

Mount Dora Band Boosters
Minutes of the Meeting held on
July 11, 2016
6:30 PM
General Meeting (no parent meeting)

Location of Meeting:

MDHS Band Room

Mount Dora, Florida

Board Members Present at Meeting:

Mr. Uhrich
Adam Ziniewicz
Trista Spencer
Brian Schmidt
David White
Amy Axon

The regular meeting of the Mount Dora Band Boosters was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on July 11, 2016, in the MDHS Band Room by Mr. Uhrich.

General Matters

1. Marching Band Show: The music is done for the marching band show this year. Drills still to be written but we need to finalize exactly how many kids we will have in marching band before that can be done. Amy will see how many registration forms we have and try to come up with an approximate count prior to band camp.
2. Band Camp:
 - a. First week of camp will be from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with an hour for lunch from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Primarily outside in the morning and inside in the afternoon.
 - b. Second week of camp will be from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. with an hour for lunch from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Morning session and 1:00-2:30 primarily outside. Inside session from 2:30-4:00 and then an hour break to eat dinner and then back to outside practice from 5:00-8:00.
 - c. Mr. Uhrich will make the decision how many kids to write the show marching drills for by Wednesday of the first week of band camp based on how many kids have shown up to participate.

- d. We discussed procuring T-shirts, hats, and water bottles for each member of the band. Might not be able to have all items available for band camp but will be ordered so students can have all season. Trista will send the logo out for quote on all 3 items – just the logo that we already have, not any additional decoration. Mr. Uhrich will forward a digital version of the logo to Trista. It is preferred that any shirts we buy are white in color.
 - e. Chris Smith will be able to assist as a clinician in the mornings only the first week of band camp due to a prior commitment but will be with us all day the second week.
 - f. Discussed getting bottled water, ice for the coolers, and snacks for band camp. Each student also needs to bring their own large water bottle that can be refilled every day of camp.
 - g. Discussed getting dinner food for the Band the second week of camp; pizza one night, tacos another night, Chik-Fil-A, sandwich rings from Publix, etc. Friday night, the last night of camp, we will have the traditional BBQ and preview of the show with hotdogs and hamburgers. We need to pick a point person to coordinate the BBQ and get the grills out of the concession stand for this event.
 - h. We need at least one parent volunteer for each morning and afternoon session throughout band camp to assist. We may also need a few more volunteers from 11:30 to 1:30 for the lunch periods each day to help with food. Amy will send an email out to whoever we have emails for to try to coordinate volunteer efforts.
 - i. Since some students will have to order Dinkles and gloves for marching band, we discussed having company representatives on hand for the first day of band camp to assist with measurements and orders. In the past, these costs were fronted by the band with the appropriate fee being added to the student's CHARM account balance. Going forward may be good to have the students pay for each apparel item as they are given out to them. Mr. Uhrich will get with other area band directors to see how they handle this item. Apparel was taken off the commitment form this year so currently there is no way for parents to indicate what they need to order and pay for. "March Masters, Inc." is the name of the company that we ordered Dinkles from last year.
3. Band Membership: It was discussed that membership in the Band means membership in the Band without the ability to choose just concert band. Jazz band is a little different since it is two separate classes as well as an extra \$100 fee to be in jazz band. Also, several parents have inquired about their desire not to have their children be in marching band so they want to know if the fees are different. Mr. Uhrich will speak to Dr. Boone and make a final determination. The consensus is that band fees are the same whether in marching band or not since concert band also has expenses such as uniforms, trips by bus, event fees, etc.
 - a. Also discussed outstanding band fees and whether or not band members can be blocked from participation in the band for having outstanding fees going into band camp. Mr. Uhrich will also bring up with Dr. Boone and let us know.
 4. Keys: Adam would like to have a set of keys to include the concession stand, the gates, and the concession stand bathroom. Key numbers for these items are MA16, 181, and MA respectively. Can Mr. Uhrich please inquire with Dr. Boone as to getting a set of keys to Adam?
 5. CHARMS: ideally all Board members should have access to CHARMS but some may not need access to the financial information or account statements. We discussed that it

will be great when we have all student info including email address in CHARMS so that we can do away with the duplicate set of information now being maintained by spreadsheet, Gmail, and CHARMS.

