



Mars Band Boosters Inc.  
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# Booster Parent Meeting Minutes - Dec. 12 2024

## Financial Status from Anita

- \$11,000 will be set aside for the 2025 Outdoor season
- \$10,000 is our goal amount to keep in reserve
- Concession booth and Craft Show were both extremely profitable this year
  - Craft show made \$6,000 ( with \$850 Raffle Basket profit ) - this was an increase of about \$1,500 from last year .
  - We will continue to explore the possibility of having a 50/50 raffle next year ( this must be approved by the Craft Show organizer )

## • Indoor Season Budget and Student fees

- Based on current financial state , Officers voted at our last meeting to increase Booster contribution to **\$200 per student for each Indoor program** . ( We are hoping to do the same for the 2025 outdoor season and will vote on this in the Spring .
- The **Percussion cost** per member (based on Directors expense budget) came in at \$595. Subtracting the \$200 Booster contribution, the FEE / perc. member is **\$395 for the 2025 season**. *(This amount does not include any trip costs )*
- The **Winterguard cost** per member ( based on Directors expense budget ) came in at \$375 \*\*\*The Winterguard fee/member was calculated and announced before the vote to increase Booster contribution from \$100 to \$200 . Winterguard fee/ member less a \$100 original Booster contribution is **\$275 for the 2025 season** . The other \$100/member from the Booster contribution will be placed into the **Guard Floor Fund for a total of \$1,300 in that fund**.



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## Fundraising Guidelines

- As a 501 C organization all fundraising done by the Booster organization must go towards supporting our mission - which means proceeds go towards the “General Fund”.
- We can designate a specific Fundraiser will be done to support a specific event or item , as long as all participants are aware that the proceeds will be going towards that specific item or event . ( in example , the Percussion WGI trip and the Winter-guard floor )
- **Instructors** can initiate and ‘sponsor’ fundraisers that can go to specific events or items as well . ( Percussion Instructors are currently hosting a Sponsorship Drive to decrease the total cost of the upcoming trips )
- If any individual member **exceeds \$600** in personal fundraising per year, they will need to **fill out a 1099** for tax purposes ( please contact Anita Morrison for specific details if this applies to you
- Anything over \$600 can also to be donated into General Fund account to prevent filling out the 1099 .
- **Cut-Time “Share My Cost” Feature**
  - Friends and families can donate directly into student account via a shared link ( This will not count towards the \$600 fundraising limit / tax form )
  - There is a small fee per credit card donation
  - Checks will be accepted - indicate in comment line the name of the student and “share-my-cost” .
  - Donations made to individual student are NOT tax deductible .
  - Only donations made to support the General Fund are tax deductible .
- Boosters will ask Mr. Soose to calculate the total cost of the 2 upcoming trips now that the final numbers of participating students are finalized .



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## Upcoming Fundraisers

- Most profitable Restaurant Nights are when we get a fixed amount back. ( as opposed to a percentage of sales )
  - Moe's Night - fixed amount back to us
  - Mars Farmhouse - fixed amount back to us
    - One of these may be able to be marked to go towards / split between Percussion Trips and Guard floor fund
- Zroni ( delivery before Super Bowl )
- Bingo Night in the beginning planning stages ( potential February date )
  - Baskets , 50/50 , duck games may be included

## Truck Update

- Truck is still broken
- School District has reimbursed us for the rental fees
- Due to specific truck/braking system Kriley's is the only garage willing to fix truck
- Estimated part cost is \$5,000 - which is on order
- Scott has sent email to Dr. Gross and the Athletic Director concerning the District covering the cost of the repair which will be substantial . The Band Truck is also used for transporting instruments between schools for the curricular band and orchestra ensembles and cost for repair should not fall on the Booster funds.
- The administration knows when we need the truck by ( January Show )
- Scott will follow up with them next week

## Other Topics Discussed

- Ideas for future fundraising
  - Christmas Caroling / playing instruments / community exposure
  - Donation Drive - students canvas local neighborhoods asking for donations
- Ideas to grow the band in numbers
  - Reaching out to Centennial & Middle School Band Directors and Mr. Soose to invite younger students to perform at a football game . Performances at Middle School ( and ideally Centennial school as well )
  - Performances by Indoor groups at MS and ideally Centennial school



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## **Next parent meeting February 5 at 6:15**

### **In attendance :**

Scott Mansfield  
Anita Morrison  
Rachelle Rankin  
Rita Ostapchenko

Deneen Simms  
Erin Hardek  
Julia Stephenson  
Mike Stephenson  
Erica Miller  
Lynette Snyder  
Linda Gurash  
Melanie Wingertsahn