

Music Parent Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2025

- Directors Present: Mark Iwinski
- Board Members Present: Ellen Peterson, Michelle Metzke, Lisa Stein, Jennifer Cunico, Lisa Kelly, Maryanne Kladis

Open and Welcome: Ellen Peterson welcomed the parents and new parents joining for the first time. Reminded everyone we can find useful information on vjamusic.com.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes from this meeting and previous meetings can be found on vjamusic.com.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa reviewed last year's financial statement and reviewed Invitational sales compared to last year. This year's Invitational made more money than last year. Lisa Stein reviewed the financial Statement of Activity year-to-date. Craft fair financials and marching band fees have all been collected. Craft fair is sold out for vendors.

President's Report: Ellen thanked everyone for their help with the Invitational. It was a great success and we received a lot of great feedback. Marching Band banquet will be on Sunday, October 26th 12-4pm at Silver Lake Country Club. RSVP forms will be coming out shortly.

Craft Fair is sold out. There will be many volunteer opportunities for the craft fair. Michelle will be sending out the volunteer sign up soon. Craft Fair Flyer was passed out so we can post them. We need volunteers to put the signs out for the Craft fair.

Ellen also went over the mandatory volunteer information for parents.

Marching Band: Invitational and Fall Craft Show

Winter Percussion or Winter Guard: Winter Guard Show and Spring Craft Fair.

Fundraising Updates: Hillgrove Tap this Friday. Culver's dining night on October 28th. There will be dining nights approximately once a month.

Director's Report: Parent Teacher conferences are coming up. October 13th.

Mr. Moan: Choir is making great progress. There will be a new a cappella group forming this year with Mr. Moan. ILMEA auditions will need their audition tapes in by next week. Mr. Iwinski reminded the students and parents to be professional and dress for the occasion for the audition tapes. The Freshman Fall play, Love Letters will be this Thursday and Friday in PAC from 7-9pm
Choir concert coming up on October 9th.

Mr. Iwinski discussed our great competition at Stagg. We placed first in our class. For our invitational we did great as well, we would've placed 2nd overall. Kids are working hard to finish the show. We will be doing the whole show this week at Providence.

After that, we have Downers Grove and ISU.

ISU is by school size, not band size. We need to be in the top 7 to move on to the finals. It will be a tough competition, but the band will do its' best. If we make Finals, we will be returning very late from ISU. If we do not make finals for ISU we will leave shortly after our performance. Band concert on October 28th. All bands and percussion ensembles are working hard for this concert.

Next parent meeting will include information about MFA festival.

One google form will go out to the students so they can decide if they want to join anything for winter such as Winter percussion, Winter Guard, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Spring Musical, etc.

All band groups work together, so the students can have time for all of the things they want to do.

Open Discussion:

Homecoming night was very tiring. A very long day for the kids. Maybe we can schedule pictures another time.

Hopefully next year we will have new band uniforms and we can get the photos done during band camp.

Senior Speeches will be on October 10th, before the football game.

Guard and percussion are auditions so there will be cuts.

ILMEA auditions were discussed. More information is available on the students google classroom.

BAND app should be cleaned up every year and started new for each year.

Additional fundraising ie at Walmart. We are going to ask Ms. Baker.

Next Music Parent Meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 2025@ 7 pm

Motion to Adjourn: Maria Kasang made a motion to adjourn, Chip Brauer seconded the motion.