

October 6th, 2025

Meeting started at 7:00pm by Mike Morgan, President

Quick recap

The meeting covered updates on volunteer recruitment and orchestra/band activities, including upcoming events and scholarship funding discussions. Financial matters were addressed, including concessions sales, tax payments, and budget considerations for hosting events, with the group approving various admission fees and exploring fundraising initiatives. The team discussed logistics for uniform distribution, food arrangements for an upcoming festival, and plans for future meetings, including a rotation between in-person and virtual formats.

Next steps

- E-Board to discuss and decide on Stephanie's proposal for selling roses at Bandarama on October 29th and get back to her.
- E-Board to discuss creating a scholarship application process for students to request funds for private lessons and sectional coaches.
- Vanessa to follow up with Sean Brennan before the premiere concert on October 21st regarding orchestra representation at BBOB.
- Vanessa to connect with Katrina regarding payment options for the rose sale at Bandarama.
- Mike to provide Megan Johnson's email to those who need it for coordination.
- Sean Brennan to say a few words about BBOB during the premiere concert on October 21st.
- Alan Posner to send an email to parents about the MSBOA Festival on October 13th with pre-purchase ticket information.
- Alan Posner to apply to the PTA Grant Foundation for a new sound system.
- Jim to email Steve separately with information about which bands will be eating during the dinner break at MSBOA Festival.
- Shannon to remove the banner after the game on October 17th and prepare it for display at Bandarama on October 29th.

Summary

Volunteer Recruitment and Meeting Updates

The meeting began with a discussion about volunteer recruitment for orchestra and band uniforms, which is in good shape with enough volunteers. The group then discussed the use of AI note-taking during the meeting. Joanne was noted to be on mute, and the approval of September minutes was deferred. Sean provided a brief director's report, indicating that there was a lot of business to cover, which was a positive sign.

Orchestra Program Updates and Initiatives

Sean discussed several items related to the orchestra program. He mentioned a student-led series of hangouts, including an upcoming event at Franklin Cider Mill on October 16th. Sean also talked about the premiere concert on October 21st, shared with the choir programs, and suggested ways for Bebop to increase its presence and support in the orchestra community. He proposed creating a scholarship application for students to cover specific expenses, as the current scholarship fund for orchestra has run out. Lastly, Sean informed the group that he would be absent from the November meeting due to his involvement in Communication Camp.

Music Program Funding and Events

The meeting covered several topics, including a discussion about scholarship funding for music lessons, with Sean suggesting a range of \$50 to \$1000 per student, which James noted should be presented to the eBoard for future consideration. Alan provided a detailed update on band activities, highlighting upcoming events such as the Chippewa Valley performance, Marching Band Festival, and Bandarama, while also mentioning the need for a new sound system due to ongoing issues. The conversation ended with Vanessa briefly mentioning she would present the financial report later.

Budget Adjustments and Revenue Updates

The board discussed the success of tap-to-pay at concessions, which brought in \$2,100 at the last homecoming game, while cash sales remained consistent. Vanessa reported paying \$2,500 to the IRS to settle back taxes from previous years. The board learned they would not be hosting MAPA this year, which resulted in a \$7,000 budget shortfall, prompting discussions about fundraising alternatives. The group also approved adding \$5 admission to MSBOA Fest, with half the proceeds going to MSBOA, and confirmed that pre-purchase options were being promoted through directors and staff.

Event Staffing and Uniform Coordination

The band is overseeing ticketing for Monday night's event, and Vanessa is handling volunteer coordination. James requested help staffing various positions, including the front desk, courtyard, bleachers, and front gate, with a 4 PM arrival time and 5:15 PM start. Vanessa discussed uniform distribution, noting that orchestra sign-ups are ongoing and a uniform cleaning fee is being implemented. The group is considering scheduling uniform distribution for the week of school schedule pickup to avoid confusion in future years.

Band Uniform Distribution Planning

The group discussed uniform distribution for band and orchestra students, with Alan warning about potential schedule changes that could affect uniform allocation and suggesting coordination with the school for better communication. Vanessa proposed separate fitting sessions for marching and concert bands, while the team also explored fundraising initiatives including a direct donation letter, a survey, and a potential rose sale at Bandorama organized by Stephanie and the South Hills boosters.

Flower Sale Event Planning Meeting

Stephanie proposed organizing a flower sale event for both North and South Hills schools, potentially generating proceeds of \$400-500 per school, with Katrina managing flower arrangements and assembly at the high school. The group discussed logistics including storage in buckets overnight, with Vanessa offering to help set up tap-to-pay payment options to replace cash transactions. The event is planned for October 29th, with the e-board to make a final decision on whether to proceed with both schools or just South Hills.

Festival Concessions and Band Meals

The group discussed plans for an upcoming festival event, focusing on concessions and food arrangements for bands and attendees. They clarified that bands would pay for their own meals, with a few exceptions for adjudicators, and decided to order food based on past attendance patterns and band sizes. Alan agreed to share a document with band sizes and meal plans, while James offered to review dinner-time band schedules to help estimate food needs. The group also discussed removing a banner after the 17th and potentially displaying it at Bandorama or using it to create a wall in the band room. They decided to hold the next meeting in person to accommodate more people and rotate between in-person and Zoom meetings going forward.