



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

I. DATE AND TIME

Date: February 5, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

II. START TIME

6:36 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

Mrs. Kazin - Fine Arts Division Chair

Mr. Kazin - Band Director

VI. MEETING ATTENDEES

Suzie Klimowski

Leticia Heredia

Monica Cisneros

Merikay Marzoni

Colette McCadd

Duane Smith

Kelsey Smith

Jackie Sanders

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

8 (per attendance sheet)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

We did not have a December Meeting therefore we will be voting for minutes from November's meeting.

Motion to Approve November 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Monica Cisneros
- Jackie Sanders

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that for our November Report, we had the Fall Play. We opened up with \$6,362.78 and closed with an ending balance of \$6731.26. For key items, we made money on concession - \$271.00, donation box - \$70.50, Split the Pot - \$300.00. We also had two additional members join our family. Some of the key things we do for our fundraising for the disbursements, we were able to get Senior flowers for Sounds From the Stadium that was \$143.20, we also got raffle ticket items and luggage tags for our swag bags for people who obtained memberships.

The full Treasurer's Report is posted on **EPCHS Band Website** - www.epchsbands.org

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report (for November and December)

- [Monica Cisneros](#)
- [Jackie Sanders](#)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Music Director's Report

Mr. Kazin began with February events.

1. This Saturday (2/10) the percussion is playing A Day at the Percussion at VanderCook College. It will not be on the website because times and dates are still unknown at this time. The percussion will play their percussion ensemble on mayhem and will go to a clinic by the staff at VanderCook. We will leave around 9am and we will play at 11am and should be back by 2pm. Those are rough times not given on paper. 12 students are going. Dress code is to wear something nice and comfortable.
2. Sectionals are on Tuesday (2/6) from 3:15 - 7:30 for band and madrigals.
3. Midwest Music Festival: Last year we did Sandburg and Lemont on the same day. Sandburg is not doing it this year. I don't think I'll do two contests in one day again- there are other activities going on (athletes, sports) on that day so I requested a time as late as possible. I was told approximately 4pm on Saturday, February 24. I will have specific times probably by the end of the week. I think everyone can make it by 4pm even if they get dropped off since there are too many conflicts with other school activities. The contest is at Lemont High School and we will leave on the bus by at least 2:30pm. This is just like a concert; students will wear formal dresses and tuxedos. They will dress before leaving on the bus. We will have 2 buses. Most of the big percussion is provided at school but we'll bring a trap case of stuff we need (snare drums, cymbals). We do not need a truck or drivers. That is the difference between marching band and concert band. We will play in a gym or on a stage. If you plan to attend, go early to see some other bands perform.
4. No sectionals 2/13/24 on Tech Week (next week) - Students are aware.
5. The week after Midwest is Solo and Ensemble on March 2 (Sat) at Reavis High School. Students must dress nice and professionally. There will be no bus for this day, transportation is up to students. It basically starts at 8am and ends around 3:30-4pm. Students will have staggered times that are currently unknown. They do not have to stay there all day, they can get there an hour before they play and can leave after they're done since they can see results online. There are probably 1200 events going on that day with 35 schools. Everybody has to play a choir for me in band but most kids decide to do an ensemble or a solo. Reavis High School will have concessions from their Boosters so we ask not to bring too much food. This is their fundraiser.

6. This is the roughest part of the year. This is where kids are learning the most music because it is so different. Every week, there is a different performance going on. It's challenging for them. It's not like marching season where we're doing the same thing and improving it. If you're a band parent, they have sectionals on Tuesdays but you should hear them play a bit at home too.

Mrs. Kazin began with congratulations to the Winter Guard.

