# MEETING MINUTES FOR EVERGREEN PARK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS

# I. DATE AND TIME

Date: December 4, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

### **II. START TIME**

6:33 PM

# **III. MEETING LOCATION**

Location: EPCHS Choir Room

Evergreen Park Community High School District 231

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

### IV. CALLED TO ORDER

By: Angel Dever (President)

# V. MEETING ATTENDEES

- Marcia Marshall
- Valerie Crazybear
- Amanda Osterloh
- Norma Monjé

- Colette McCadd
- Kim Leonard
- Jackie and Mike Mahlum

# **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Angel thanked everyone for coming out in the cold weather. Merikay wanted to reiterate that there was a vote conducted on the November 13, 2025 meeting for the current board to rotate the duties of the recording secretary.

# **Motion to Approve Nov 2025 Meeting Minutes**

- Amanda Osterloh
- Valerie Crazybear

# Motion to Approve Nov 2025 Treasurer's Report

- Valerie Crazybear
- Amanda Osterloh

# VII. NEW BUSINESS <u>Director's Reports</u>

### Mr. Curatolo

Mr. Curatolo thanks everyone for their support and for being there. He felt that the pick-up for the cookie dough/cheesecakes and the wreaths went pretty smooth and he thanked the volunteers and asked for any suggestions for improving the process next year. He stated that there is a column on the order form of the wreaths that is very misleading because it says indoor use, but he found out that they are all sprayed for indoor use. The Winter Concert is Wednesday, December 10th. Call time for students will be 5:30pm. There will be a small warm-up and then the concert will begin at 7pm in the auditorium. Seussical is guickly approaching and the auditions are next Sunday for the cast and pit auditions will be video or live auditions, student choice, by next Friday. He is working on petitions for pep band and jazz band extra curriculars. Pep band is new. Jazz band has functioned in lots of different ways throughout the years and have changed around. He is getting something to the administration to put plans in place, a more defined plan moving forward. Pep band will be volunteer based, anyone can sign up. They will be performing at the home varsity basketball games, probably not all of them. This will be a very similar format as how the football games go, where they will be performing in the stands. There will be some marching band equipment, some normal band equipment. Not as rigid as a concert, but a little more relaxed like a football game. Jazz band will begin after the Spring musical, around the beginning of March and that will be audition based. He would like for the Jazz bands to perform either at or after the Spring Concert. There are various opportunities for the Concert Band. He has been in contact with Mark at the local Mariano's and they are setting up a date for us in February for us to come out on a Saturday to perform and they will figure out transportation to get them over there. He is continuing to look at performance opportunities for the rest of the year and he will let everyone know when he has

stuff on the calendar and is determined. He thanks you for all your support and passes to Mr. Scalf.

### Mr. Scalf

Mr. Scalf thanked everyone for being here and for their time. This Saturday is Cocoa, Comedy, and Carols. It is the Madrigals biggest performance of the year. The dress rehearsal went really well. There are 99 people signed up to be there, so he is really excited for that. If you bought a ticket for Cocoa, Comedy and Carols, please bring the money to the school tomorrow because we don't like to collect money on the night of the event. On Saturday, it is a 3:15pm call for the Farce acting group and the Madrigals. A 4pm call for any instrumentalists and student servers. The show starts at 5pm and should be about an hour and a half long. Winter Concert has a 5:30pm call, choir has a 5:40 down beat, which is 10 minutes to get into concert wear. If your kid wants to get ready at school and take their time, they should show up early. Tuxes require long black socks and black dress shoes, gowns require black flats. There is a 7pm start for that concert and we are really excited. As Mr Curatolo stated, Seussical auditions are this Sunday, December 7th. 4-6pm for elementary students and 6-9pm for high schoolers. Thank you to everyone that came for the fundraiser pick-ups and for everyone that fundraised for their kids. These were 2 really successful fundraisers. You will see the money added to their Cut-time accounts after this week. You can email him directly if you want to know sooner. For Disney, next week they will send out information for filling out an air manifest, reporting allergies, and a rooming list. A lot of those things will be completed by your student, but conversations that you can have with your student are that their air manifest matches their name on the ID, whether that be a school ID or Real ID, which they must have if they are 18 years old or over. Some freshmen do not have a physical ID and they are working on that. We opened a Google Classroom for the trip. He sent a message through Bob Roger's portal before Thanksgiving break. There is a link in there for the Google Classroom. Here are a few upcoming dates for Madrigals, Saturday December 6th, on top of the Cocoa, Comedy, and Carols, they have a gig at Central for the Grinch breakfast. Call time is 9:40am for a 10am performance. They will need to transport themselves there with their uniform. Monday, December 8th, they have rehearsal from 7-9pm. Tuesday, December 9th, they have a school day gig at Bethel Bible Church for the seniors. Saturday, December 13th, they will be performing for Breakfast with Santa, with a 9am call and a 9:30am performance. They are also performing at the Community Center, formerly known as Dickens Fest, on Saturday, December 13th. That is a 2:25pm call and a 2:45pm performance. Monday, December 15th, they are performing at the Art Show at the EP Library. The call time is 6:15pm and the show is at 6:30pm. December 19th, they have a school day gig at the Chamber of Commerce at St Xavier University at 11:30am performance. On January 9th, after school, the Madrigals are invited to sing at a Milliken University choir tour concert. They are collaborating with a private school in Lincoln Park, Frances Parker. He will transport the kids straight there. They will also provide food for the students. **Ms. Boska** 

