



VICTOR J. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Music Parent Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2022

- Directors Present: Mark Iwinski, Chris Moan, Mary McCarthy
- Board: Deb Jennings, Nancy Evens, Deb Jennings, Lauren Garrett, Melody Taboada, Tracy Procajlo
- Open and Welcome: Deb Jennings started the meeting and welcomed everyone attending.
- Secretary's Report: Tracy Procajlo - The last meeting minutes were from the February 22nd, 2022 meeting and can be found on the VJAMusic.com website. She sent an email with a link to the website to everyone.
- Correspondence: None
- President's Report: Deb Jennings – March was a very busy month. We had the Lemont Music festival, the jazz performance at the Quarry, the concerts and Disney! Deb thanked all the chaperones for all their help. For the Disney trip she thanked Kim Volk for handling the uniforms, Mr. Gomez and Mr. Andrews for driving the trailer and all the parent chaperones – Lauren Garrett, Melody Taboada, Nancy Evens, Carolyn Gomez and the other staff. Also, a big thank you to Mr. I, Mr. Moan and Ms. McCarthy for all the preparation and tons of work that made this happen!
- The flower sale delivery is coming up and she thanked Sheila for re-vamping the order form. Deb stated that the Music Parents fed pizza to the band students at recent events. Nominations are open for 2 chair positions on the board. If more than 1 person is nominated then there will be a vote needed. The requirement to be nominated is to have attended 3 parent meetings this year. The Music Parent board is funding scholarships for seniors. See info in the weekly newsletter.
- Treasurer's Report: Nancy Evens – The winter budget is looking very good. The dining nights are generating decent money and the spring craft show was very profitable. Approximately 1400 people attended the craft show, we made \$554 in split the pot, \$17,800 from the crafters and food trucks. Our profit was over \$20,000.

Director's Report:

Mary McCarthy – So excited that we had a full year of performances. She said it was fun to watch Disney from afar. It was a beautiful trip, choir performance and parade. There were no Covid positive cases and a big thank you to Melody! All were well cared for and she thanked everyone. The 8th grade open house is Wednesday, April 6th. This is a chance for 8th graders to learn more about VJA. Congratulations to the Wind Symphony on their great run and their Super State acceptance.

Chris Moan – He thanked all the amazing chaperones. He felt he never had to worry at Disney. The performances were great and the kids had a blast. Shrek the musical is getting ready and going really well. Performances are April 21-23rd. The choirs are working on new music. The concert will be May 19th. There will be some senior soloists and a few surprises. There will be some singing at senior scholarship night too.

Mark Iwinski – Disney was a great experience. Wind Symphony and Symphonic bands are going really well. The new set up this year for Symphonic band (having brass and woodwinds separated) is going great. At the Lemont Festival the Wind Symphony was named Grand Champion. Also, the Wind Symphony made Super State which will be May 7th. On April 27th the Wind Symphony will be performing at U of I in a shared performance. He also mentioned that the Wind Symphony will be playing in Naperville on March 30th with the top bands from all three D230 high schools, VJA, Sandburg and Stagg. Next year's Marching Band show has been chosen. They will be traveling to BOA Regionals in Louisville, KY in October 2022. Mark also mentioned the Incendio Saxophone Trio. They traveled to Austin, TX after Disney to compete in the Coltman Chamber Competition where they came in 3rd. They are also quarterfinalists at Fischhoff, which will be May 20-22nd. They will audition to be an honor band at MFA next year and have also applied for the Midwest Clinic.

Fundraising Report:

John Miller was not present so Deb spoke for him. John worked very hard this past year on fundraisers so that product fundraiser profits would go directly to individual student accounts to help cover the cost of Disney. Ted's Greenhouse is the last product sale this year. The two craft shows and the Invitational are fundraisers that benefit the overall costs of all music activities (marching band, guard, percussion, etc.). On May 7th the flowers will be distributed and we need volunteers to help. The Savers Drive is April 16th. The next dining night is April 6th at Which Wich. Script is also a great tool to lower fees too. Theresa Aron volunteered to organize a raffle of all donated gift baskets at the upcoming spring concerts.

Open Discussion:

Lynette Lake spoke regarding Winter Guard. There is a competition at Naperville North this coming weekend. They also travel to WGI in Dayton, OH from April 6 – 8th. The community show will be April 16th at 7:30pm in the gym.

Melody spoke regarding Winter Percussion. The community show is April 16th also and they will be traveling to WGI in Dayton, OH from April 21-23rd.

Marching band uniforms will be collected on April 13th.

The next (and potentially last) parent board meeting will be Tuesday, April 26th, 2022 at 7:30pm.

Motion to Adjourn:

Camille Vopelak

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Lynn Meyrick