Glenbrook North High School

Band Parents Organization Board Meeting Minutes

12/1/25 Zoom Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 7:04

Attendance:

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

Student Band Staff: Harrison Cohen

Band Directors: Alex Baxmeyer & Dan Briggs

Band Parent: Sabina (Yusef's mom)

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

Student Band President (Harrison Cohen)

- Bandsgiving - watched Freebirds movie, decorated
- Pep Band - 12/11 White Elephant for any Band member before Pep Band Game
- Meeting with band staff on Friday and will figure out a food plan. Chaperones will get hot chocolate and anything else needed. Harrison will communicate with Cecille.

Band Directors (Daniel Briggs & Alex Baxmeyer)

- Jazz Concert on Nov. 4th in the cafeteria. It went great. Nice intimate setting.
- Bandsgiving was fun and a lot of the new kids participated.
- Pep Band Next Friday - Call time at 5, game at 7 (4 games coming up)
- Holiday Week - Jazz Band playing in atrium
    - Tuesday Pep Band
    - Wednesday - Holiday Concert - All Bands/Choirs/Orchestra playing - need chaperones (3? - 2 upstairs, 1 in stairwell, can rotate)
    - Thursday - Winter Assembly - Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble Only

BPO Band President (Betsy Decker)

- Sent out thank you notes to our sponsors.
- Want to start planning our open meeting, short meeting, social after
- Incoming Freshman Curriculum Night - Thursday, January 8th, 6:30-8:30 - we will

have a table set up and will need people to volunteer/man the table
- Need to start thinking about next year's board and bringing in new people!

BPO Board Reports/Transitions

Financial Report and Budget (Pete Herr)

<u>Current balances (as of December 1, 2025):</u>
Checking balance: $11,995.40
Savings balance: $15,794.87 (includes interest of $30.76 earned for month of November)

<u>Credits:</u>
Max & Benny's proceeds - $223.76

<u>Debits:</u>
Mailchimp monthly - $27.50
A. Zare - Chapman Scholarship payout - $250

- Pete will share what kids earned in their EFC accounts so that can be applied to trip payment before final payment is due.

Fundraising/External Projects (Erica Sokolowski & Michael Latash)

- No Buy Fundraiser about to roll out
- City BBQ - said online ordering was allowed, but that didn't turn out to be the case. Maybe won't fundraise with them in the future.

Hospitality (Cecile DeLeon & Mike DeLeon)

- Working on Band Banquet with Hilton Northbrook
- Will get stuff for White Elephant as requested by band staff

Chaperone Coordination (Wendy Latash & Kim Sheedy)

- Volunteering Opportunities will be coming out

Communications-Social Media (Stephanie Cohen)

- No Report

- Posted about spirit wear for holiday gifts

Website (Rob Strickler)

- Spirit Wear also posted on website
- Rob will investigate better platforms for managing and centralizing our information/spreadsheets/signups, etc…

Friends of the BPO/Spiritwear (Michelle Brown)

- Posted on social media

Uniforms (Cissy Furusho)

- No Report

Marching Band Set Crew (Steve Hodgin)

- No Report

New Business

- No New Business

Upcoming Meetings:

- 1/5/26 Zoom
- 2/2/26 - Open Meeting

Adjournment at 7:36 Motioned by Eva, seconded by Pete.