1. Winter Guard has been out three times already in two weeks. First show they were out in Naperville-the show was called Symphony. New costumes and new silks are coming. They've got about a third of the show done right now which is very, very typical for the beginning of the season. Their judging is not just on how well they're executing what they're doing right now but is a lot of design input from the judges so that they can then evolve and better develop a concept as they go on to the rest of the season. We are very proud of them. They are going back into rehearsals to finish the show. Their next show is Mid March. So now they have time to finish the show. Their costumes are literally enroute, I got a tracking number Saturday morning. Kudos to them. They get up early and work hard.
2. A special shout out to the Cisneros for transporting the tarp and bringing it all the way around the school when they don't fold it in such a way that fits through the door. It is definitely a job.
3. Congrats to Suzie, Diego and Matt at the All-State In Peoria. Beautiful, beautiful concerts. Thanks to Mr. Kazin for driving them.
4. Something Rotten is where it's crunch time. I had the kids here for six hours yesterday (Sunday) and it was so incredibly productive. We got through a full costume parade of probably 125 pieces because there is just multiples on this. The plot is beautiful. There were less than a dozen things that had to be either fixed or ordered out of those 125 so I'm going to call that a win. We had the band here for the first time which is always super exciting a lot of times super stressful but this time was not stressful. The kids came out completely exhausted but when I did kinda the where's your thumb at the end of rehearsal, everybody was like, wow that was really fun, wow that was really energizing, wow that felt really good. Which was great to see. I hope that's what you're getting at home as well. Thank you to everybody who responded to the signup genius to help feed the kids for the cast party and on Tech Sunday. If you do not have a kid involved in the show, I apologize for sending that through Skyward. Honestly, 90% of the kids involved are in the Music Department. So that was the easiest way to get to parents.
5. San Antonio trip - still working on plugging away at the itinerary. We will be flying Southwest, coming home Friday evening. If you have any financial questions, those should be directed to Bob Rogers Travel. If you need help contacting them, let me know and I will be happy to help. We want to have all the information we need before we give out a full itinerary. There will be a Parent Meeting and luggage drop off date as soon as we get those situated.
6. Buddy Guy, Tuesday, 2/20/24 - kids will have access to 4 free tickets - if not all taken then we will open it up to the public on the day of.

President:

1. We will need volunteers during the Musical (February 16,17,18) for 50/50 Split the Pot and Concessions.
2. We will also have a luncheon on Sunday (2/18). A character lunch that will be \$15. We have Signup Genius' for each of these fundraisers.

- Tuesday, February 20, will be the start of our big fundraiser for the Boosters, which is the Raffle Tickets. This money we raise will go towards scholarships. Kids will come home with 2 books of tickets, 10 tickets total, each at \$10 each. Anyone who sells more than 2 books will be entered into a raffle for an extra graduation ticket.

Treasurer:

Introduced 2024 Scholarship Committee; Karen Tallwood and Co-Chair, Colette McCadd. There are 2 key scholarships that the Music Boosters offer. The first is summer camp scholarship for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The second is for Seniors. We are looking to give out 5 scholarships at \$500.00 each. Students must be in good standing and all families must be a Booster Member by October 1st.

Co-chair: We are looking for parents of freshmen, sophomores or juniors interested in being on the Scholarship Board. You must be a Music Booster member who is a non-senior parent.

Parent, Suzie Klimowski, volunteered after the co-chair finished.

Corresponding Secretary:

You can find our detailed roles and responsibilities on the band website. It gives you a breakdown of each position. We think that it's straightforward and it's the most concise way we could impart that to everybody. We'll discuss this more in March. We want to give you ample time to take a look and review this. Election nominations are in April and we will vote in May so that we turn it around. What we're trying to do this year is if you are interested, we want to make sure that you have some sort of pre-hands on experience and see what it's like coming from our prospective positions that we were nominated for. It is a lot of fun and it's a lot of work as you can see because you all volunteered and helped out with our kids. It is well worth it to be a part of this group and be treated like extended family. It's a very exciting and important thing so we appreciate all of your questions.

IX. COMMENTS

A big shout out to Monica Cisneros for providing us with Winter Guard photos.

X. NEXT MEETING, TIME, DATE and LOCATION

March 11, 2024

6:30 pm

Leadership Room

Evergreen Park Community High School District 231

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

XII. PROPOSED MINUTES SUBMITTED

Minutes submitted for approval on February 23, 2023 by: Karen Tallwood

