



VICTOR J. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Music Parent Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2020

- Directors Present: Mark Iwinski, Chris Moan, Mary McCarthy
- Board: Marie Kole, Nancy Evens, Nicole, Gordon, Deb Jennings, Lauren Garrett, Mariann Stanton
- Open and Welcome Marie welcomed everyone
- Secretary minutes Minutes have been posted on vjamusic.com
- Correspondence: None
- President's Report: Marie talked about how wonderful the two performances and senior night were and thanked the many parents who helped out over those two weeks with uniform, pictures, etc. Thanks to Mark, Alan, and staff for getting the show together. Deb mentioned how great it was to listen to the feedback regarding the show.
- Treasurer's Report: We did a good job of keeping costs down while still providing quality. Only a couple invoices are outstanding. Nancy reminded everyone to reach out to her with any questions they have.
- Director's Report: Mary McCarthy is grateful so many students/families stuck with the activity. She thanked the board and the volunteers and for keeping some of the traditions alive. They have been thinking about how to have a Winter Guard and a Winter Percussion season. They will be virtual. Looking to have two competitive groups and working on the logistics of that. The 8th grade transition to high school has been taking place. There have been several meetings with parents by main office administration. Upcoming will be an open house but much of the information they will receive will be in a virtual format. Current families are the best people to sell our program to the community and families we know. Music education is one of the best things they can choose for their kids in terms of a positive peer group, great activities throughout high school, working in groups, etc. We know the value of the program. Tough to recruit with what is currently going on right now. Moving to stage 3 Monday which is 2 days a week in AB CD groups. District is looking at new format for online

newsletter. They will be using SMORE. It will be biweekly and we will contribute from Music Parents.

Mr. Moan said choir is progressing. Using recording software with podcasts and being creative. They are working on a couple songs. Students are submitting top notch work and they will continue working so they can get a release of things for their December concert release. Alan came into Advanced Percussion to work with students. They are working on their first ensemble and there will be more coming which will have a great feature for percussionists to work alongside band and choir for December release. Everything is going well.

Mr. Iwinski said it was great to put the Marching Band events together and welcome Stagg to the field. The kids getting a Bands of America announcement was an important thing for the band. Working with the new software and getting the kids working to change their mindset while working on music and they are learning quite a bit. Kids are working on timing, tempo and articulations. He encouraged private lessons. There are great teachers and it will help the students continue progressing. PPE will be delivered so they can play safely inside the building. ILMEA was video auditions. If selected they will also make All State. Marching Band is awaiting results from the Cavaliers video submitted.

Marie mentioned ordering spirit wear is still open. Also mentioned uniform return will be coming up. Deb asked everyone to fill out attendance form. You must attend at least 3 meeting to vote or run for board position.

Fundraising:

Nicole – thanked everyone for coming out to Culver’s. Next fundraiser will be Chipotle November 24th. Century fundraiser extended until October 29th. Cup fundraiser due end of October but you can always order later and vendor can fulfill the order. Wreath fundraiser info coming and will be due November 6th and delivery is November 21st. Deb mentioned Shop with Scrip is always open to earn money for your student’s account.

Open Discussion

Deb mentioned we would normally be doing a banquet. We also would be preparing for our Fall Craft Show. A parent asked if there was an update for a schedule for Winter Percussion. Mary said they are hoping to start some time in November. They are working on scheduling. Need to look at scope for all the programs going forward. Parent asked if once PPE is in the kids will be able to play their instruments in school as normal. Yes, they will but max is 30 minutes of playing time. Band and choir room have extra ventilation. Holiday concert plan? They are hoping to do a video.

Motion to Adjourn:

Nicole Gordon

2nd:

Lauren Garrett