

Monarch Band Booster General Meeting Notes 9.15.25

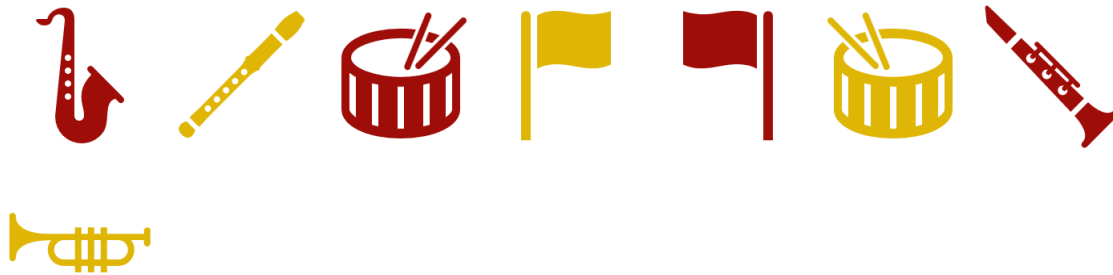
1. **Mr. Keller kicked off the meeting with a thank you to all attendees.** He explained the need to volunteer support in upcoming competitions and to watch for future communications. A special thank you was given to those who constructed props and to the students who took time to pick up trash at the stadium outside of the band section. They were not asked; they just did it.

Mr. Keller explained the structure of band competitions. There will be three contests, each with two performances scheduled on dates featuring both preliminary rounds and finals. Three contests of the year will follow this format, and two competitions will have one performance that day, i.e., October 25th (NSBA State Marching Contest), where the band will perform once.

2. **Financial report given by Cindy Rielly.** Mr. Keller is requesting new marching tubas to be purchased.
3. **Upcoming Events:**
 - o 9/20, Saturday, 12:00-3:00: Marching Band Clinic, students to meet in the band room.
 - o 9/26, Friday, 7:00 PM: Home football game, Foundation Field.
 - o 9/27, Saturday, ALL DAY: FIRST marching contest, Titan Marching Invitational, Foundation Field at PLSHS.
 - o 10/3, Friday, 7:00 PM: Home football game, SENIOR NIGHT, Foundation Field.
 - o 10/4, Saturday, ALL DAY: Marching contest, Capitol City Classic, Seacrest Field, Lincoln NE.

2. **Marching Band Contests – ALL DAY FUN!**

- o **Schedules and logistics:** Watch emails from Mr. Keller along with postings on Facebook for up-to-date information. The contest schedule will be shared as soon as received. Students are to wear their show shirts under their uniforms and long black socks. It is recommended that students bring a second pair of socks and confirm all pieces of the uniform are with them.
- o **Bus transportation and chaperones:** Different from 2024, there will be a fifth bus in 2025. Each bus will have two chaperones (name tags will be provided to volunteers). Care kits and all required materials are provided. Chaperones are given a document with duties and receive free admission to the contest.
- o **Care and feeding the kids:** Prior to the competition date, information is shared if a meal is provided. Students are encouraged to bring snacks and money for concessions. Bottled water is provided; encourage students to bring their own water bottles in addition. Water donations are welcomed! Reminders will be sent to drop off cases of water bottles.



2. Upcoming fundraising activities:

- o **Butter Braid sales, 9/10-9/30:** For each Butter Braid sold, the band profits \$6.50. Dina is providing updates on sales periodically.
- o **March for the Money:** Halftime Guess Challenge on 10-3-25. Jaclyn is leading this event and encourages everyone to participate in the fun!

2. Proposal to amend the Monarch Band Booster Association Constitution & Bylaws:

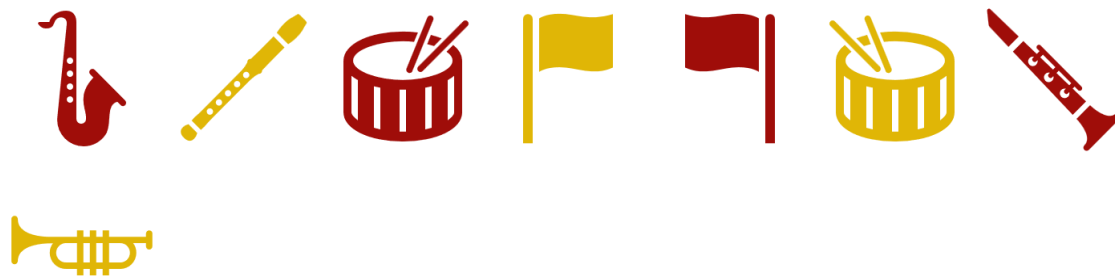
- o **Article XII, Section 1 currently reads:** "The Treasurer shall disburse funds for expenses incurred by the Association under the direction of the President and Executive Board."
- o **Proposed amendment:** "The Treasurer shall disburse funds for expenses incurred by the Association under the direction of the President and Executive Board. All checks written in the amount of \$1500 or greater shall be co-signed by the Treasurer and the President."
- o **Vote:** Jan called for a vote = 23 in favor, 0 opposed, resulting in an approved amendment.

2. Recognizing our Class of 2026 Seniors:

- o **Big Heads:** Kristi Waszak coordinating – to use on senior night, NSBA send-off.
- o **Senior yard signs:** Cindy Reilly coordinating.
- o **Senior night, 10/3 football game:** Boosters will provide corsages and pins for kids and parents; on-field recognition before the game.
- o **Scholarships:** Dina Williams & Christine Dandurand coordinating with a parent from Ralston High School.

2. Open discussion:

- o Reminder to parents to pull forward on Monday night pick up, as the parking lot becomes very congested.
- o **Information and Communication:**
 - Emails from Mr. Keller.
 - Band booster email address:
monarchbandboosters@gmail.com.
 - Facebook: PLHS Band Boosters (private group).



- Website:
<https://sites.google.com/plcschools.org/plhsmonarchband/home>.
- Sign-up Genius link for band competition volunteers:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BAEA628A64-band8#/>.

Next meeting: October 6th at 6:30 PM.
