

Mount Dora Band Boosters
Minutes of the Meeting held on
February 6, 2017
6:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

MDHS Auditorium

Mount Dora, Florida

Board Members Present at Meeting:

Mr. Uhrich

Trista Spencer

Adam Ziniewicz

David White

Brian Schmidt

Amy Axon

The regular meeting of the Mount Dora Band Boosters was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 6, 2017, in the MDHS auditorium by Mr. Uhrich.

Consideration of New Business

1. Upcoming Events/Dates:

- a. February 8th - Jazz Bands MPA – Westport High School All Day
- b. February 18th TBA Solo and Ensemble MPA – Tavares High School
 - i. There will not be a bus for this event; parents of students participating in Solo and Ensemble will need to arrange for transportation of their child.
- c. February 28th – Community Showcase at Sorrento Elementary
 - i. Jazz Bands only 5:00 p.m.
- d. March 4th Concert Band MPA – East Ridge High School All Day
- e. March 21st All District Jazz Band Auditions – Carver Middle School Leesburg
 - i. Only students who want to audition need to get to Carver and arrange for their own transportation. Allotted times for your child's audition will be sent out the evening before. All times will be after 5:30 p.m.

- f. April 7th - Spring Concert 7:00 p.m. outside being held at MDHS Courtyard
 - i. Admission for the spring concert will be \$5 a person OR items for the rummage sale for the following morning that we can sell for at least \$10
- g. April 8th – Saturday morning Rummage Sale – yard behind the band room?
- h. April 21st Lakeside Jazz Festival Jazz Bands – Port Orange – All Day
- i. April 27th-29th All District Jazz Band – Mount Dora High School
- j. May 6th - PRISM Concert 7:00 p.m. MDHS Auditorium
- k. May 12th – Annual Band Banquet 7:00 p.m. Real Life Church possible location – Trista will confirm.

2. Band Fees:

- a. All outstanding band fees have been entered into the school's database and Ms. Goldstein, Senior Sponsor, will be checking on who owes what in anticipation of Prom and Graduation coming up. All seniors will need to pay their outstanding balances in full in order to participate in Prom and Graduation ceremonies.
- b. David inquired as to how parents can pay their band fees through CHARMS using PayPal. It is up to the parent to establish a PayPal account at paypal.com linked to a credit or debit card and then they can pay using PayPal.
- c. We discussed printing and snail mailing monthly statements and we would probably collect more outstanding fees than just emailing as people get so much email they may be deleted as junk.
- d. How should we set up next year's band fees? Discussed a \$300 flat fee whether marching or not with an upfront cost of \$100 and the balance spread out over the next few months....of course, fees can always be paid in full as well. No separate fees for marching, concert, etc. If a student is in Band, then they are in Band and everyone will pay the same band fee.

3. Upcoming Fundraisers:

- a. Candy Bar sales for two weeks in February – potentially 2/10 through 2/24 to take advantage of Valentine's Day
- b. Spring Concert – jazz concert on the grass under the stars? Or in the MDHS courtyard? April 7th – will charge admission and sell concessions.
 - i. We will need: volunteers!, a rented stage (or donated), lighting, and grills, etc. if we are to offer concessions. Parents can bring their own lawn chairs.
- c. Rummage Sale – take donations and sell merchandise in the student parking lot one weekend in April – “Spring Cleaning” idea – April 8th. If you can work this event or have any household items or clothing that you were going to give to Goodwill, please hang onto these for our Rummage Sale!
- d. PRISM Concert – we will charge admission for this event as a fundraiser (\$5?)

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Amy Axon, seconded by Trista Spencer.

Parent Portion of the Meeting 7:00 p.m.

1. Fundraisers:

- a. We made about \$400 selling concessions to folks attending the Art Festival on 2/4 and 2/5. Kim Varnadore made a generous donation of the food and drinks that we sold or the profit would have been far less.
 - b. Band kids who help at our fundraisers can also earn community service hours! We will need several kids (and parents!) to help at All District Jazz Band being held at MDHS on 4/27-4/29.
 - c. Candy Bar sales – whatever money the kids raise by selling candy bars CAN be credited to their individual band fees accounts. Example: sell one box of candy, get \$30 credit towards your band fees. If already paid up, the credit can be given for next year.
2. MPA for Concert Band is March 4th at Eastridge High – we will be taking a bus. Rehearsal is going well.
3. Spring Break from March 11th-March 20th and then we will be working on the music for next year's marching show. Once the show is compiled, Mr. Uhrich will also give the music to the 8th graders at Mt. Dora Middle so they can start practicing.
4. Smart Music – assignments are posted regularly and are required. Please log in every day to check due dates! Missed assignments will receive a zero grade. If there is no computer at home to use for Smart Music homework, there are 4 at the school that your child can use.

Any suggestions as to how to increase parent involvement in our monthly meetings, please email Mr. Uhrich.

Date of the next Band Booster/Parent meeting will be announced when confirmed.