



VICTOR J. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Music Parent Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2021

- Directors Present: Chris Moan, Mark Iwinski, 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: We jumped ahead a bit last month with the board nominations but they are open. Nominations can be sent to Donna Baggio at djb3515@comcast.net. Openings are Secretary, VP and Fundraising Chair. If unopposed no election necessary, otherwise we will hold a May meeting to vote. Only those who have attended at least three meetings can vote.
- Treasurer's Report: Things have been slow, not many changes. We received a check for \$178.40 from last year's Five Guys' fundraiser and a check from Noodles for \$82.80.
- Director's Report: Mary congratulated Mr. Moan on the production of Now Here This. Such professionalism shown by him and his team getting it completed with editing at all.
- Winter groups are doing great work and she is proud of them dealing with all the changes having to be made and they just keep moving forward.
- Happy to support the musicians being back on campus for evening rehearsals. Many positives figuring ways to bring good things to the kids.
- March 29 the school is welcoming back students four times a week. The numbers are still adjusting but there are about 65% coming back, including about 200 students that were fully remote.

They are busy getting classrooms ready. March 19 will be a remote day for all.

Planning is underway for end of year events for seniors, including in-person graduation.

SAT is coming up for Juniors on April 13 and will be on campus. Schools were given three ways to take AP tests so more info on that will be coming.

Alan said Winter Percussion is recording March 18 so rehearsal goes until 9 p.m. and it will be live streamed. They qualified for semi-finals and will record on April 3. Students are doing a great job.

Details for a parent performance are being worked on. Possible date of April 12.

Chris said choir and advanced percussion are both going well, slow going but progressing.

Concert date for choir is May 20 in front of building.

They will have evening rehearsals closer to the concert date. Info on those rehearsals coming out soon.

Winter Musical was great and he is proud of the kids, cast, crew and directors.

Spring musical is underway and casted. They will be meeting March 19. It will be a short kids show, Dear Edwina. They want to get something out to the community hopefully beginning of May.

AP will be working adjacent with evening band rehearsals.

Mark said they are being cautious and things are going well.

Planned recordings this week didn't happen but they will have smaller things coming out.

Spring concert will be on May 18, currently booked for the stadium, but looking for other places. It will include the Jazz Band, two percussion ensembles, Concert Band, Wind Symphony and possibly the sax trio.

Pleased to do the event with Wind Symphony for the Chicagoland Concert Band Festival at Hersey High School in Arlington Heights. Among selected few to perform. Students were asked to fill out commitment form and it looks like enough to travel there. Awaiting some responses. There will be a t-shirt order form. Clinic based performance and hallway time.

Live stream tickets can be purchased for \$10, no spectators allowed.

Marching Band info will be coming out soon. Band camp will be at Andrew August 1-7. Possible twelve hour days with two breaks. Hoping for a full competitive season staying more local like Providence, Stagg, Romeoville, Lincoln Way. Ending season with ISU last week of October. No BOA.

We have eleven bands registered for our invitational. We may do more of an educationally based invitational.

Sax trio advanced to the national round in the Fischhoff Festival. They are playing some very challenging music.

Audition placement results will be emailed to students March 19. Numbers are down so adjusting bands next year. There will be Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony and a percussion class.

Fundraising:

Ted's Greenhouse order has been placed with a delivery of May 8. Wrapping up Butterbraid. Since Friday is remote day orders due to school Thursday or can be dropped off at Nicole's house over the weekend. Delivery is March 30.

No luck scheduling a Blaze fundraiser. City Barbecue is set for April 9. Can order through app and website too.

The Savers fundraiser is set for May 15.

Open Discussion

We would normally be recovering from our Spring Craft Fair and preparing for our Pancake breakfast.

Donna reminded us that we need a volunteer to maintain the website.

Invitational meeting should start soon with a main committee. They will be in charge of one area – stands, judges, food etc. Committee will run volunteers. We don't know what things will be like but we will adapt as necessary. We can plan for what we know.

Next and last meeting, April 21.