



# McCallum Orchestra Booster Minutes

## Sunday, April 6, 2025

**Location:** Easy Tiger at The Linc

**Time:** Sunday, April 6 2025, 6:00 pm

**Board Members Present:** Nhaila H, President; Christy H, Vice President; Katrina H, Treasurer  
Gretchen C, Secretary; Rachael H-P, Fundraising/Development

**Members Present:** Jenn F, Cara S.

**Student Representatives:** Imogen, Enid

**Quorum:** Yes

- bylaws §3.04, "A quorum of the Board of Directors for the conduct of business shall consist of at least three (3) officers in attendance.")
- bylaws § 2.03. "The members present at any membership meeting of the organization, provided at least ten (10) members are present, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

**Austin ISD:** Erika E. and Ricky P. (joined at 7p)

**Meeting Opened 6:00pm**

**Minutes approved**

Katrina motioned to approve Feb 2025 minutes, Christy seconded

**Secretary report - Gretchen**

Survey for families re: MOB and support for orchestra program

Offline after last meeting was discussed among board members the idea to get input from families about their knowledge of the MOB resources and activities and how they want to be involved. Could be informative for families and the MOB as well

Nhaila remarked need more volunteers in the pipeline to build the leadership roles (2 are supposed to roll off the board this year and the trip coordinator's student is graduating)

Cara suggested to put in the survey: would you prefer No Hassle at beginning of year? Unanimously decided this should be announced at Orchestra night/Chicken dinner. Could ask "one fee or a monthly fee or prefer fundraising throughout the year?" Need to identify in this information where the money is going (stipend for directors for the trip, decorations, programs, meals before concerts, etc.)

Rachael suggests an adult night for better community building and suggests to make announcements associated with the summer socials that the students have

### Lesson Assistance Program - Gretchen

Need to inform tutors about upcoming conflicts for students due to testing. Erika will ask all students to inform their tutors about any EOC/STAAR or AP test that is a conflict.

Need to inform tutors about end of lessons – decided by the group that the week of 5/12/25 is the last week. Gretchen will send email in the next 24 hours to inform tutors about both of these issues (since testing, UIL are both this week starting Tuesday 4/08/25)

Fundraising through NHF has gone pretty well – not lots of individual donations but enough money to allow the lessons to continue the rest of this year and hopefully more will continue to come in next year if the NHF is presented as a beginning of the year “fee” for students in orchestra. Members shared the costs that are expected up front from their students in other organizations which ranged from \$350-\$800. It was decided that we should present such a fee next year as a No Hassle Fee (this is separate from the “fair share fee” collected by the district for all students to go toward uniforms, music, and instruments)

### **Fundraising - Rachael and Enid**

Fundraising pitch at Spring concert: Mr. P. agrees to do this pitch if someone will write up the remarks for him.

Silent Auction at Spring concert: Rachael is putting together items for silent auction at Spring concert. Links to the items will be sent in advance. Rachael suggests grouping the certificates and items into “themes” like “Friday night out in Austin” etc. A very positive response from the group to this suggestion in part because we have a limited space.

Jennifer suggests utilizing the concessions space with the “baskets” using a “menu” board that is upright and can more easily be seen rather than lying flat

Optimist club grants: Enid researched through her previous orchestra director. Optimist club gives grants more readily to members who are active in the weekly meetings. Gretchen suggests we ask our orchestra community members if anyone is already active or if someone is willing to consider the organizations which they already attend to inquire about grants or donations.

### **VP report - Christy**

Merch: website up on square site, announcement to be included with CutTime messages

Banquet: Friday May 2, 6:30pm.

*Pricing:* discussion ensued. Total cost 2024 \$5075 and 2023 \$4200. Lost about \$1200-1500 each year which MOB paid for. This year will specifically make cost higher per ticket but also “pay as you can” option for all students and option to add a donation if able to pay more. Settled on \$50 each ticket to try to break even on cost.

*Sign in table* for headcount (this has never been done and makes planning for subsequent banquets very difficult) - Gretchen volunteered; unable to take new sales day of the banquet so message needing the headcount and that students can go as able to pay or not will be repeatedly sent out.

*Senior slide show* (seniors submit photos), Christy gathering these and will put out request on CutTime and Social media

*Cords for Seniors* in FAA no longer approved by district for graduation. We have cords already from prior years. We may decide to use those cords knowing seniors can't have at graduation but would be a keepsake just like anything else (pins or a certificate)

Spring Concert Programs: Christy will go to school and take pictures of seniors

Theme is "TBD", Beach recreation theme was discussed for decorations and the concert programs

### **Director Report - Erika and Ricky**

AlSD Solo & Ensemble 4/26 hosted by McCallum at McCallum, students workers will be fed pizza and the 6 judges will get HEB sandwich trays on Tuesday, Cabo Bobs on Wednesday all paid for by the MOB and all taken care of by Christy (VP)

EOC is same day but they have a scheduled make-up day that will work out for the students

A bus is taking non-varsity students on Tuesday, a volunteer is needed to help get students on the bus on Tuesday (the varsity students will be coordinated by a senior student) – Christy agreed to take on this role as well.

Spring Concert: theme will be Pops from 1935 to present

DC trip: themes will be patriotic and American music

### **Trip Coordinator - Cara**

June 2025 DC trip: Cara has sent a list of questions and will supply us with answers ASAP

Roommate groups per directors: kids pick a friend and pair with a pair not on the "no" list. The student rep present said this has worked well in the past

2025-26 Trip Coordinator is still needed. This will be a Spring but not Spring Break trip (not after the school year) and will be to Dallas or New Orleans (TBD by directors). Could save money by making all the plans without a travel company but if no volunteers step up, will be needed to have a company to take care of all the details.

### **Treasurer Report - Katrina**

Refer to attachments

Tax return and membership to National Booster organization (required for existence and insurance) paid, certificates/ receipts presented/shared

Cash balance: \$19,761, of which \$3,606.00 is restricted for Lesson Assistance Program

No Hassle Fundraiser raised \$5679 so far

### **President Report - Nhaila**

Cooke-Cox Scholarships Jennifer F. is processing the applications. To be presented at the May Spring concert

Need more time to determine if anyone will be able to take over President, VP, trip coordinator positions. Nhaila will discuss with Jenn F. about a couple of suggestions – Lara, Suzy, and Barbara came up as potential people to ask.

### **Student Report - Imogen**

Social planning is pending (too busy with UIL this week)

Summer social: Northwest pool will be closed the whole summer. Discussion about alternate location including Deep Eddy (Enid knows someone who will be working there).

**Next Meeting: Sunday May 18, 2025 6:30 pm Easy Tiger at the Linc** (Gretchen will send emails to directors at Lamar and Kealing to invite incoming families)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

 20250406 Treasurer's Report for Feb - March 2025 financials - MOB.docx

 20250331 Budget vs Actuals - MOB.pdf