

## Music Parent Meeting Minutes - April 25, 2023

Directors Present: Mary McCarthy, Mark Iwinski

Board: Melody Taboada, Jen Cunico, Nancy Evens, Theresa Aron, Tracy Procajlo

Open and Welcome: Melody Taboada started the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Secretary's Report: Theresa Aron – "The last meeting minutes from last November's meeting can be found on the vjamusic.com website. I also sent an email with a link to the website to everyone."

Correspondence: From the Hill Family "Thank you for a wonderful 4 years. We hope this hot dog roller helps make some money for the program."

President's Report: Melody Taboada – "The marching band kickoff meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5/23. We hope to measure kids for uniforms and shoes that night as well. We hope to host the Winter Guard competition again next Spring and our Invitational now has 16 schools signed up."

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Procajlo – "Winter Guard and Winter Percussion budgets are just about complete although the staff still needs to be paid. Alumni and Anonymous donors helped to fund some of the meals this winter for both groups which really helped keep the budgets balanced. The Winter Guard show numbers are mostly finalized as well and we brought in around \$10,000 which was better than we expected to bring in."

Director's Report:

Mary McCarthy – "It has been another amazing month full of busy events with an awesome musical and a huge Winter Guard competition. Congrats to our Winter Guard on another beautiful show. Percussion also had another amazing season. I'm enormously proud

of all our groups for their hard work, dedication, and great morale. In school news Andrew Fest is coming up on 5/10 and 5/11. AP tests are starting soon as well and keep an eye out for information about final exams. Construction will continue in the band and choir rooms this summer as well as some outdoor projects. This is my last meeting and Kristy Baker will be taking over for me next year. My favorite part of this job has been working with the directors and learning from the amazing music parents.”

Mr. Iwinski – “The Wind Symphony has had a monumental year including many high level events. What’s unique is that this group accomplished so much with less than 100 students which speaks to their musicianship and dedication. To echo Mary, the band represents their school wonderfully. Music For All recordings are beautiful and will be sent out via email to the students. The end of year band rehearsals are great because you can have more fun and take more risks. Our last band concert of the year is on 5/16 and Superstate is on 5/6. Graduation band is open to all students that would like to participate as well. Emails detailing a few changes to the Fall 2023 marching band season were sent out. No performances on Labor Day weekend, and our Invitational was moved to 9/16. We’re excited to get started and hope to send out a preview trailer soon to start hyping up the next season. Mary started at Andrew the same year I was a freshman and I’ll always remember all the time she spent helping run the musicals. Big thank you for all you’ve done and we will miss you tremendously.”

Mary McCarthy for Mr. Moan – “I’m so sorry I can’t be here tonight but Lockport’s band is playing at the Symphony Center tonight. Choir rehearsals for the finale concert are both fun and productive. Congrats to our Winter Guard, Winter Percussion, and Chicago cast for awesome seasons. Graduation Choir signups are going on now. Students will get service hours for performing for the graduation ceremony.”

Kassie Pierson – “The Winter Guard show was a great success. We received lots of compliments about how well run the show was. The Circuit offered to cover judges meals and snacks if we decide to host

again next year which will help us bring in a little more profit. Winter Guard completed their season about 2 weeks ago in Dayton Ohio when they competed against 130 other groups in their division. Planning for the fall has also already begun as we look ahead.”

Melody Taboada for Alan Barone – “Winter Percussion placed 5<sup>th</sup> in finals in Dayton Ohio. It was a great season and an awesome show.”

Fundraising – Mary Taboada for John Miller – “We hope to set up a Savers donation fundraiser for Band Camp week so keep an eye out for information about that event. We would also like to welcome Noah Belarmino as our new fundraising coordinator who will be taking over for John.”

Open Discussion –

Melody Taboada – “Mary we love you, you’re amazing, and we’re going to miss you so much. We hope you come back for the Invitational in the fall. Welcome Ms. Baker, we are happy you are here. Please feel free to ask questions we are here to help make this transition as easy as we can.”

Next Meeting – Last meeting until August 2023, date TBD

Motion to Adjourn – Camille Vopelak and Jackie Nelson