6. Bank accounts: it was discussed that only 3 people really need to be signors on the Band bank accounts – Adam as President and Brian and David as co-treasurers. Brian will find the minutes from the last budget meeting so that he can take to the bank and get those signature cards updated; including removal of past Board members who had signing privileges.
7. Further on Band Fees: Mr. Uhrich approves of the idea of sending out a collection-type letter to those students who have outstanding fees totaling \$300 or more. He will also look for a sponsorship form that he has used in the past for those students in need who can use it to solicit donations from area businesses. As always, fund-raising is also an option for all to try to mitigate their current and past band fees. Brian will come up with an updated list of those with outstanding balances. Mr. Uhrich will review the proposed collection letter and also discuss with Dr. Boone.
8. Immediate Needs:
 - a. Someone who can work metal to help us put the new vibraphones together and build frames for them.
 - b. Inventory of all instruments owned by the school and the whereabouts of each one.
 - c. Quote from a printing company for T-shirts, hats, and water bottles for band members.
 - d. Drills need to be written for our show.
9. Action Items:
 - a. Amy – update the CHARMS spreadsheet and gmail account with new registrations forms and provide a current count of Band members. Compile meeting minutes for tonight's meeting. Send email about needing volunteers for band camp.
 - b. Trista – get quotes from printing company for T-shirts, hats, and water bottles. Get quotes for dinner food for second week of band camp.
 - c. Mr. Uhrich – speak with Dr. Boone about keys for Adam, assisting those with large outstanding band fees and/or blocking from Band participation without a payment plan or scholarship option. Discuss with area band directors how they handle apparel orders. Select a drill writer based on our estimated number of Band members. Get Board members selective access to CHARMS.
 - d. Adam – get grills from concessions for the band camp BBQ. Obtain keys for gates and concessions.
 - e. Brian and Mr. Uhrich – close out books for 2015-2016 school year so we can start CHARMS fresh for this coming school year.
 - f. Brian – cut check for reimbursement of expenses for FMEA meeting held earlier.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting made by Brian Schmidt, seconded by Trista Spencer.

Mount Dora Band Boosters
Minutes of the Meeting held on
August 1, 2016
6:30 PM

Location of Meeting:

MDHS Band Room

Mount Dora, Florida

Board Members Present at Meeting:

Mr. Uhrich

Trista Spencer

Adam Ziniewicz

David White

Amy Axon

Also Present:

Kim Varnadore, Parent, Volunteer Committee Chair

Denise Hall, Parent

The regular meeting of the Mount Dora Band Boosters was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 1, 2016, in the MDHS bandroom by Mr. Uhrich.

Consideration of New Business

1. Band Camp Update:

- a. 8/5 at 6:00 p.m. Band Booster/Parent Meeting includes Pre-Show Performance by the Marching Band and BBQ Picnic.
 - i. Amy will call around and try to get quotes for a BBQ dinner that we can bring instead of grilling outside.
 - ii. Kim will create some volunteer and chaperone sign-up sheets that we have on hand for this event since many parents will be there.

- iii. **Each section to bring part of the dinner – Percussion Drinks, Brass Side Dishes, Woodwinds/Color Guard Desserts.**
- iv. Amy will send reminder email to all parents.
- v. Mr. Uhrich will try to have a calendar ready so that parents can also see important dates of events coming up.
- vi. Both Kim and Denise are notaries so they will be on hand Friday evening to notarize any field trip forms that need it – Amy will also send an email reminder to all parents missing a notarization.

2. Committees:

- a. We discussed the various committees that Mr. Uhrich feels that we will need this year including:
 - i. Volunteer Committee
 - ii. Fundraising Committee
 - iii. Concessions Committee
 - iv. Uniforms Committee
 - v. Logistics Committee
 - 1. Part of the meeting on Friday will be to again let parents know about the need for help with these important functions.