The first competition coming up is January 24th and we have another competition on January 25th. One thing I was hoping for from the Music Boosters is that she would like to take the old tarp and cut it because of what a hassle it is to move the tarp. I would like to use as little of the tarp as possible, making it a runway, and paint it in a black and white pattern. If there are volunteers that can help do that, it would be great. The main thing we need is someone to transport the tarp. We will have a mini bus this year to transport the group as we only have 12 members of the Winter Guard. That should fit equipment and uniforms. We will also need donations for snacks and water. She is also hoping to get a back drop that is 6 feet by 9 feet long. It should be able to be folded and it would need to be transported with the tarp. 6 competitions in total for the year. The dates are located on our website. The February competition was cancelled due to the musical. She is looking into them performing at basketball games to keep up their skills. Schaumburg is on the 24th, Stepperettes in Naperville North on the 25th.

### Mrs. Kazin

I don't have much. These guys are awesome! It is a busy time in December. They are asked to share their talents and be generous with their time. It is a blessing to do that but it's also very stressful. Think about that musician in your household and give them a hug this month. Suess is gonna be great. She is so excited. There are 45 littles signed up to audition. If a high school kid did not fill out the form yet, give them a push to complete that form. There are a lot that told her they were coming out, but did not complete the form yet. Thank you for setting the dinner price. The ticket link is already live for the character lunch. The only thing she needs from the board at this time is what they want for their dessert allocation for culinary. They just need to know what their budget is. She wants to reiterate what Mr. Scalf said about Florida. Have a conversation with your kids about this information that is going to be requested of them in December because they don't know how to do this. They don't know how important it is that their name is correct on the air manifest. If their school ID says Michael and they put Mike on the air manifest, we are going to have a problem with the TSA. So have those conversations with them, pretty please. As Mr. Scalf mentioned, if they are 18 years old, they will need a Real ID. More importantly, speaking from experience, if your child is going to turn 18 years old while we are in Florida, they will need a Real ID to get home. These are the kinds of things that will save you a whole lot of headache if you have those conversations. Passports will work as well. Then again, have the conversation with your teen on which ID they will be presenting to the TSA, because their passport may not match their school ID.

Also, if there are any Chaperones, a gentle nudge to remember to get the background check done for the school, so that we don't get to March and have to worry about it. The EP Police stated that the best time to call them is at 7:30am on a Saturday morning, as that is when the holding cell is emptied. Call first, but then get there immediately if you can.

### VIII. QUESTIONS

None

# **IX. COMMENTS**

Angel Dever, president, wanted to remind everyone that in January we do not have a music booster meeting because it is a slow month. Our next meeting will be in February. She reiterated some upcoming important dates. December 6th is Cocoa, Comedy, and Carols. December 7th are the musical Auditions for Suessical. December 10th is the Winter Concert, the 13th we have Breakfast with Santa. Then in January we have the 24th and 25th Winter Guard competitions. February 1st is another Winter Guard competition at Naperville Central and February 5th is the next Music Booster meeting at 6:30pm. She thanked everyone that volunteers and helps out. We couldn't do this without all of the volunteers, so we really appreciate your time and everything you do to help the students be successful.

# X. NEXT MEETING, TIME, DATE and LOCATION

DATE: February 5, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM Leadership Room

Evergreen Park Community High School District 231

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

### XI. ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 7:00 PM

### XII. PROPOSED MINUTES SUBMITTED

Minutes submitted on <u>December 16,2025</u> by <u>Angel Dever.</u>