



**MEETING MINUTES FOR
EVERGREEN PARK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC BOOSTERS**

I. DATE AND TIME

Date: March 11, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

II. START TIME

6:37 pm

III. MEETING LOCATION

Location: Leadership Room

Evergreen Park Community High School District 231

Address: 9901 South Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen park, Illinois 60805

IV. CALLED TO ORDER

By Tracy Ricks (President)

V. INTRODUCTIONS

Tracy Ricks - President

Ngina Wheeler - Treasurer

Karen Tallwood - Recording Secretary

Jillian Spain - Corresponding Secretary

Christina Blanton - Outgoing President

Mr. Kazin - Band Director

VI. MEETING ATTENDEES

Leticia Heredia

Shari Wolfe

Angela Mills

Jacqueline Sanders

Kim Leonard

Duane Smith

Colette McCadd

Merikay Marzoni

Monica Cisneros

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

9 (per attendance sheet)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Motion to Approve February 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Monica Cisneros
- Colette McCadd

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that we are opening at \$6,731.26 and closing with \$8,012.42.

We had a great musical weekend; for concession we brought in \$699.00, our donation

box was \$37.00, Split the Pot was \$879.00 and we had one more membership. Thank you to everyone who helped with the concession and split the pot. Also, a shout out to a member's husband who won the split the pot and donated it back to the Music Boosters. The full Treasurer's Report is posted on **EPCHS Band Website** - www.epchsbands.org

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report

- [Leticia Heredia](#)
- [Monica Cisneros](#)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Music Director's Report

1. Mr. Kazin began with the Musical; it was a great show, the kids did a great job. Thank you for coming, thank you for watching with an open mind and enjoying the humor the way that it was meant. The kids were amazing.
2. The band got straight 1s at Lemont (Midwest Music Festival). Out of 30 bands, we were the 6th highest band throughout the day and in our class of which there were 15 and we came in 2nd overall. That doesn't happen a lot. We have a great group this year. They're becoming better musicians everyday. Congratulations.
3. The week after that; Congratulations to the Music Department for winning 150 medals at the IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest at Reavis. There were 2 instrumentals with perfect scores. The Madrigals received the Best of the Day award in their group. The 2 instrumentals with the perfect score was the same kid who played 2 different solos. That has never happened in my career. He played the trumpet and piano solos.
4. The Winter Guard will compete this Saturday (3/16) at Minooka. This is their last competition before Champs. They're working really hard. If you've never gone to a Winter Guard show, you should. Its indoor marching band without the wind and cold problem and the concessions are better. Champs is on April 6 at Andrew High School in Tinley Park. As soon as we have time, we will provide them.
5. Students who are traveling (San Antonio) will attend a mandatory IDEA session on the 19th that will cover all rules and regulations. We will answer any questions they have. They will not be taken out of class. They will sign up for a meeting in the auditorium. A representative from the Dean's office will be present to answer any questions. All school rules apply and they will be representing the Music Department.
6. Luggage Drop-off will take place on March 27 from 5:30-7 with a Chaperone meeting at 7pm. Luggage and medication must be dropped off at that time.
7. Thursday, March 28, is Holy Thursday and Parent Teacher Conferences. Registration is open on Skyward, however, Mrs. Kazin will not be available during this time and will be happy to set up individual appointments as needed. Mr. Kazin has to play Holy Thursday at church and will leave at 6pm. So if you sign up before 6pm, you're fine. If you are signed up between 6-7pm, I will call you and make an appointment with you.
8. The Large Organization Contest is on Saturday, April 13. We do not have a time yet but it is at Thornwood (south of here). It's IHSA so there will be different groups, you can get there early and hear a lot of people if you want. This is the last contest this year for the Music Department, everything else will be concerts.

A few comments from Mr. Kazin after we spoke about Roles and Responsibilities:

Your kids are great. Great kids come from great parents and we couldn't do what we do without the parent's help. You guys do so much that you don't even realize that you're

doing it. We couldn't do a trip without truck drivers, we couldn't have a competitive color guard without people coming and moving. It takes organization and you guys are selfless like your kids. So whatever you do, it's just reciprocal, it basically is for the kids and that is why we're all here. We want to do the best we can for them. I thank you in advance from the bottom of my heart because if we didn't have a parent organization like this, we wouldn't be able to do the things we've done.

Treasurer:

A friendly reminder to make sure your seniors get their scholarships in by March 22, same goes with summer. You can find the application on the band website under the December 4, 2023 link.

Raffle Ticket:

We gave out 840 tickets and received 397 tickets back. It was incredible and very exciting. There were 6 who sold 15 tickets or more and will be in a raffle for an extra graduation ticket.

We had a student pull the following winning tickets:

- \$100.00 - M. Dever
- \$200.00 - M. Brady
- \$300.00 - J. Williams

Graduation raffle:

- N. Nelms
- L. Peterson

Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and bought tickets. The money raised will go towards the scholarships and summer camps. We really appreciate it.

Corresponding Secretary:

We have elections coming up. I'm sure everyone went over the Roles and Responsibilities. I just want to go over the bullet points;

- You have to be a paid member in good standing with a child in the music department.
- You are expected to volunteer at events in various ways.
- Participate in fundraising and obtaining new membership.
- Be aware of all the activities and events that the Music Boosters are a part of.
- Assist in transitioning the Executive Board Members at the end of the year to the new Board Members.
- Attend the meetings.
- Carry out, follow and agree to the Bylaws.
- Support the District and the Music Programs (band, guard, choir, drama).
- Work toward the goals of the Music Department.
- Store all your notes and spreadsheets on Google Drive.

The Corresponding Secretary briefly discussed each of the current roles from this year's perspective. The most important thing I want to stress is that the 4 of us really worked closely together this year. We voted on things, we talked to each other with different ideas, situations, and came up with the best solutions. Went forward and gave that information to you all, took information, got feedback negative or positive. Worked with that and then tried to roll out better and more information that we could. That has been a great honor and privilege working with these ladies. It's great teamwork. We all know that all of you here have attended meetings, volunteered and have donated so you are all qualified for these positions. Nominations are

coming up. If you have questions, you can always ask us or email us. Please continue to support the Music Department. Please continue to support our kids, that's the direction we go in. Everything is for the kids, we want to make their lives better, smoother, happier.

IX. COMMENTS

X. NEXT MEETING, TIME, DATE and LOCATION

April 22, 2024

6:30pm

Leadership Room

Evergreen Park Community High School District 231

Address: 9907 South Kedzie Ave., Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm

XII. PROPOSED MINUTES SUBMITTED

Minutes submitted on March 12, 2024 by Karen Tallwood

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