3. Volunteers and Chaperones:

- a. We discussed the need for at least 4 chaperones for home football games and 7-8 for away games.
- b. We need at least 8 volunteers for each home game to run the concession stand.
- c. Kim will get with the director of the ROTC program at MDHS and see if any of those kids would be available to help at home football games.
- d. Denise may also have some contacts with local probation officers that would be interested in this type of community service.

4. Concessions:

- a. We agreed that if the football program is agreeable, we would give them the opportunity to sell food and drinks on the visitors' side of the field at home games. Football program to supply the food and the volunteers and keep the profits made other than a small fee to be paid to the Band for the use of our equipment. **We need to decide what this fee should be?** Band to keep concessions and all profits for the home side.
- b. Adam and David will get the cooler we just bought recently from the visitor side and bring it over to the home side. They will also review equipment and materials so that we are ready for the first home game which is already on August 19th.
- c. **We will need our 8 volunteers for concessions in place quickly for this game!**
- d. We discussed that it is really not productive to pay parents for working concessions in order to apply to outstanding band fees. It is very hard to keep track of and we are not sure exactly how much was paid out and/or if it was applied correctly to student accounts. The consensus was that we will have several other fundraising opportunities throughout the year for this purpose.

- e. Adam will review getting some cheese dispensers and potentially purchasing another drinks cooler we can use instead of the soda machines that do not work.
 - f. We discussed selling the soda machines but does the Band own them or the school? Can Mr. Uhrich find out from administration?
5. Uniforms:
- a. The white bibbers that the Band owns had been lent to another high school for their use so we will be using the black uniforms that we have worn the last two years again this year.
 - b. There was a representative on hand last week at band camp to take shoe orders. Mr. Uhrich to advise how students/parents can order and how much they will be? Last year they were \$28/pair.
6. Corporate Sponsorships:
- a. We discussed trying to line up some company donations this year. Kim will find the documents that the football program used for this purpose and forward on. Mr. Uhrich to also mention at the meeting Friday night in case any parents think that their employer would be interested in becoming a corporate sponsor. **We need to decide what perks or benefits the sponsor will receive for their level of donation.** Once this has been decided, we can start soliciting.
7. Logistics:
- a. Mr. Uhrich would like to see a committee formed to schedule school and charter busses for Band events this year. There was some discussion about what was more affordable; school busses or charter. Jet Set is a company that Mr. Uhrich has used in the past that worked very well. Trista has some quotes on the use of school busses and will get back to the Board on what that costs. Charter busses do not require that we also bring an equipment trailer since instruments and equipment can be stored in the bottom cargo area of the bus.
 - b. We need a volunteer to chair this committee!
8. Middle School Opportunities:
- a. We discussed outreach to the middle school kids by our Band to further engage them and get them excited about being in Band.
 - i. Getting middle school parents involved may also help us with volunteers.
 - ii. High school Band members can probably earn community service hours by going over to the middle school to help with music and practice.
 - iii. Incorporating middle school kids into the stands performances at football games would be super fun for them and also help get them excited about being in Band.
 - iv. Middle School Night this year is October 28th. Would like to have special T-shirts for the middle schoolers and really make it a great night for them.
9. Band Booster/Parent Meetings:
- a. It was decided that we will have Parent Booster Meetings on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 with the Board Meeting immediately afterward.
 - b. If no school on a meeting day, then the meeting will be automatically rescheduled for the second Monday of that month.

10. Next Band Booster/Parent meeting to be held on August 5, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. with the marching band demonstration and dinner for all parents and students.

There being no further business, the motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Amy Axon, seconded by Adam Ziniewicz.

Mount Dora Band Boosters
Minutes of the Meeting held on
October 3, 2016
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 October 3, 2016, in the MDHS auditorium by Mr. Uhrich.

