

Music Parent Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026

Directors Present: Kristi Baker

Board Members Present: Ellen Peterson, Michelle Metzke, Lisa Stein, Jennifer Cunico, Lisa Kelly, Maryanne Kladis

Open and Welcome: Ellen welcomed the parents.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes from this meeting and previous meetings can be found on vjamusic.com.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa went over dining night proceeds. Spring Craft Fair is sold out and we cannot take any more applications. Fees for MFA have been paid.

President's Report: The Craft Fair is coming up in a couple of weeks. Sandy and Alfonso are doing a great job with the crafters. We need more volunteers and will be sending out an email reminder. We know it is a very busy weekend for everyone. UIC Jazz Fest, Lemont Music Fest, Winter Percussion competition and Winter Guard competition that weekend. The Guard Show is coming up as well at the end of March. We need volunteers for that as well.

Fundraising Updates: Dining nights have been very successful. Oberweis will be on April 24. The hanging plant basket fundraiser through Melka Landscaping will be underway soon and we will get

the order forms and more information out as soon as we can. Suggestions were made to post directional signage for the pickup at Melka.

Director's Report: Mr. I and Mr. Moan are not here today. Ms. Baker will be giving the reports for them. Ms. Baker started out with a quick discussion about ACT Prep for the Juniors.

Mr. I: Wind Symphony had a great performance at U of I. All state musicians went to the All State festival in Peoria. Jazz II and Queso performed at Prairie State. Next Friday is the UIC Jazz Fest and Lemont Music Festival. The small ensembles concert is on March 10. Wind Symphony is performing at Wheaton College on March 11.

Mr. Moan: The Choir groups are building their skills. Rehearsals for the Spring Musical, *Matilda*, are under way and Mr. I will send out music when we have it.

Open Discussion: Question was asked about the Music Parents Association's reserve amount. The exact balance was not available, but the MPA's Retained Earnings are made public on the Form 990 tax return. There are sufficient funds available in reserve.

Next Music Parent Meeting: March 17 @ 7:00pm in the Choir Room

Motion to Adjourn: Matt Windle motioned to adjourn and Chip seconded.