

## Music Parent Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2023

Directors Present: Kristy Baker, Student Teacher Caleb Klima

Directors Absent: Chris Moan, Mark Iwinski

Board Members Present: Melody Taboada, Jen Cunico, Theresa Aron, Tracy Procajlo, Nancy Evens

Open and Welcome: Melody Taboada started the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Secretary's Report: Nancy Evens – "The meeting minutes from last month's meeting can be found on the [vjamusic.com](http://vjamusic.com) website. Please feel free to take a look and let us know if you have any questions."

Correspondence: Melody Taboada – The feedback from the crafters and vendors was very positive and they are especially grateful for our student helpers moving them in and out and taking care of them during the show as well. They also commented that they really liked the concession stand options and that the show was very well organized.

President's Report: Melody Taboada – Winter Guard tryouts are starting this week and Winter Percussion had their auditions last week as well. There is a parent meeting for our percussion families on Thursday at 7:30 with Alan to discuss the upcoming season. Winter Guard and Winter Percussion fees will be discussed at the parent meetings as well. We hope to begin fundraising for new music stands for our students as well as some new walkie talkies as ours are old and many are broken. Our prop dads are still planning on making new shako racks to replace our old ones and we will be purchasing new shako cases as well. We also hope to get the dates on the back of the trailer updated. We do still have many volunteer positions available for next year, some require more time than others so reach out and let us know if you are interested so we can have you start shadowing the current position holder. The fundraising dining event at Bourbon's was

really nice, they have a great place and we had a great time. Thanks to everyone for attending.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Procajlo – If you take a look at the newly revised budget report you can see the Miscellaneous Fundraisers listed towards the top. The totals for the wreath fundraiser will change once we apply the credits the students earned to their individual accounts in Charms. All our major events for the fall are now wrapped up and our Fall Craft Show made \$33,688.13 which is great! We had 2,830 people attend, and concessions sales were up as well which really helped out. Invitational brought in \$32,902.59 as well. Marching Band final totals are in and Winter Guard and Winter Percussion will be our next big expenditures. We are projected to be up approximately \$30,000 at the end of the year which is great because we originally expected to lose money.

Director's Report:

Ms. Baker – Only thing I have to say is that I'm super excited that our new soundproof practice rooms for our music students have finally been installed!

Ms. Baker for Mr. Iwinski – Good evening, sorry I cannot be there but I had family obligations to attend. Pep Band rehearsals start Friday and we will be getting tee shirts for the students to wear as uniforms on game days. Congrats and good luck to all our ILMEA selectees as they perform this week. Huge congrats to the Marching Band on their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in finals at ISU. Prism dress rehearsal is 12/5, with concerts on both 12/6 and 12/7, we will need some volunteers to help with moving groups in and out of the PAC so keep an eye out for the sign up for that. Ticket forms will also be going out soon. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Caleb Klima for Mr. Moan – Good evening everyone, I'm so sorry I cannot be there for tonight's meeting. The choirs are making headway preparing for the Prism Concerts. Look for ticket and chaperone info sometime next week as well. Choirs caroling at the Tinley Park

Holiday Market on 12/1, WLS Radio Station 12/8, and also at the Chicago Board of Trade 12/12. Trip info for our Tennessee trip went out to families and there will be an informational meeting on 11/29 in the PAC. Thanks and I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving!

Fundraising – Theresa Aron – We have our wreath pickup this Saturday, please watch your email for pickup times as we do not yet know what time delivery will occur and orders have to be sorted before we can have families come pick up their orders. Butter Braids just started, all orders will be placed online only and orders will need to be pickup up and distributed to purchasers as we do not have freezer space to store them. Pickup for that will occur on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Open Discussion –

Beth Soderlund (Craft Show Coordinator) – If we need more space for booths in the spring is there any areas we would be able to expand into? A - There are a few hallways like the preschool hallway or the athletic trainer hallway that could be a good fit if needed.

Sara Serratore – Wouldn't music stands be considered a school expense and not a band parent expense? A – We're just trying to assist Mr I in getting new stands as his budget is already stretched thin and being used for other expenses such as new instruments and instrument repairs. He did not ask us to purchase them, we noticed the stands were an issue at our concerts and thought it would be nice to help out.

Mrs. Zegarliniski – Could we consider bringing back the car show as a small fundraising event? A – Can you get more info about what was done in the past as let us know at the next meeting please?

Chip Brauer – Just an idea for a fundraiser, we could do a “Drop a Drumstick” from the bucket of a fire truck lift and award prizes for who can get closest to the middle of a target painted on the ground.

Next Meeting – February 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

Motion to Adjourn – Lynn Meyrick and Chip Brauer