Consideration of New Business

1. Upcoming Events/Dates:

- a. October 9 – Drumline Only – Play for Cyclists - Mount Dora 6:00 a.m.
- b. October 10 – Football Game Lake Minneola Home Game – 4:00 p.m.
- c. October 14 –
 - i. Homecoming Parade Downtown Mount Dora – 1:00 p.m.
 - ii. Football Game Ridge Community Homecoming – 5:00 p.m.
- d. October 21 – Football Game Umatilla Away Game – 5:00 p.m.
- e. October 22 – Ocala Marching Band Festival – all day – arrival time TBA
- f. October 28 – Football Game South Sumter Home Game (Senior Night) – 5:00 p.m.
- g. November 3 – Football Game Tavares Home Game (Middles School Night) – 5:00 p.m.

- h. November 5 – Marching Band Performance Assessment (MPA)
 - i. Leesburg High all day
- 2. Middle School Night:
 - a. Trista will order some T-shirts for approximately 80 kids with A “Future Marching Cane” type slogan in 2-colors
 - b. Mr. Uhrich will send a sizing order form over to Mr. Porter so we know what sizes to order
- 3. Gloves:
 - a. We need to order black gloves for the band; Mrs. Ziniewicz will help measure band members sometime next week
- 4. Band Fees:
 - a. Mr. Uhrich has requested 4 scholarships that we might be able to get from school funds to help 4 of our band members based on need
 - b. Jazz Band Fees:
 - i. There are two band members that are only participating in jazz band and no other band activities. It was proposed and agreed to that these two students only pay \$100 in band fees this year to cover jazz band. This will not be the guideline next year. All students will pay the same basic band fee.
 - c. It was discussed that it is illegal per IRS tax code to compensate volunteers in a non-profit organization. Since the Band is a 501c3 non-profit, we can no longer credit a student’s band fee account if the parent(s) volunteer at a Band event.
 - d. It was discussed that Band Booster Board members do not have their band fees waived as compensation for serving on the Board for the same reason in paragraph 4.c. above.
- 5. Equipment Updates:
 - a. New drum battery arrived today! They are in great shape and very lightly used. Carriers and heads to come in a few days.
 - b. There is an immediate need for the purchase of tubas, bass clarinets, euphoniums, and a few more percussion instruments before concert season starts.
- 6. Other Budgetary Needs:
 - a. Mr. Uhrich will review transportation needs for events for the rest of the school year and give us a tally of how much it will cost.
 - b. We spent approximately \$500 last week on a new deep fryer for French fries and for a double door refrigerator to store drinks in for our concessions stand. We also bought a microwave. The new deep fryer needs a \$55 part to convert it to “small tank” propane gas – Trista knows someone who can help with this and she will get the contact information to Adam.

- c. We need to replace the smaller grill that smokes so excessively – Adam proposed purchasing a flat griddle instead of another grill; approximate price \$300? This was not decided on as of yet.

Fundraising Committee

6:30 p.m.

1. Several parents came to the meeting who had indicated interest in serving on our Fundraising Committee. Please welcome and give huge thanks to the following parents:
 - a. Stephanie Martin
 - b. Amy Krok
 - c. Kim Varnadore
 - d. Erika Royster
2. Current fundraising:
 - a. The students are selling Chik-Fil-A calendars – please send your child to school with the funds to pay for the calendars upfront....once they are sold, each one sold will apply a \$2 credit to outstanding band fees on your child's account.
3. Fundraising Ideas:
 - a. Corporate sponsorships – Amy Axon will create the sponsorship sign-up form and work with the fundraising committee to begin soliciting local businesses and individuals to help support the Band.
 - i. Sponsorship Perk ideas:
 1. Banner to march with during parades featuring sponsor
 2. Website banner and link to their website on Mountdorabands.com
 3. Sponsor shout outs during the football games
 4. Band members to make and sell paper flowers or other Valentines during Valentine's Day week
 5. Coordinate with Chamber of Commerce members and Downtown Mt. Dora Merchant's Association
 6. Suntrust may have a donation matching program – if someone knows anyone who works at Suntrust?
 7. Stephanie Martin will find out from Waterman Hospital what kind of programs they may have
 - b. Band Member Walk-a-thon – where students solicit donations in a flat dollar amount and then do a planned walk
 - c. Sectional Fundraisers – where the fundraiser benefits a specific section of the Band; like a woodwind fundraiser, percussion fundraiser, etc.

