

MUSIC MENTORS SEPTEMBER 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 4, 2024

Board Members Present: Angie Arslanian (President), Amy Freeman (Vice President), Julie Bates (Treasurer), Beatrice Goldberg (Secretary), Steve Poremba and Ben McMurtrie (Band Directors).

Committee Chairs Present: Uniforms (Christina Smelcer); Chaperones (Meredith Everett); Hospitality (Jen Eberly); Website (Dan Bingman); Scholarship (Kim Bednarski); Service Committee (Jason Bednarski); 50/50 Raffle (Matt Armstrong).

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

1) APPROVAL OF THE LAST MONTH MINUTES:

Minutes of the June 2024 meeting: motion to approve made by Kim Bednarski, seconded by Dan Bingman. Motion carried.

2) OFFICERS REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report (Julie Bates):

50/50 was pretty successful at the last home game, \$1,711 profit.

Directors' Reports: (Steve Poremba & Ben McMurtrie).

Steve Poremba:

- Welcome back even if it feels we have been back forever. We are at Week 3 of the season (1/3 over), students performing and improving each week. Camp was great. The Competition Show was performed on the field before the start of school. Former MHS student Gabe Hartman put the show together.**
- Lots of thank you's for all the help during band camp, Cedar Point, 2 games.**
- John Carroll was okay, logistics not as hard as expected.**
- Sept, busy month. Tag day on Sat Sept 9. Friday Sept 6, special game (no visiting bands) with middle schoolers and part of the Competition show.**
- The first big performance will be the Lake County Band Festival on Wednesday Sept 18, when around ten bands from Lake County will perform in the MHS stadium (not the Willoughby Band). No ticket required but donation encouraged. All proceeds go to the annual Lake County Bands Scholarships. Lots of help needed (parking, \$ takers, t-shirts sellers, band guiding). Event to start at 7 pm.**
- Homecoming parade and home game on Sept 20.**
- Avon Lake: first Competition, show at 5 pm on Saturday Sept 28. Hoping for a superior rating to go to State Competition. Rating different from ranking. Rating is what gets you to State Competition; ranking is the rank in the category you are in.**

Ben McMurtrie:

- Band fitting night was two weeks ago for Middle school. Kids were playing on the sixth day of school.**
- Positive response from middle schoolers, re band participation.**

- 8th grade are getting ready for the pre-game on Friday Sept 6. They get to sit with the High school students. There will be no visiting bands, so more time for the Middle schoolers to mingle.
- Middle schoolers are also ready for Tag Day on Saturday Sept 7.
- In eight weeks, lots of opportunities for volunteering.

Presidents' Report (Angie Arslanian):

- Lots of thank you's for all the help with starting the season.
- Online payment for uniforms was great. Big thank you to Julie Bates and Dan Bingman.
- Thank you to Meredith Everett on taking the lead on the Lake County Fair parking fundraiser. Made \$7,000. They are asking Music Mentors to do it again next year. Will meet with a few questions for next year. Check handed that night. Thank you to the Partlow and Bednarski families for their leadership.
- Band Camp week: thank you for the help.
- If you have students coming new to the band, think about joining the committees. We need new/more help. Come try it!
- Plans to "beef up" the website
- Tag Day, Amy (VP) will address.
- Consider company matching gift program
- Festival on Sept 19, Will sell t-shirts, hopefully pillows for sale (from old, retired uniforms)
- Homecoming week: Amy Freeman will fill in for Angie as Angie will be out of town that weekend.
- Double day: Game and Competition (Sept 28). We will most likely feed the kids Pasta AND salad.

Amy Freeman (Vice President)

- Tag day: thank you to all who signed up as driver. Background checks look like they are done the same day so you can still try to go on Friday (Sept 6).
- Amy to get the information on HS Marquee.
- Angie to send flyer to Amy.
- Angie to resend link for tag day drivers

Beatrice Goldberg (Secretary)

- Fundraiser at Smoothie King in July and Cane's held on August 20.
- Next Fundraiser at Panda Express on Sept 19, 2024, 10 am to 9:30 pm, 20% back, will have flyers for Tag Day.

3) COMMITTEES REPORTS:

Uniforms (Christina Smelcer):

- All uniforms sized. Concert uniforms due back soon from dry cleaning.
- Kids seem to care about their uniforms.
- Old uniforms ready for pillows

Chaperone (Meredith Everett):

- Nothing to report.
- Mr. Poremba suggested that in the future, chaperones should wait for Mr. P to give the green light before letting students off the buses.

Hospitality (Mary Ellen Layman):

- Snack shelves are fully stocked. Every signed up and showed up with snacks and water. We have plenty for Friday.

- **New parents volunteering on Friday Sept 6 to help with hospitality.**
- **20 dozens donuts ordered, creamer, sugar, apple juice, napkins. No need to buy cups, for Tag Day.**

Website (Dan Bingman):

- **Presentation of website redesign. Will make further revisions as suggested and per feedback.**

Scholarships (Kim Bednarski):

- **Will meet with section leaders for the basket raffle as next game.**
- **Goal is to start raising \$ early.**

Service Committee (Jason Bednarski):

- **Fixing all 3 props.**

50/50 Raffle (Matt Armstrong – New Committee Chair).

- **Need more volunteers (will need to be fingerprinted, need to be at least 21 years of age.**
- **New tickets ordered**

If you are interested in volunteering, join any of the committees, please check musicmentors.org website for contact info on committee chairs (click on “about us”).

4) OLD BUSINESS:

- **Inflatable during camp week. Worked very well.**

5) NEW BUSINESS:

None

6) NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday October 2, 2024.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kim Bednarski, seconded by Dan Bingman. Motion carried at 8 pm.