Glenbrook North High School

Band Parents Organization Board Meeting Minutes

9/8/25 Zoom Minutes

Call to Order at 7:03pm

Attendance:

BPO Board: Betsy Decker, Cecile DeLeon, Erica Sokolowski, Pete Herr, Eva Footlik, Kim Sheedy, Wendy Latash, Michael Latash, Stephanie Cohen, Rob Strickler, Cissy Furusho

Student Band Staff: Harrison Cohen

Band Directors: Alex Baxmeyer & Dan Briggs

Approval of past minutes: Motioned by Cissy, seconded by Erica.

Student Band President (Harrison Cohen)

- Band Staff Meeting this Thursday, Donovan is freshman rep
- Any questions or concerns from BPO that should be discussed at band staff meeting?
    - Asked to push spirit wear (build your own)
    - Ask what are the best times for food fundraisers at local restaurants?
    - Discuss if there is a want/need for volunteer opportunities to play for assisted living places or fundraisers to play for $
- Will be planning pumpkin carving and other events. Maybe a cross school kickball event.
- Senior Night (date has not been determined yet)- need to plan a time to take photos before a football game or at a contest when kids are in uniform
- Paint the Town was this afternoon at Graeter's - lots of kids showed up!

Band Directors (Daniel Briggs & Alex Baxmeyer)

- Contest went great! Even though we got 3rd overall, we got great feedback to build on. It was close! Need to work on visual aspect of show.
    - Percussion 2nd Place
    - Individual music 1st Place
- Homecoming this Friday

- Next week off
- Kids are doing great!

BPO Band President (Betsy Decker)

- Nothing to report

BPO Board Reports/Transitions

Financial Report and Budget (Pete Herr)

- Current balances (as of September 8, 2025):
    - Checking balance: $11,804.77
    - Savings balance: $15,695.02
- Credits:
    - New Sponsorships totaling $2250
        - $2000 from Cook County Buyers
        - $250 from Janzen & Chwa Orthodontics
        - $500 Hornstash (did this come yet?)
    - Additional Friends sign ups totaling $860
    - Friends Plus ($250) from 2 Alumni - Kohler and Christian Families
    - Alumni donations from some class of 2023 members
    - Other friends sign ups
- Debits:
    - MailChimp $27 monthly
    - Promotional Products - Banner and Magnets - $560
- Briggs would love to make a video thank you from band kids to recognize donors and cultivate relationships, can have Harrison help with that.
- Sponsor magnet - one didn't stay on truck on highway, need to remove before driving? Betsy will talk to the company about this.
- Banner went up on Friday night for the game and looked great thanks to Rob!

Fundraising/External Projects (Erica Sokolowski & Michael Latash)

- Pretzel Sale with CTPO ongoing
- Glass Card App Launch - Zoom with kids and families to explain. Does Monday, September 29th work? Plan to start fundraiser Oct 1st - 14th or following week.
- Harrison and Briggs will work on getting volunteers for Corn Sale on Oct. 5th.
- Lou Malantis - Wed 9/17
- Max & Benny's - Thurs 10/23
- City BBQ - Fri 11/21

- No Purchase Fundraiser - before the holidays, set up a QR code with a direct zelle donation, could be shown at concerts

Hospitality (Cecile DeLeon & Mike DeLeon)

- Plenty of snacks for game and competition. Next time will be put out in 2 batches so they don't all get taken right away. Healthy snacks before competition, junk after.

Chaperone Coordination (Wendy Latash & Kim Sheedy)

- Busy time for volunteers
- Thanks to Kim for creating sign ups
- We had plenty of volunteers for game and competition. Lots of freshman and veteran parents.
- Communicating over email and remind. Will send out sooner next time.

Communications-Social Media (Stephanie Cohen)

- Appreciate emails about what needs to be shared, please continue to share about sponsorships
- Posting sponsorship thanks yous as we get them, clarified what and how many times she should be posting on social media regarding sponsorships
- Spreadsheet with levels/amounts/contact person would be helpful for personalized thank yous
- Wants to continue posting more on instagram

Website (Rob Strickler)

- Donor material has been posted
- Updated color scheme
- Would like to add links to socials (fb and instagram)

Friends of the BPO/Spiritwear (Michelle Brown)

- Boathouse jackets are still in production 1st week of October
- Rob's doing a great job promoting store on website. Hope to do a push for before the holidays on social media.
- October 21st Concert - we will have QR code visible to join Friends of the BPO and shop merch.
- Show shirts - ordered without parent order to get them asap, do have surplus and

can do a 2nd order if wanted.

Uniforms (Cissy Furusho)

- Everyone has a uniform!!!
- Plumes are in Cissy's car and she will bring them on Friday.
- Missing about 40 uniforms from original list in the binder. Some may have been damaged out. Betsy will post to alumni to see if there are any lying around in closets?

Marching Band Set Crew (Steve Hodgin)

- Successful halftime, could have been smoother.
- What else can he be doing?
- For next year - figure out a gameplan for pit first, then have parents come to assign spots/rehearse.

New Business

- Can we create a checklist/job description for each position? Create one and share with Eva and she will compile together in a shared drive/document.

Upcoming Meetings:

- 10/6/25 Zoom
- 11/3/25 Zoom
- 12/1/25 In Person at GBN

Adjournment at 7:56 Motioned by Cecille, seconded by Cissy.