- d. Rummage Sale – Erika Royster proposed a rummage sale that could also be combined with a bake sale. We need to determine where and when such an event could occur logically.
- e. Mr. Uhrich proposed a 1940s style swing jazz band concert – kids could wear period clothes and play music from that era. We could charge \$10 or so a ticket; perhaps February timeframe?
- f. Could different sections play downtown for donations? Like small ensembles of woodwinds, brass, or percussion.....
- g. Could we use Go Fund Me for specific events or field trips?
- h. Any and all ideas please email myself or any member of the fundraising committee:
 - i. Amy Axon – bandsecretarymd@gmail.com
 - ii. Amy Krok – amykrok@comcast.net
 - iii. Erika Royster – erickar12@icloud.com
 - iv. Kim Varnadore - kim.varnadore.pbc7@statefarm.com

Parent Meeting

7:00 p.m.

- 7. Reviewed upcoming dates and events – see page 1 of these minutes.
- 8. Items for consideration:
 - a. Smart Music.com – the band may want to purchase. It is an interactive, music learning and assessment software. Cost estimate \$1700/year.
 - b. Considering having a smaller wind ensemble that band members can audition for; this is like a higher level concert band.
 - c. Requesting parent feedback on rehearsal times during concert band season (starting mid-November). Does directly after school work better than 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. time slot? Proposed frequency of rehearsals concert band on Tuesday and wind ensemble on Thursday. So basically if your child is in both they will have practice both days.
 - d. Attendance at rehearsals is so very important! 10% of our band did not march Friday night because they had missed band rehearsals for other extra-curricular activities. Marching band is a very short season – it will be over within 60 days and we really need all members of the group to be there so that the ones who do attend can succeed and compete. If we do not have 100% attendance at rehearsals we may not be able to compete or participate in marching band performance assessments or other events like the marching festival in Ocala on 10/22. Since marching band is an activity that you will see “holes” in the show if members are

missing, please endeavor to help your children get to rehearsals for the rest of the season!

9. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Current balance in the band's account is \$22,897 as of 9/30/16. We just purchased new, used, drums for the drumline at a cost of roughly \$16,000 – this included new carriers and drum heads and should last the band 15 years.
- b. Outstanding band fees: current outstanding student accounts total \$24,630. School administration will not allow students to attend events such as Homecoming, Prom, and even Graduation with outstanding balances for any extracurricular activities.
- c. Although volunteer hours can no longer be used to credit a student's account, Fundraising Activities can!!! If you would like to work towards paying off your child's account, please contact the fundraising committee with any ideas and be open to emails that will go out regarding the band's upcoming fundraising activities.
 - i. Right now as stated earlier in the minutes, we are selling Chik Fil A calendars. Example: calendars cost \$8 each and must be prepaid by the student to pick up calendars to sell. The student sells the calendar and can keep those funds. Of the initial money paid by the student to pick up the calendars, \$2 for each one picked up goes directly against the student's account.

10. Next Band Booster/Parent meeting to be held on November 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

There being no further business, the motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Amy Axon, seconded by Adam Ziniewicz.

MOUNT DORA HIGH SCHOOL BAND

NOTES FROM FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING 11/28/16:

