

December 1, 2025 - Minutes

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

Quick recap

The meeting began with administrative matters including welcoming a new member, approving minutes, and discussing potential changes to the meeting format. The orchestra program reviewed upcoming events and performances, including winter concerts and the MSBOA festival, while also planning future trips and discussing donation arrangements for band, orchestra, and choir. The group concluded by addressing financial matters, fundraising activities, and logistics for upcoming performances, with specific attention given to equipment needs and promotional materials for various events.

Next steps

- [Mr. Brennan: Ask Angela and Eliana tomorrow to send photos to Vanessa](#)
- [Mr. Brennan: Send orchestra families email tomorrow detailing Winter Collage rehearsal logistics and rationale](#)
- [Mr. Brennan: Ask Vanessa, Amy Zeskin, and Thelma Perea for permission to handle simple uniform substitutions](#)
- [Mr. Brennan: Include direct donation drive flyer in tomorrow's email to orchestra families](#)
- [The : Ask Angela about Instagram account for donation jar coordination](#)
- [The : Send revised donation drive flyer copy to Mr. Brennan](#)
- [The : Get another jar for choir donations or change label for combined donation approach](#)
- [The : Proceed with \\$200 quote for Contra Bass Clarinet repair through Anderson](#)
- [The : Coordinate with Mr. Posner to deliver repaired instrument once completed](#)
- [Alan : Have District 4 Honors Band students bring in checks to pay BeBop](#)
- [Alan : Send email with Winter Collage details](#)
- [Vanessa: Pay District 4 Honors Band fees once Alan provides details](#)

- [Vanessa: Meet with Mr. Posner tomorrow to deliver new PA system and go over setup](#)
- [Vanessa: Coordinate with Becky about trailer help for December 15th Dog and Pony Show](#)
- [Becky: Send out volunteer survey on Sunday](#)
- [Becky: Finalize Can Drive materials and flyers](#)
- [The : Send Becky separate email about alumni challenge and football pool survey ideas](#)
- [The : Ensure Bloomfield Hills Weekly runs donation drive flyer on December 5th, 12th, 19th, and 22nd](#)
- [Alan : Post Panera fundraiser information on Instagram when Mike sends materials](#)

Summary

Orchestra Meeting Format Discussion

The meeting began with technical issues being resolved, and participants welcomed Cormac, a freshman in the orchestra, to the discussion. The group approved the November meeting minutes and discussed upcoming events in December and January. They also considered piloting an in-person meeting format for the January meeting to improve audio quality, with Vanessa suggesting this could help ensure better audio capture of all participants.

Orchestra Events and Travel Plans

The orchestra program discussed upcoming events, including Winter Collage next week and the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival on February 6-7, where Derek Hahn was named Principal Cello in the Allstate Orchestra. Mr. Brennan announced plans for a pre-festival concert on February 19th to prepare for the MSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival, and mentioned potential future orchestra trips to Rust Belt cities like Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh, with interest surveys to be distributed in spring 2027.

Donation Jar Distribution Plan

The group discussed setting up donation jars for band, orchestra, and choir at the Bebop board meeting. They agreed to use one main jar and divide the proceeds equally among the three groups, rather than having separate jars. Vanessa confirmed she would be fine with this arrangement, and The offered to change the label on the jar

to reflect the new distribution plan. The group also briefly discussed including a new flyer with the collage concert, though this was left as an open question.

Jazz Ensemble Performance Planning Meeting

The group discussed upcoming performances and logistics. Alan shared details about All-State News, District 4 Honors Band, and jazz ensemble achievements. They planned for two big jazz band performances in December, the Dog and Pony Show on the 15th, and another event on the 19th. Vanessa and Becky agreed to coordinate and help with transporting equipment and chairs for the performances. Alan requested help with trailer pulling and equipment setup, and Vanessa offered to assist if needed.

Financial Decisions and Fundraising Plans

The board discussed several financial matters, including a low quote of \$200 for a contra bass clarinet part through Anderson, which they agreed to proceed with. Vanessa reported that she and Becky had finalized a \$2,000 discount with Bandcamp and obtained a new PA system for the marching band, which she planned to deliver and review with Mr. Posner. Becky mentioned she would send out a volunteer survey on Sunday to gather data on fundraising efforts, and the board discussed finalizing the Can Drive prize for band and orchestra students.

Fundraising Plans and Logistics

The group discussed plans for upcoming fundraising activities, including a can drive and direct donation efforts. They decided to create promotional materials for the can drive, with The offering to provide artwork from a previous campaign. The group also discussed the logistics of selling concessions at an upcoming Collage event, with Vanessa confirming they could sell items during intermission. They agreed to use leftover items from previous events and not purchase additional supplies. The conversation ended with a reminder of the next in-person meeting scheduled for January 5th in the orchestra room.