

Monroe Instrumental Music Booster Club

General Meeting

March 5th, 2025

Present: Amy Allen, Laura Gerweck, Heather and Nate Lockhart, Heidi Gardner, David Mahoney, Jill Mahoney, Brian and Sharidy Harrington, Sarah Sauve, Holly Huntley

Meeting Minutes for February 2005 approved.

Directors Update: Graham Westley MHS Band

MSBOA was held February 27. Concert Band received and overall rating of 2 and Wind Ensemble received and overall rating of 1.

Four performances will be held before spring break. The Jazz band has 2 performances and a third at Arborwood elementary. The All City Band concert will be held a MHS March 20th at 7pm. Student in 6th through 12th will be performing.

Mr. Westley plans to have auditions for all band students during class time. The purpose is to evaluate each student's skill level and place in the appropriate band.

The show shirts for next year are proposed to be professionally designed and distributed to all band members. This will be included in the Marching Band season fee. The concert dates will be on the back. Small- XL cost \$10.25 and greater than XL cost is \$12.25.

Mr. Westley is planning a Festival Lock in like the orchestra. The kids would like to do this. The date will be April 11th or 12th depending on sectional teacher availability. Mr. Westley requests the board to cover the cost of the

sectional teacher fees. Every instrument will be covered. This will need 9-10 individual instructor at \$100.00 each for a total of \$1000.00.

Motion for Board to cover the cost of the lock in teacher payment.

Approved Sarah Sauve 1st/ Nate Lockhart 2nd.

Disney trip update: There are enough Band members to meet required numbers. With the decrease in price, individuals who are currently making payments will have a payment of \$5 for the month of March and then payments will be \$180,00 for the remainder of payment time.

Mr. Westley would like to register new people for the trip by April 14th. Students will need to have at least 60% paid prior to the trip.

Brett Goodman : MMS Band

The MMS Band will be going to MSBOA festival tomorrow March 6th. There is an ongoing popcorn sale. This fundraiser is for all the bands, Monroe Middle School and Monroe High School.

Meier Music will be holding an instrument step up presentation for intermediate instruments at MMS and MHS. Meier Music covers repairs of instruments.

Montana Crawford : Orchestra

MSBOA festival for the MHS Orchestra was Feb 28th. They received an overall score of 3. The MMS orchestra will be going to the MBSOA festival Friday March 7th.

There will be 28 incoming freshmen to the orchestra next year.

One student will be attending the state solo ensemble.

Fundraisers include chocolate and popcorn sales.

Financial Report:

Total balance is \$47907. Student accounts total \$13804. Available balance is \$32,106.

Raised Right money from January and February needs to be credited to the students' accounts yet.

Piano wars ticket refunds have been issued. The piano guys have allowed for up to 12 months to use their services without losing the \$900.00 deposit. Money from the venue deposit was refunded.

Mr. Westly request reimbursement for punch and cookies after the last concert and \$40.00 for Chic Fil A box lunches.

Motion to approve financial report Sarah Sauve 1st and Amy Allen 2nd.

Fundraising

Possible future fundraisers were discussed. Piano wars may be rescheduled for Feb 2026. The details have been tabled for discussion until the summer. A fish fry and steak roast are other ideas raised.

Stadium seats and blankets plan to be sold at concession stand during football games. Season shirts will also to be sold.

World's finest chocolate fundraiser is to be held in the spring by the band. Kids will get individual credit for the profits.

Concessions

Pop sales have been changed from cans to bottles to help combat the bee problem around the stand.

The deep frier will need to be moved by fire marshal instruction.

There are many barriers to the expansion of the concession stand for other athletic events. This discussion was tabled until a future date.

New Business

Marching Band registration night is March 12th. Forms for the registration night were reviewed.

The board reviewed a request from senior student Megan Mahoney for financial support of a trip in the summer of 2025 with the Blue Lake International Program. This would be a month-long trip of performing and touring in Europe. Megan would like support to cover the uniform costs, which are estimated to be about \$120.00.

The executive board discussed the funding. The MIMBC has had scholarships for graduating senior students in the past. The scholarship was discontinued in 2022 due to lack of funds and the position future funds would be better served supporting the high school band member with costs while in high school. No current funding exists.

The possibility of reinstating a scholarship for this school year was discussed. Due to the current late date in the school year, it was decided restituting the scholarship would not be possible. To be fair to other senior students, the board would have to offer a scholarship to all graduating seniors. Application and review of scholarship applications would not be feasible for this school year. The executive board voted not to provide funding for this student's request.

The board was impressed with the email and presentation by the student. She did an excellent job of presenting her request to the board.

There was discussion about reinstating the scholarship in the future. The board would like to revisit this at a later date.

New board member nominations and elections will be held at the May booster meeting. Parents are encouraged to participate as several vacancies are expected.

Meeting adjourned.

Laura Gerweck

Secretary, MIMBC