



Munster Band Backer Meeting Minutes (Draft)

January 29, 2020

Attendees: Stacie Trivunovic, Anna Sklar, Eloisa Vazquez, Stephanie Corral, Tricia Ohnstad, Jeanette Babus, Julie Witten, Hong Sun, Dejan Ilijevski, Kim Muntean, Michelle Gilhooly, Marie Gambetta, Alan Pischner, Eva Porras, Pedro Porras, Jerry Bevil, Linda Bevil, Dina Barron, Lisa Morris, Andrew Cantu, Gregg Blocher, Anne Blocher, Bret Winterheimer

Handouts: Minutes from Nov. 20 meeting, agenda, treasurer's report

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Approval of Nov. 20 meeting minutes: motion to approve- Jeanette B., second- Stephanie C.

Treasurer Report (handout only- Becky McKeever not present to give report):

Ending balance as of 11/20/19=\$16,082.97

Deposits and Credits from 11/19 to 01/28= \$29,247.69

Cleared and Uncleared Debits from 11/20 to 01/20= \$31,072.63

Balance as of 1/28/20= \$14,258.03

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

Charms accounts credits (allocated to individual students)= \$5,815.32

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

Cash flow currently available for spending= **-\$3,475.99 (yes, that is a negative number)**

Currently we still have over \$17,000 IN UNPAID/OVERDUE BAND FEES!! THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

- Please check your CHARMS accounts and PAY YOUR FEES! Payment Due letters were sent out via mail.
- 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's report: motion to approve- Anne B., second- Dina B.

President's Report:

February Band Backers meeting is cancelled.

We made \$1,228.35 on the Christmas Cookie Basket sale at the Winter Concert!! Thanks to everyone who donated!! Additionally, we made \$690 on the 50/50 raffle at the concert.

Please help us spread the word about Munster's Got Talent (Feb. 25) show by sharing posts on Facebook and Instagram, and telling friends and relatives. The event is open to the public.

Pasta Pizzazz is coming up on March 8.

New trophy case (courtesy of Booster Club) is up in the auditorium lobby. We will be sharing this case with orchestra and theater. Awards/trophies have not been placed in the case yet.

VP Report: Check volunteer signups for ISSMA on 2/8. WE NEED A LOT OF HELP FOR THIS EVENT TO RUN SMOOTHLY. Additionally, the point system requires 1 of your 3 required points to be earned by working either ISSMA or JME (March 13-14). Go to <https://munsterband.org> for more info and links to signups!

CASH RAFFLE: We are hoping to sell 1500 tickets for this raffle. If we are able to do that, we could earn \$20,000!!! To accomplish this goal, we are asking all families to sell a minimum of 8 tickets. Tickets are \$20 each. Grand prize is \$5000.

8 Tickets were mailed out to each family with instructions and raffle information. We have a list of who has which tickets. Please be sure to collect the ticket stub with the buyer's name and contact information and turn it in with the money. If you would like to sell more than 8 tickets, PLEASE DO!! you may obtain extras from Jerry or Linda Bevil.

We are also planning to sell raffle tickets at ISSMA, JME, Pasta Pizzazz, Munster's Got Talent, and at various other local business locations over the next few months.

Drawing for the raffle will be at the Spring Concert, May 13 at 6:30pm. Winner need not be present to claim prize.

Secretary report: Have been updating parent volunteer point tallies- keep track of your points and sign up to help at upcoming events if you still need points. All families Must work either ISSMA or JME. Sign in to your CHARMS account to check your total.

Director's Report: Talking about possible trip to Florida (Disney & Universal) next spring break- joint trip with orchestra. Stay tuned...

Schedule for next marching season is being developed. Planning on fewer competitions overall but will be doing more challenging competitions- BOA (Bands of America). This likely will include a few trips to Ohio.

We had a great turnout for middle school band signups. Hopefully this will stimulate interest in STM considering another music teacher addition to the staff...

Committee Reports:

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 finalizing sponsors/donors and designing the program book. So far we have about \$8000 in sponsorship/ads for the event! There is still a limited time to get more ads in the book, so if you know anyone who would like to sponsor an ad, let the committee know right away!

Tickets are available online at <https://www.theatreatthecenter.com/on-stage/special-events-and-concerts/mgt>, or can be purchased at the Theatre at the Center's box office in the Center for Visual and Performing Arts. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

There are 12 finalists competing at the show, and Zoe O. will be performing as the winner from last year.

Jeanette Babus and Stephanie Corral working on placing ads in the newspaper, Facebook and Instagram, putting info in the town planner, and putting up posters/info about the event all over town. Please contact them if you would like to help.

Uniforms: 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.

We will be using same uniforms from marching season for winter percussion and winter guard.

Dining Nights: Dante's dining nite coming up in March- date/time TBD

Spring Banquet: Committee will be meeting soon to start planning. Need a CoChair!! Watch for more info coming soon

Next Meeting: March 18, 2020 at 7pm

Adjournment: motion to adjourn- Jeanette B., Second- Andrew C. Meeting ended at 7:55pm.