



Mars Area Band Boosters Inc
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Band Booster Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2023

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. Since most were unable to read them before the meeting began, the approval of minutes were delayed until the next meeting.

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

- Fall Concessions – The football game concessions stands did well with us making \$12,000 in profit.
- Disney – The Disney trip went very well and the costs for the trip broke even with the funds raised/received.
- Craft Show – The concessions from the craft show also went well. The band made \$4500.
- Chaperones – Winter Season – there are some slots still to be filled. Please consider volunteering for some dates.
- Band Truck – The truck is now repaired, and the expenses were approximately \$14,000. The Boosters are working with the school's superintendent to see if they can reimburse the band for some of these expenses.

5. New Business

- 2022-2023 Officers – Ruth indicated that the current officers are willing to stay in their positions for one more year (except Heather Zimmerman since her son is graduating this year). However, new officers are needed so individuals who are interested in these roles can shadow the current members going forward. Currently, we have a need for a Vice President (responsible for fundraisers). If anyone is interested, please contact Dana Fenio.



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- Indoor Trip – the Indoor Percussion trip will be held in Dayton, Ohio on March 18-19. Performance times are to be determined. More details will be coming soon.
 - Car Washes & Expectations – Starting in May, we will hold three car washes for the students to be able to earn monies for their accounts. Car washes will take place in May, June, and July. We will not have one in August. Expectations from the students will also now be clearly communicated to participate in the car washes.
 - Band Banquet – Tentative dates for the band banquet are April 24 or 25. The cost will be between \$33-35/pp. Family members are welcome to attend. This is a wonderful event that includes dancing, awards, and dinner. This year we will also be recognizing our longtime band truck driver who will be retiring after 24 years. Details will be confirmed and communicated soon.
 - Craft Show Survey – Ruth O’Donnell indicated that the Band Boosters have been approached about taking over organizing the entire craft show next year (not just the concessions). This event could be a very large fundraiser for the band (approximately \$20,000 potential) but it would also require significant work and volunteers. Since this is something that would need to be supported by parents, a survey about this opportunity will be sent out to parents of 8th through 10th graders soon. Parents of seniors or juniors will not be surveyed since their time with the band program will be ending soon.
 - Bands of America Trip – The marching band is planning to attend this competition again in September. This is held in Orbitz, Ohio. More information on this trip will be shared as we get closer to the dates.
6. Fundraisers – Dana Fenio mentioned several upcoming fundraisers including pepperoni rolls, hoagies, Bundt cakes, popcorn, and pies around the holidays. We are also planning another Moe’s Night during band camp in August. Restaurant nights are also being planned – more information on these will be communicated at a later date.
7. 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:

Jorge Biaggini
Eva Cervantes
Jo Drutarosky
Beth Fitzgerald
Beau Gamble
Laura Gamble
Crystal Krepin
Angie McSwain
Erica Miller
Anita Morrison
Rita Ostapchenko
Angela Romig
Chrissy Wolfe