



## Munster Band Backer Meeting Minutes (Draft)

November 20, 2019

**Attendees:** Stacie Trivunovic, Becky McKeever, Anna Sklar, Ian Marcusiu, Jennifer Zamora Pruzin, John Pruzin, Amy Dennis, Curtis Dennis, Eloisa Vazquez, Kelly Wedgeworth, Trey Wedgeworth, Stephanie Corral, Jen Segvich, Tricia Ohnstad Meyer, Jeanette Babus, Julie Witten, Veronica Gomez, Araceli Valadez, Hong Sun, Dejan Ilijevski, John Hasse, Kim Muntean, Michelle Gilhooly, Marie Gambetta, Alan Pischner, Eva Porras

**Handouts:** Minutes from Oct. 23 meeting, agenda, treasurer's report, flyers for December blood drive

**Call to Order: 7:07pm**

**Approval of Oct. 23 meeting minutes:** move to approve- Kim M., second- Jen P.

### Treasurer Report:

Ending balance as of 10/23/19=\$24,719.63

Deposits and Credits from 10/22 to 11/18= \$13,998.42

Cleared and Uncleared Debits from 10/24 to 11/18= \$21,665.08

Balance as of 11/20/19= \$17,052.97.

Holding aside \$1000 in anticipation of costs associated with Munster's Got Talent show.

Charms accounts credits (allocated to individual students)= \$6.487.33

Donations allocated for trailer/tubas= \$10,918.70

Cash flow currently available for spending= **-\$1,353.06 (yes, that is a negative number)**

**Currently we have \$20,000 IN UNPAID/OVERDUE BAND FEES!!**

- Please check your CHARMS accounts and PAY YOUR FEES! We will soon be calling individuals to collect late payments
- Unpaid fees could result in ineligibility to participate in winter percussion/winter guard, and marching band jackets will not be returned to individual students until fees are paid.
- Band/Guard fees are NOT INCLUDED in school fees that are collected at the time of registration in the fall.
- If you do not know how to get into your CHARMS account to check your balance, email Becky M. ASAP!
- If you have credits from FRIP, Butter Braid Sales, Mattress sale, etc, THESE CREDITS DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFER to cover your balance. If your amount due is greater than the amount of credit you have in your account, the balance of the account must be paid as well in order for the credits to transfer. **If you have any questions, please email Becky M.**

**Approval of treasurer report:** move to approve- Jeanette B, Second- Kelly W..

### President's Report:

Holiday Concert December 12. Will be doing 50/50 raffle at the concert- MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. Bring family and friends!! Also hoping to have Cookie Basket Sale at concert- will need volunteers to make cookies, put together baskets and decorate baskets. Look for email to sign up.

MHS Craft Fair Dec. 7-8: band backers will be running 2 concession stands simultaneously. Will need a large number of volunteers to help out. Will also be sponsoring a blood drive on Dec. 8 during the fair. Band makes \$5 per donor up to 49 donors, then \$10 per donor after 50 donors. Tell your family and friends!

**VP Report:** Check volunteer signups

**Secretary report:** Will be updating parent volunteer point tallies soon- keep track of your points and sign up to help at craft fair if you still need points. Sign in to your CHARMS account to check your total.

**Director's Report:** Jazz band started this week- great turnout. Mr. Marcusiu will be directing both MHS and WWMS Jazz bands. Winter Percussion tryouts next week.

**Committee Reports:**

We are in the process of updating the committee list, planning to add the updated list to the Band Backers website and include current chairpeople and their contact information.

**Munster's Got Talent: Coming up on FEBRUARY 25, 2020.** Held at Theater at the Center here in Munster. Sponsorship committee (Dejan Ilijevski, Trisha Ohnstad, Alice Cannon) working on getting sponsors/donors for the program book, but sales are SLOW. **NEED HELP selling ads and getting sponsors!!** Anna S. working with Theater to coordinate exhibitor sponsors at the venue and plan food/concessions, etc. Linda B. working on ticket sales and auditions with Mr. M.

We REALLY need sponsors and local businesses to buy ads for the program book to make this event a financial success! We are asking all parents to help us out with contacting potential businesses/donors with whom they may have a personal relationship (personal relationships greatly increase the likelihood that a business will donate/sponsor). Information regarding ad prices and sponsorship options is located on the Band Sponsorship website on the Munster's Got Talent page ( [https://supportmunsterband.org/munsters\\_got\\_talent/](https://supportmunsterband.org/munsters_got_talent/) ) Please check out the website and forward it to anyone who may be a potential donor. Deadline for sponsors/ads is January 15, 2020.

**Publicity:** Jeanette Babus and Stephanie Corral to work with committees to increase publicity of upcoming concerts and fundraising events, especially Munster's Got Talent. Thank you for helping!

Also, several senior marching band members were interviewed on WJOB's "Region Rush Hour" show today- they did a great job and promoted the band! Check it out online: <https://www.wjobnetwork.com/>

**Uniforms:** Order forms for MHS concert wear were due Monday. For girls, concertwear is a dress. For boys, order forms were for shirts, pants, vests and tie; concert jackets STAY AT THE SCHOOL and must be fitted properly to each boy prior to concerts. Therefore, **BOYS SHOULD ARRIVE 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO REPORT TIME FOR ALL CONCERTS TO GET PROPERLY FITTED WITH A JACKET.** Jackets must be returned and hung up prior to leaving after the concert.

**FRIP/SCRIP:** Catherine Olsen planning to have order forms and signups at concerts. Grocery cards and gift cards will be available for sale. If you are interested in starting your own account, contact Catherine Olsen. Check out the details of the program on [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). Basically, when you shop using SCRIP, a portion of the money you spend goes toward your CHARMS account to be used to pay for band fees.

**Dining Nights:** Danny Z's dining night in October made \$350, Simple Greek make around \$100. Planning a dining night at Region Ale on January 9; Thursday nights at Region Ale are also open mic nights for students, so come out and bring your instrument!

**Follow up and New Business/Discussion:**

- Trophy case follow up: Mr. Wells has asked Booster Club to fund a large trophy case in the auditorium lobby for band/orchestra/choir/theater. They have agreed to fund it and are looking at options with Mr. Wells.
- Winter Percussion State Titles Signs are now up on the fence along the football field on Columbia Ave.!
- Uniform crew noted that several lights in the uniform room are still out and need fixing- Becky will speak again with maintenance crew
- Parts of ISSMA State Marching Band Finals will be Broadcast on PBS-Lakeshore channel on December 14 at 10:30am. Set your DVR!
- Request made by Trisha M. to have a spiritwear sale in the spring

**Next Meeting: January 29, 2020 at 7pm**

**Adjournment:** move to adjourn- Eva P., Second- Michelle G. Meeting ended at 7:52pm.