



VICTOR J. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Music Parent Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2021

- Directors Present: Mary McCarthy (Mr. Moan and Mr. Iwinski both could not make it)
- Board: Deb Jennings, Nancy Evens, Melody Taboada, Tracy Procajlo, John Miller
- Open and Welcome Deb Jennings, President, started the meeting and introduced everyone on the Board.
- Secretary's Report: The last meeting minutes were from the October 19, 2021 meeting and can be found on the VJAMusic.com website. Tracy Procajlo sent an email with a link to the website to everyone.
- Correspondence: None
- President's Report: We celebrated the end of Marching Band at our banquet on November 14th. As always, thank you to all our volunteers. This year we had 87 students in MB and 23 of them were seniors. Several senior parents are "retiring" therefore we will need more volunteers to step up next year to fill their place. We will have 2 open Board positions also. We had a wonderful Fall Craft Fair. Thanks especially to Jill, Beth and Dave. Winter programs are coming up and we will need more volunteers, such as tabulating the Butter Braid fundraiser. The wreaths will be coming in and we will need help sorting, etc. With these individual fundraisers the profits will go directly to the student selling. A big thank you to all the folks at Andrew – the administration, staff, security, grounds people. A reminder about Shop with Script. Easy way to earn money for your music student to help pay their fees.
- Treasurer's Report: Nancy went over the financial statement that was distributed. She noted that the Fall Craft Show was a huge success. We had very positive feedback. Admissions alone made \$8500, therefore about 2880 people attended. Fees collected from crafters was about \$20,000, and Split the Pot earned almost \$500. She is still finalizing some numbers but it was a very nice profit. She also stated that Amazon Smile has earned us \$44 for the quarter.

Director's Report:

Mrs. McCarthy said that class finals will be traditional this year and will take place December 17, 20 and 21. The class of 2026 took the entrance exam on November 13. There will not be a Step-Up day this year for 8th graders. Wind Symphony will perform at Prairie View and Central middle schools on December 10. She wants all of us (all parents) to continue to spread the word about how awesome the Andrew music program is. We need more incoming students interested in the music program. The freshman class numbers were down this past year. We are in need of more percussion students. They can be new to band too! No experience needed. We also have Winter Percussion, Winter Guard, and jazz band underway. The theater production of Freaky Friday will be on Jan 20, 21 and 22. A guest speaker from Broadway came and spoke to the theater students.

Mr. Moan was not able to be at the meeting so he sent the following notes for Mrs. McCarthy to read: "Hello all! I'm sorry to not be in attendance tonight but I had to attend a confirmation event with my son. Choir rehearsals have been incredibly productive and the groups are sounding great! I can't wait for you to hear them at the Prism Concert. The Andrew Chorale will perform at tomorrow's NHS Induction Ceremony, as well as the annual Veteran's Luncheon during the day on Thursday. It's fantastic that we are back to our normal gig schedule! The Prism Concert ticket request form will be released tomorrow. All ticket requests, including concert preference, will be honored in the order they are received. Each family will be allowed to request a maximum of 6 tickets. The form also asks for volunteers to assist with each ensemble backstage during the concert. Those wonderful individuals will shepherd groups to the stage to maintain the flow of the concert. Please consider signing up for that opportunity. Volunteers would need to attend the dress rehearsal on December 7th from 6PM to 8:30PM, and the concerts on the 8th and 9th. The choirs will be caroling at the Tinley Holiday Market on Friday, December 3rd at 6:30PM. Come out and sing some holiday tunes with us!"

Mr. Iwinski was not in attendance but he gave some notes to Mrs. McCarthy to announce. He congratulated the students that made ILMEA. We have a several upcoming events – Prism, Veterans Day, and the sax trio to perform at the NHS ceremony and Holiday Market.

Fundraising Report:

John Miller spoke and stated that the wreaths profited over \$3200. The delivery will be on November 20 and he will need volunteers to help. North Country Wreaths also donated \$250 to the music program. The popcorn fundraiser did very well and brought in \$4200 profit to the students involved. The Butter Braids fundraiser is starting soon and ends Dec. 3. This is the last individual fundraiser before Disney. The pickup is Dec. 17 at 4pm. These items cannot be held and must be picked up. Still working on more ideas for future fundraisers for 2022. We may do another Butter

Braids in April, and we will do Ted's flowers for Mother's Day. Lou Malnati's dining night will be Dec. 1st.

Open Discussion:

Mr. Iwinski and Mr. Moan are still working out the details for Disney. If you have any specific questions, please ask Bob Rodgers Travel. 110 students, and 10-12 staff and chaperones are going to Disney. A big thank you to Claudia for organizing the band banquet. Next meeting will be February 15, 2022.

Motion to Adjourn:

Melody Taboada

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Lynn Meyrick