

WOW Where did May go? So many events and we are not done yet.

5/31/ **Music Booster meeting** Doors open at 6:30 and the meeting is 7-8 in the Library at MTHS. We need to discuss the election of a new board.

6/1 – **End of the year Jazz Concert** - For parents who are new to the program both jazz bands will be performing at the Future of Flight Strata Deck. Doors open at 6 and the show starts at 6:30. Tickets are sold at the door for \$10 a person. No host bar and No host food options are available.

6/7 – **End of the Year Band Concert and Senior Reception** – Need help with reception organization Sign up to volunteer at Signup Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d4ba9a722aa8-volunteer>

**President note:** I guess the whole thing is really my note, but to recap a few items as we head into new board elections. In August 2016 a new Music Board met to discuss goals for the term. There were **NO** returning board members so we were starting to just figure out our roles and our goals. This is what we started with:

What do we want to do Better	How	Result
<b>Communication</b>	Web pages	Doug Thomas built <a href="https://mthsmusic.org/">https://mthsmusic.org/</a>
	Earlier date notice	Various board members attended events to hand out sheets with the web pages, calendar links and nonprofit # information – Freshman orientation, concerts, Santa Breakfast table, Curriculum Night
	More information	
		Facebook page was more active than ever with posts for events listed as soon as the event was told to the boosters.
		Check out: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MTHSmusicboosters/">https://www.facebook.com/MTHSmusicboosters/</a>
<b>Raise \$\$</b> (I do not have final 2017-2018 numbers)	Share information to parents about Fred Meyer community rewards and Amazon smile	This was listed on all handouts. Update or create an account at <a href="http://fredmeyer.com">fredmeyer.com</a> . Go to Account > Community programs and search for “MTHS Music Boosters” & enroll. Do your Amazon shopping at <a href="http://smile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a> and you can pick “Mountlake Terrace High School Music Boosters” as your charity
	Ask Darin for a budget so we know how much money to raise for the program needs	Budget also used in grant writing by Marilyn and we obtained one \$500 grant.
	Go Fund me	
	Share the Tax id for corp. matching fund and volunteer \$	A band enrichment fund was requested and that brought in over \$1650 that I know of in 2016-2017
	Community Event	Marilyn posted a Go Fund me right away and it brought in \$4031.41 in 2016-2017
		Matching funds, United way donations, and matched volunteer hours brought in another \$2000 in 2016-2017
		And we had an anonymous donation of \$12000 for the EE trip in 2016-2017 and a \$4000 one in 2017-2018 for instrument needs

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Thanks to Darin, Donna and Doug we had an innovated Mattress sale that brought in over **\$7000** for the whole music program and then split between groups the first year and again this year. **The next one will be 1-19-2019 so spread the word now. Best fundraiser!**

Lastly and a huge opportunity for on-going fundraising program with the school is the new relationship Marilyn and Tara formed so that band could participate with the Sports booster auction. This brought in \$3,800 the first year and a whopping **\$5,499** this year (second only to the football team.)

**Attendance**

Increase meeting attendance

The more people at meetings the more involvement for events. Held all booster meetings at MTHS library for consistency and a public space with accessibility taken into account. The schedule was planned at the beginning of the school year. President missed only one. ☺

Increase performance attendance

Advertised to Facebook community groups, posted events on the Facebook page, web page and asked others to share. This would be even better if we had had a publicity chair. We did not have a volunteer for it in two years and it was never filled.

**Distribution of workload and participation by families**

We didn't have specifics at the first meeting

This is a yearly challenge. A few families are highly involved in the school and are involved in PTSA, Boosters of all sorts including music. Volunteers make a HUGE difference between a JUST a music class and a Nationally recognized music program. It takes a lot of support to make things happen at such a strong level. Please continue to help and let's finish out the year strong

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I am proud to say we worked hard, accomplished a lot and I believe left the program with more communication, more involvement and in better shape financially to include new and improved paths for fundraising set up. I also believe there is more awareness about what it takes to run the program. I know there are plenty of you out there that want to ensure the program stays strong and we provide the support the director needs. Darin works VERY hard with no administrative or clerical resources. He relies on us, the parents. After all they are our children which we want to be successful.

I do not have the absolute complete list of all that volunteered for the events over the past two years and thank you doesn't seem like enough. Whew we were busy with trips, concerts, symposiums, solo and ensemble, fundraising and general support. Please know each and every one of you that helped, made a HUGE difference between just music classes and a nationally recognized music program.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Walker