



Mars Area Band Boosters Inc
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Band Booster Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2022

1. Call to Order

- President Ruth O'Donnell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Ruth called for a motion to approve the minutes circulated for the last Booster meeting held in May. They were then approved as written.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Lori MacDonald, Treasurer, reported and distributed the current checking and saving account statements. She reported that our financials are doing well. Detailed statements are available by contacting Lori.

4. Old Business

- Disney SnapRaise/Yard Sale Fundraisers – Dana Fenio reported that we had two fundraisers dedicated to the Disney trip and these two activities generated \$7035 (SnapRaise) and \$1957 (yard sale). These monies were applied to the costs of the Disney trip for all students.
- Pictures – Ruth indicated that we had several issues with the photographer that took the band pictures this year including errors in the senior banner and football game program. These issues are being addressed and a new photographer will be utilized for next season.
- Concession Help – Help is needed for the upcoming football games and competitions. Please consider volunteering to help the program.

5. New Business

- Upcoming Fundraisers – Dana provided a quick update on the Bundt cakes fundraiser and reported that upcoming fundraisers include popcorn, pies, and pepperoni rolls. She also is working on a "Dine Around Mars" fundraiser which will be a raffle fundraiser during the Craft Show.
- Band Truck – Lori MacDonald provided an update on the status of the band truck. It is currently being repaired and U-Haul trucks will be utilized again until it is able to be used. She said they are talking with the school district about assisting with the repair costs.



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- Officers – Ruth noted that next year the President (her role) and Treasurer’s (Lori) position will be the last year for these two important roles on the Boosters. She stated that if anyone is interested in serving in these roles, she and Lori would be happy to have them shadow them this year and next to help train them. Interested individuals should reach out to Ruth.
 - Band Banquet in January – Ruth stated that the traditional band banquet is currently being scheduled for January 2023 – possibly on Sunday, January 15. More information to come.
 - Craft Show – The craft show on Saturday, November 19 is a very large fundraiser for the marching band. The band runs the concession stand and students and parents are needed to volunteer that day and to make some of the food. All proceeds of this fundraiser goes to the general fund. Please consider volunteering on this day to help the program. More information will be communicated soon.
 - Competition Meals - Three competitions are coming up and competition meals are planned for the students those days. Family volunteers have already been finalized and the Boosters will pay for the meal on the Championship Day.
 - Homecoming – The homecoming game and parade is on October 7. Report time at the parade is 4:00pm and the Boosters will provide dinner for the kids after the parade and before the game.
 - Senior Night – This is scheduled for Friday, October 28. Information on this event will be sent out soon to all seniors.

6. Disney Trip

- Ruth provided a detailed update on the schedule for this trip including transportation, hotel, meals, and parade information. Costs for the trip should be around \$1350 per student. Medication forms will be distributed soon for everyone to complete. Additional information will be communicated soon and a Disney Parents/Students Meeting will also be scheduled for October.

7. Upcoming Dates

- October 1 – Moon competition
- October 7 – Homecoming parade
- October 15 – Gateway competition
- October 22 – Championships
- October 28 – Senior Night

8. Adjournment

- Ruth thanked everyone for participating and the meeting was adjourned.



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Band Booster Officers in Attendance

Ruth O'Donnell, President
Kim Cannon, Secretary
Dana Fenio, Vice President – Fundraisers
Lori MacDonald, Treasurer
Heather Zimmerman, Vice President

Parents/Guests in Attendance:

Debbie Abbey
Audra Foster
Linda Gourash
Marsha Haley
Crystal Krepin
Barbara Mansfield
Anita Morrison
Rita Ostapchenko
Lynnette Snyder
Jon Spanik
Melanie Wingertsahn