take place on May 15 at 7pm in the auditorium and feature a ceremony with celebratory cake in the lobby.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024-2025 Chocolate Sales – Group discussed and decided to scale back from two sales and only hold a single chocolate sale next year in October.

2024-2025 Fundraiser Idea – Ms. Reinhardt suggested the idea of hosting a craft fair as a fundraiser. The group discussed aspects of the idea and the need to coordinate with surrounding schools who have hosted similar events in the past (Oakland Mills and Atholton). Event would need to happen between Thanksgiving and Holiday Break. Group will circle back in next Month’s meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Mr. Vance will send a Doodle Poll to the group to find a May date.

CLOSE MEETING: The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 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