



**Mars Area Band Boosters Inc**  
**PO Box 1061**  
**Mars PA 16046**

Contact: [bandinfo@marsband.com](mailto:bandinfo@marsband.com)  
Web site: [www.marsband.com](http://www.marsband.com)

---

## **Band Booster Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2021**

### **1. Call to Order**

- President Ruth O'Donnell welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then called for a motion to approve the minutes circulated for the last Booster meeting held in October. They were then approved as written.

### **2. Treasurer's Report**

- Lori MacDonald, Treasurer, reported and distributed the current checking and saving account statements and indicated that some monies have been utilized to off-set costs for the indoor percussion season and some marching band expenses for next season. Pie fundraiser order monies also still needed to be added in for the year. She stated that the budget is in a good place and we will continue to track what is needed for the remainder of the year.
- Ruth mentioned that Dave Soose is also planning to meet with the Mars Foundation to see if they could help us with the costs of new Mac books for the band.

### **3. Old Business**

- Craft Show – Ruth reminded those in attendance that the Band Boosters took over concessions for the craft show in 2014. She indicated that \$775 was donated to help off set costs to purchase food for the concessions. She also ran through the schedule of when students and parents need to arrive and mentioned that we had several food donations from local businesses.
- Increasing Numbers Initiative – Ruth reported that some parents had ideas about how we can increase the number of students who join band next year. With so many ideas, she said that this will be put on hold until after the holidays and a meeting will be held soon to discuss this further. Several parents shared several ideas of what we could do including promoting band more on social media, working with the Mars music teachers, summer camps for interested students, etc. Mac McSwain, Rita Ostapchenko, Eva Cervantes, and Kim Cannon all asked to be invited to that meeting when it's scheduled.
- Banquet Update – Ruth stated that the original date for this banquet to be held in January had to change so a new date will be announced soon.
- Indoor Programs – Ruth noted that practices have begun for the indoor percussion program and volunteer/chaperone sign-ups will be coming soon.



**Mars Area Band Boosters Inc**  
**PO Box 1061**  
**Mars PA 16046**

Contact: [bandinfo@marsband.com](mailto:bandinfo@marsband.com)  
Web site: [www.marsband.com](http://www.marsband.com)

---

#### **4. New Business**

- Fundraisers – Dan Fenio reported on the status of the pies and pillows fundraisers and indicated that we would have another pepperoni roll fundraiser in January.
- Holiday Parade – Ruth stated that there is a possibility that the students will be asked to perform at the Mars Holiday Parade. They are currently asking the students if they would like to participate and a song is being learned in band class at school.
- Disney 2022 – Ruth indicated that there is a possibility that a trip to Disney will be considered for 2022. This would be an excellent incentive to promote band to younger students. Dates are to be determined and the costs could be up to \$1300 per student. More information on this will be communicated as details are known.
- Uniform Return Dates – The marching band uniforms need to be returned and cleaned before next season. Watch for e-mails for when the drop-off dates will be soon.

#### **5. Open Discussion**

- Some in attendance mentioned that since we have a new school board in December, we should try to talk to them about the music program and more teacher support.
- For the sponsorship band, some asked that the link to donate to the band be made available for out-of-town family and friends who would like to donate. Lori said she would look into making this available to them.
- Ruth indicated that Laura & Beau Gamble and Lisa Suppo coordinate a basket raffle for the craft show and thanked them for all of their extra efforts on this new initiative.

#### **6. Adjournment**

- Ruth thanked everyone for participating and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

#### **Band Booster Officers in Attendance**

Ruth O'Donnell, President

Kim Cannon, Secretary

Dana Fenio, Vice President – Fundraisers

Lori MacDonald, Treasurer



**Mars Area Band Boosters Inc**  
**PO Box 1061**  
**Mars PA 16046**

Contact: [bandinfo@marsband.com](mailto:bandinfo@marsband.com)  
Web site: [www.marsband.com](http://www.marsband.com)

---

Parents/Guests in Attendance:

Eva Cervantes  
Jo Drutarosky  
Marsha Haley  
Mac McSwain  
Chelsea Merriman  
Courtney Montgomery  
John Morrison  
Christy Nickl  
Rita Ostapchenko  
Julia Stephenson  
Lisa Suppo  
Dan Turney