Present: Amy Axon, Stephanie Martin, Amy Krok, Michael Uhrich

1. Discussed results so far of corporate sponsorship campaign and reviewed returned mail envelopes.
2. Split up the Chamber of Commerce directory so that each business in the directory can be called to follow up on our fundraising effort. It doesn't matter if that business actually got something in the mail or not as if they haven't we can always ask if they would be interested in donating.
3. **Please do not call anyone on the lists that appears to be an individual on the list! Kim V. pointed out that if we are not checking the Do Not Call list, we could be fined for contacting an individual versus a business.**
4. Donors so far: me (\$200 in the form of food for the band prior to the Waterman Village event and the mailing supplies in the last two weeks), Ankle and Foot Center Mt. Dora (\$100), Weichert Realtors (\$200), Women's Committee of Fine Arts Mt. Dora (\$200), Mortgage Financial Group Tavares (\$500). We have only received the cash so far from Weichert so I need to call and follow up when we can expect the rest.
5. Discussed Mt. Dora Community Trust and how they give their annual grants. Mr. Uhrich is working with Phil Porter on this. Their next meeting is in January.
6. For any fundraisers that we do other than charging admission for our concerts, we need to file paperwork and get permissions from administration! Who can coordinate this?
7. Upcoming Fundraisers:
 - a. February 2-4: concessions near or in the student parking lot for the Mt. Dora Art Festival to target festival attendees with food and drink.
 - b. February 1st week and 2nd week: Candy bar sales – have been in contact with the sales rep and he states that our cost is \$30/box and we can sell for \$60 each. They only need a week leadtime so we just have to let them know when we want to do it. We discussed doing this for Valentine's Day and perhaps combining with carnation sales (real or paper).
 - c. March opportunity: Walk a thon, Play a thon, or something of that nature where the kids write letters to friends and family soliciting donations/pledges and then they participate in a group activity like walking so many laps, etc.
 - d. March opportunity: We also discussed the rummage sale opportunity for early March (like before spring break) and whether or not it is better to sell parking spots for individual families' to sell their own goods for a flat rate rental of the spot or to gather donations and try to sell them ourselves. Mr. Uhrich will get with another band director who has done this in the past to see how they set it up.
 - e. April opportunity: Mr. Uhrich suggested that we do a Jazz Under the Stars type concert in the field behind the band room in lieu of our typical spring concert in April. This would be good fun for the whole community.
 - f. Overall opportunities to raise money by charging admission for the Winter Concert on the 19th, the Jazz under the Stars concert, and the PRISM concert in May (if we do one). If we charge even as little as \$5.00 per person, we could collect a minimum of \$1000 per concert if only 200 people attended. We could also offer baked goods, etc. and sell those in the lobby of the auditorium like we did last year for PRISM and make money that way. **If we are to try to do this for the December concert, we need to coordinate ASAP!**

Thanks so much!

Amy Axon

Mount Dora Band Boosters
Minutes of the Meeting held on
December 5, 2016
6:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

MDHS Auditorium

Mount Dora, Florida

Board Members Present at Meeting:

Mr. Uhrich

Trista Spencer

Adam Ziniewicz

Amy Axon

The regular meeting of the Mount Dora Band Boosters was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on December 5, 2016, in the MDHS auditorium by Mr. Uhrich.

Consideration of New Business

1. Upcoming Events/Dates:

- a. December 19th – Winter Concert – 7:00 p.m. – MDHS Auditorium
 - i. Trista will do a flyer for the event and get out to the feeder schools and parents
 - ii. Adam will check with Publix if we can get some donated baked goods to sell for concessions at the concert and we will ask Brian to see if he can get the Lions Club popcorn machine also.
- b. January 26-28 All District Honor Band – Forest High School
 - i. 5 MDHS students made it in; Connor Axon, Emily Febo, Maddie Hart, Olivia Hanna, and Andrew Becker.
- c. February 8th Jazz Bands MPA – Westport High School All Day
- d. February 17th or 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. Firm date will be announced soon. For carpooling opportunities, please email bandsecretarymd@gmail.com.

