

**Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023**

Attendance: Joann Badali– President, Crystal McKeown - Vice President, Sherry Burns - Treasurer, Mandy Werner-Ogier - Secretary, Jerrod Cook - Director, Ben Clemons - Director, Annette McCammon - Director, Karen Bedore - Director, Sherry Jepsen, Jenn Presbitero, Kacey Cook, Joe Kozar, Brian Mohr, Jill Johnson, Erin Gutierrez, Paul Mancari, Jennie Clark, Michelle Lewis, Tiffany McNeely, Bruce Archer, Jesse Reyes

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:43 pm by Joann Badali
2. **Quorum Call** – Quorum established
3. **Approve Minutes** – Joann asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13 2022 General Membership Meeting. Jenn made a motion; Jennie seconded.
4. **Director’s Reports** –
 - a. **PSHS:** Mr. Cook thanked the following: Joe Kozar for coordinating the poinsettia sales; Joe, Jenn Presbitero, and Dawn Stephens for setting them up for display and distribution; Everyone who helped chaperone/supervise during the collage concert; The Blue House Band Boosters for providing the funding to purchase many new items for our program including instruments (alto flute, alto clarinet, 2 mellophones and 2 marching baritones), music, and 85” TV’s; and Kacey Cook for getting all of the marching band uniforms back in storage during break. Mr. Cook made the following announcements: Congratulations to Rachel Bailey, Brennan Burns, Kamryn Cook, Katelyn Cook, Anabel Herrera, Graham Miller, and Sebastian Smentek for being selected for the Elmhurst University Midwest Honor Bands. There are two groups, one for 9th and 10th graders and the other for 11th and 12th graders. There were over 300 students nominated for this festival and only about 130 selected. We started our chamber music unit this week so students are working in small groups during class instead of having full band rehearsals. Students will start having weekly SmartMusic sightreading assignments on Thursday. Please do what you can to make sure they stay up to date with them. Late work will only be accepted through the unit we are working on. We need help driving the truck/trailer to Batavia on Sat. 2/11 in the afternoon/evening. We also need a volunteer who is a bit tech savvy to assemble a slide show for the banquet. A band parent name was raised and Jenn will reach out to them. Mr. Cook reported that there will be a skating party tomorrow. Students are encouraged to wear their ugly sweaters. This is a free event sponsored by the boosters. The Elmhurst University Midwest Honor Band Festival is this Saturday. The concert is at 4 PM in Hammerschmidt Chapel on the campus of Elmhurst University and is free to attend. Chamber Concert is Tuesday, 1/24. Exploration Night next Wednesday, 1/18. On 1/20 there is a pep band game and it is middle school night. There is a Batavia Concert Band (only) Festival on Saturday 2/11. Lastly, a Solo and Ensemble Festival at PSHS on Saturday 2/18.
 - b. Mr. Clemons echoed the appreciation expressed by Mr. Cook. Our musical will be March 17, 18, and 19. Details on pit orchestra will be coming soon. He will post audition materials this week. The musical is Matilda. Rehearsal dates will be issued to parents when available. Jazz fest is Saturday, 3/11 in Mundelein. We will need chaperones - looking for 1 to 2 volunteers. A question was asked regarding who pays for transportation to this event. The answer was at the school does.
 - c. **ASMS:** Mrs. Bedore advised that their concert on December 10th went extremely well. She received a lot of comments from parents who liked a Saturday format and plans to keep this going forward. Jazz band resumes on 1/23. There is not a lot of recital interest this year and so she might combine with Drauden Point’s event so that the few interested parties can still perform. She is working to promote it one last time before making this decision. A band / choir movie event will be held on Tuesday, February 28 from 3 til 5:30. A google form to sign up for this will come out soon.
 - d. **DPMS:** Mrs. McCammon advised that there is a jazz concert on March 14 at 5PM. There is also an ensemble recital March 16 which is expected to be 30-minutes and snacks will be served. There will be a band / choir movie even on February 7 from 5 - 7 PM and a google form to register went out today. Mrs. McCammon introduced her new student teacher, Paul, who is from North Central College.
5. **President’s Report** – Joann mentioned that we have been working on the various Booster membership levels and the perks that go along with them. There will be some changes for next year. Information on this will be coming in registration packets. The perk of tickets to the invitational will be replaced with a Booster shop credit. Joann asked if practices which are typically scheduled for Mondays get moved to Tuesdays if there is no school. Mr. Cook answered that no, we only do this during marching season.
6. **Vice President’s Report** – No report
7. **Treasurer’s Report** – Sherry reported that there are still some outstanding band fees and that she is missing a lot of freshmen family emails. Examples of these band fees include shoes, gloves, and books. Poinsettia sales were successful. The band sold 123 plants and the

choir sold 16, so the band won the contest. We are looking for a new treasurer next year due to Sherry being a senior parent who will be leaving. Please email her if you are interested or if you know someone who might be.

8. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Fundraising** – Joe reported that poinsettia sales went well. TCBY was also sold at that concert. He is working on a candy bar sale for February to come. It was asked if there will be any upcoming restaurant nights and Joe responded that he is working on an upcoming dinner night with Piggy's BBQ. His goal is to have another one possibly 10 days after that.
- b. **Uniforms** – Kacey advised that she worked over the Christmas break and checking in and accounting for all the uniforms. An email regarding uniform sizes is to come. This software and measurement import process worked very well this year and she is looking to make additional improvements next year.
- c. **Hospitality** – Sherry reported that she is working on the hospitality for the judge's room for the solo ensemble on the 18th.
- d. **Membership** –Adrea was unable to attend the meeting, but did report that she is working on finalizing the items for all members and will be distributing them before our next meeting in February. Sherry added that we currently have 42 members.
- e. **Communications** – No report
- f. **Volunteer** – Jenn is working on reaching out for volunteers for our upcoming pasta dinner, which will be on 3/17. Additionally, she will be reaching out for volunteers for our slideshow for the banquet.
- g. **Alumni** – No report
- h. **Booster Shop** – Jenn reported that there will be a spring booster shop coming. She's currently looking for any ideas. One idea that was offered is slide on shoes with the band logo. Another idea floated was a baseball hat.
- i. **Pit/Trailer** – No report
- j. **Competition** – Brian reported that the date for the competition next year has been set and it will be September 16, 2023.
- k. **Middle School Financial Liaisons** – No report
- l. **Craft Show** – Crystal reported that we did very well at this event. She has a meeting next month for planning next year's event and discussing the numbers from this year's. Next year we will be assigned to parking.

9. **New Business** – None

10. **Unfinished Business** – None

11. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on February 14, 2023, at 7:30 pm.

12. **Adjournment** – Joann asked for a motion to adjourn. Jill made a motion; seconded by Jennie. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.