ANDREW MUSIC PARENTS

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	**October 21, 2026**
Meeting Time	7:30pm
Location	Victor J. Andrew High School Tinley Park, IL
Directors Present	Mark Iwinski, Kristin Baker
Board Members Present	Ellen Peterson, Maryanne Kladis, Norma Barakat, Lisa Stein, Lisa Kelly, Naomi Robinson

Open and Welcome

Secretary's Minutes

The minutes from this meeting and previous meetings can be found on vjamusic.com.

Correspondence

None.

Treasurer's Report

Lisa Stein: Dining night proceeds were up, as were Music Boosters proceeds. We sold some of the old uniforms. The Craft Fair net total is still pending as we work out the final numbers. We netted $23,000 from the Invitational. Revenue was a little lower than last year, but costs also increased. We are just waiting on the bill for portable toilets. The Craft Fair is our biggest fundraiser, and we are fully booked, which is very good. We are starting to work on Winter Percussion and Guard competition fees including down payments on uniforms and materials.

President's Report

Ellen Peterson:

- **Marching Band banquet** is on the calendar for Sunday, November 1st, at Silver Lake. We will celebrate the end of the season from 12:00–4:00 p.m. We fall back that weekend, so please plan accordingly. Don't forget to sign up. Students are free of charge, and additional family members are $35. Please fill out the Google form.
- **Fall Craft Fair** already has many vendors registered and ready for the event. It will be held November 6–8, including setup. This is our largest fundraiser of the season. We are fully booked, which is great, with more than 175 vendors expected on campus. Please like and follow the Craft Fair Facebook page and share the information Sandy and Maria are posting. This will generate more traffic and awareness, benefiting both us and the program. We are working on the volunteer sign-up sheet. We will need help with setup on Friday. During the fair, volunteers will collect admission fees, run Split the Pot, work concessions with the school's kitchen staff,

and assist with teardown on Sunday. We will also ask for help putting up and taking down signs. We will confirm whether signs will be available at the banquet and communicate that information.

Fundraising Updates

Lisa Kelly:

The Melka fundraiser ends today. Please turn in funds and forms by tonight. No late orders will be accepted. Pickup is December 2nd. If you cannot make it, please arrange for someone to pick up your order, as orders cannot be held.

The Butter Braids fundraiser will run throughout November through December 2, with pickup on December 15th. The fundraiser will be conducted online, which will make the process easier. More information is coming.

Director's Report

Fon behalf of Mr. Moan: (Mr. Iwinski) The musical is taking place over the next three days. The Choir and Band concerts are next week, on October 27 and October 28. The choir will also attend a festival next week and Mr. Moan will send out any communications for choir families. All of the bands sound great.

Mr. Iwinski: It was an amazing marching season. Thank you for your support. This season ran very smoothly, and your support is greatly appreciated. Lincoln-Way was a tough competition, and we placed 2nd in our class. Percussion earned its caption at each competition, which was great. The percussion section really rose to the occasion this year. Color Guard was also awesome and reached a new level. The whole show was one of my favorites.

ISU is always challenging. To be there and hold our own with bands of that caliber speaks to the process, the team, and the talented and enthusiastic freshman class. We placed 2nd in Class 5A. In the finals, we could have placed anywhere from 3rd to 6th based on how close the scores were. This was Andrew's 30th time making the finals. It was a great season. Go check out the YouTube videos.

ILMEA — We had excellent results, with many students selected for the band. We also had a student selected for orchestra on violin. Four of those students were also selected as principal chairs, so we will have an amazing showing at All-State. More information will be forthcoming and will be posted on the ILMEA website. We will know for sure who makes All-State after the November festivals. We will be attending IMEC this year because a school dropped out and we were next on the list. It will require an early call time, but it will be a great experience. The rest of the second-semester performance calendar will be emailed. The ILMEA District 1 Festival is in Oak Park on November 7th. The ILMEA Jazz Festival will be at Joliet West on November 14th.

If you are new, please review the band handbook for concert attire. We call it "concert black," and there are just a few basic guidelines.

Open Discussion

- **Fall Craft Fair Student Volunteer Hours:** Ellen confirmed that students will sign up for Craft Fair service hours through the school service coordinator and submit their hours using the current process.
- **Craft Fair Parent Volunteers:** Sandy will also coordinate communications and sign placement with volunteers who expressed interest in helping with that part of the Craft Fair preparation. The Fall Craft Fair is the Parent Board's biggest fundraiser of the year. There is an event page on Facebook. Please share the page as much as possible and interact with the posts. We will begin discussing the Spring Craft Fair soon, so if you are available and interested, please contact Sandy or the Board.
    - **Orchesis** is scheduled for the same weekend as the Fall Craft Fair. We have a very small group this year, and the show is about 45 minutes long. We do not expect a significant impact on that day.
- **Disney:** We will not have anything official scheduled without approvals from school leadership. However, we were invited to participate in a new event at the Boston Conservatory next year, but it was postponed until fall 2028. Therefore, we will likely move forward with plans for Disney during spring break next year.

Next Music Parent Meeting

Date/Time: November 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. **Location:** VJA Choir Room

Motion to Adjourn

Adjournment Time: 7:59 p.m.

Motion By: Maria Kang

Seconded By: Jamie Kolar