- ii. According to the FBA Handbook, we can't bring both wind ensemble and symphonic bands to MPA if a student plays the same instrument in both bands. Mr. Uhrich suggested that we might audition for a smaller ensemble type group and have them play in the community over the holidays instead of going to MPA.
- 2. **Smart Music:** is an online teaching tool where each student will have various assignments to complete at home. Assignments and due dates are posted in the application. All assignments will count towards the final grades for Band. As of this meeting, there are still 9 students who have not signed up for Smart Music or logged in to use it. Any questions on the software or how to use it, please email or call Mr. Uhrich.
- 3. **Community Outreach:** Adam suggested that we reach out to the Community Center which is currently advertising an adult symphonic band series of concerts. Perhaps they would be interested in having our band play?
- 4. **Annual Non-Profit Filing:** Brian will need to resolve filing our annual non-profit report with the state by the end of the calendar year even though our fiscal year actually ends in June.
- 5. **Band Pictures:** individual band pictures were taken today by a professional photographer. Mr. Uhrich will see about having her return to do makeup photos and a group shot.
 - a. Spring Concert – jazz concert on the grass under the stars? TBD late March or early April – will charge admission and sell concessions
 - b. Rummage Sale – take donations and sell merchandise in the student parking lot one weekend in April – “Spring Cleaning” idea – date TBD. 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!
- 6. **Concessions:**
 - a. Adam will fix the door on the new freezer that has a crack running through it.
 - b. Football concessions were discussed. Preliminary review of the budget indicated \$2273 in net profits for the season. This equates to \$378 per game. We will review the costs of what we offer for sale and try to buy food cheaper, change the menu to more cost-effective items, and attempt to ask suppliers for donations to support the band instead of just paying for everything.
 - c. Amy will email the candy bar sales contact and let him know the potential timeframe of early February for the annual candy bar sale fundraiser.
 - d. The minutes from the November 28th Fundraising Committee Meeting were read.

The next Band Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, January 9th, at 6:00 p.m. for the Board and 7:00 p.m. for Band Parents in the MDHS Auditorium.

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

Mount Dora Band Boosters
Minutes of the Meeting held on
January 9, 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

Parent Present at Meeting:

Tim and Stephanie Martin

The regular meeting of the Mount Dora Band Boosters was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 9th, 2017, in the MDHS auditorium by Mr. Uhrich.

Consideration of New Business

1. Upcoming Events/Dates:

- a. January 26-28 All District Honor Band – Forest High School
 - i. (Emily Febo, Connor Axon, Madison Hart, Andrew Becker, Olivia Hanna)
- b. February 8th Jazz Bands MPA – Westport High School All Day
- c. February 17th or 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. Firm date will be announced soon. For carpooling opportunities, please email bandsecretarymd@gmail.com.

- d. March 4th Concert Band MPA – East Ridge High School All Day
 - e. March 21st All District Jazz Band Auditions – Carver Middle School Leesburg
 - f. Spring Concert late March/early April Date TBD
 - g. April 21st Lakeside Jazz Festival Jazz Bands – Port Orange – All Day
 - h. April 27th-29th All District Jazz Band – Mount Dora High School
 - i. PRISM Concert May Date TBD
 - j. Annual Band Banquet May Date TBD
2. **Rehearsal Dates/Times:**
- a. Percussion will rehearse on Mondays from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
 - b. Concert Band will rehearse on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
 - i. PLEASE NOTE: these dates and times are current starting in February as these Minutes are being disseminated after the change was made.
3. **Band Fees:**
- a. As of 12/31/16 there were approximately \$18,000 in outstanding band fees. Ms. Goldstein in the administrative office 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.
4. **Smart Music:** is an online teaching tool where each student will have various assignments to complete at home. Assignments and due dates are posted in the application. All assignments will count towards the final grades for Band. Any questions on the software or how to use it, please email or call Mr. Uhrich.
- a. ALL MPA music is available on Smart Music! For those who wish to practice at home in addition to rehearsals.
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
- a. As of 12/31/16, there was \$19,114 in the band checking account.
 - b. The Band made \$1200 in admission fees for the Winter Concert on 12/19 and \$1100 in corporate sponsorships. Approximately \$800 in outstanding band fees were collected in December.
6. **Volunteers Needed!** We will need chaperones and/or volunteers for the following upcoming events:
- a. February 4th and 5th: the Band will be selling drinks and snacks to people attending the Mount Dora Art Festival near the band room at the school. We will need volunteers! Please email bandsecretarymd@gmail.com if you can take a shift as this will be all day each day.
 - b. February 8th: Jazz Band MPA in Ocala – will need at least 4 chaperones on the bus (as of this writing, we have our 4 but if you would like to come, you are welcome!)
 - c. March 4th: Concert Band MPA in Clermont – will need at least 4 chaperones on the bus

7. Upcoming Fundraisers:

- a. Ongoing community outreach for corporate sponsors. The package is attached – if you know any employers or companies that may be willing to donate, please send the package along to them.
- b. Concessions of drinks and snacks for the Mount Dora Art Festival Feb 4-5
- c. Candy Bar sales for two weeks in February – potentially 2/3 through 2/17 to take advantage of Valentine's Day
- d. Spring Concert – jazz concert on the grass under the stars? TBD late March or early April – will charge admission and sell concessions
- e. Rummage Sale – take donations and sell merchandise in the student parking lot one weekend in April – “Spring Cleaning” idea – date TBD. 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!

8. Band Pictures:

- a. A photographer will be onsite on Tuesday, February 21st, to take pictures of the concert band members. Students will wear concert band uniforms that are stored in the band room.
- b. A photographer will be onsite on Thursday, February 23rd, to take pictures of the jazz bands members. Students to wear all black, please, and Mr. Uhrich will supply a colored necktie.

The next Band Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, February 6th, at 6:00 p.m. for the Board and 7:00 p.m. for Band Parents in the MDHS Auditorium.

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

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.

Mount Dora Band Boosters
Minutes of the Meeting held on
March 24, 2017
6:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

Beef O'Brady's Restaurant

Mount Dora, Florida

Mr. Uhrich
Trista Spencer
Adam Ziniewicz
David White
Brian Schmidt
Amy Axon

Fundraising Committee members present: Amy Krok, Stephanie Martin

The regular meeting of the Mount Dora Band Boosters was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 24, 2017, by Mr. Uhrich.

Consideration of New Business

1. Upcoming Events/Dates:

- a. Parent Meeting to collect nominations for next year's Board – include 8th Grade parents? Date and time to be announced; April 10th?
- b. April 20th – Spring Band Concert outdoors in the courtyard of the high school
 - i. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- c. April 21st Lakeside Jazz Festival Jazz Bands – Port Orange – All Day
- d. April 27th-29th All District Jazz Band – Mount Dora High School
- e. May 6th - PRISM Concert 7:00 p.m. MDHS Auditorium
- f. May 12th – Annual Band Banquet 7:00 p.m. Real Life Church Round Lake Road

- g. May Board and Parent Meeting – to nominate new Board for next year and do the first round of registrations for next year's Band. Registration forms will be available at this meeting. Date and Time to be announced.

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. Discussed having a Band fee of \$350 plus whatever apparel items are needed; i.e. gloves, Dinkles, etc. with \$100 due at registration in May or at the beginning of band camp in July with the balance due before 2/1/18.

3. Upcoming Fundraisers:

- a. Spring Concert – jazz concert in the MDHS courtyard
 - i. April 20th – will charge admission and sell concessions.
 - ii. 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.
- b. PRISM Concert 5/6 - we will charge admission for this event as a fundraiser and also offer concessions. To be held in the MDHS auditorium.
- c. Amy will create a flyer for the Spring Concert event and the PRISM concert and make sure it gets out to the Chamber of Commerce and/or the Daily Commercial. Stephanie will see if she can get it to the Waterman Village folks. Trista will help get it out to the school system employees.

4. Concessions:

- a. The Visitor's Side of the football field failed the health inspection in March. We are not in charge of this side but our name is on the health department permits. Is the money that we make worth the effort and time involved in running concession stand on the Home side? For now we will continue to run Home side concessions.

5. Leadership Tryouts:

- a. Tryouts for various leadership positions within the Band like Drum Major and Section Leaders will be held very soon after the Spring Concert on the 20th.

6. Quickbooks:

- a. Brian suggested that we may want to take a look at buying Quickbooks for a non-profit organization for the Band's accounting next year.

7. Community Trust:

- a. Mr. Uhrich met with the folks from the Community Trust of Mount Dora and they have committed to donating \$3000 to the Band to used for clinicians next year.

8. Fundraising:

- a.** We should come up with a list of fundraisers that the students can participate in, both for their individual band fee accounts and general fundraisers for the Band as a whole. We need to have something going on every month next year from September through February to make sure everyone has a chance to fundraise to credit their band fees accounts if needed.

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