

Music Parent Meeting Minutes- February 16, 2023

Directors Present: Chris Moan, Mary McCarthy

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

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: No correspondence.

President's Report: Melody Taboada – "As you all might know John Miller, our fundraising chair, will be leaving us at the end of the year when his student graduates so we are in need of someone to replace him. If anyone is interested please reach out and let us know. We will be hosting a Winter Guard Competition here at VJA on the 30th and 31st of April. We will need a lot of parent volunteers to help make this a successful event so please sign up to help for one of the days. We will also need help with setup on Friday. Our website coordinator Gail Meyer has been doing an amazing job updating our website and making sure everything is up to date so thank you to Gail and be sure to check it out. Our Spring Craft Show is also coming up super fast. We will need a lot of help on Friday for setup, and also Saturday and Sunday's event as well as cleanup on Sunday. We will also have food trucks at the show which is a great addition to the show. Please share this event far and wide on your social media channels and tell all your family and friends to come out. A huge thank you to Beth for organizing this important and fun event."

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Procajlo – “The Fall Craft Show made approximately \$37,000 and our Invitational made close to \$16,700. We budgeted for a loss in the Marching Band budget but we use these events to help cover those losses which is why these fundraisers are such a big help. The Amazon Smile program is ending soon but we plan to start a wish list for items we purchase frequently. We have held 2 Double Good popcorn fundraisers with student funds being deposited into individual student accounts. Butterbraids and wreaths were split between the students and the music parents. Winter budgets will continue to be in flux as their seasons progress as well.”

Director's Report:

Mary McCarthy – “Congrats to our Winter Guard for a successful 1st competition. It's a fun show and it will be great to watch it progress throughout the season. Parent/Teacher conferences are on 3/7, signups start on 2/22. We will have online and in person available. Wind Symphony itinerary went out earlier this week, next Thursday we will be leaving for Western. Lockport and O'Fallon which are great bands will also be there. They will receive direct feedback from the composer for one of their arrangements. They will perform at 1pm on Saturday which will also be available for a live stream. Link will be sent out soon. ”

Mary McCarthy reporting for Mr. Iwinski – “Our bands had a really great set of performances at Wentz Hall and IMEC. There are 2 recordings available on YouTube from IMEC if you'd like to check them out. Symphonic Band took a trip out to Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais and had a great performance in a beautiful venue. Jazz Bands attended the Jazz Festival at Prairie State today and received great feedback with some awesome clinicians. Wind Symphony auditions are tomorrow after school, those time slots can be viewed in Google Classroom.

Mr. Moan – “We've got some great things going on in choir. A couple of our groups went out to the Joliet West Choral Fest with one of our groups scoring 3 points short of grand champion. Bel Canto had never

attended this festival before but did a fantastic job. The Bass section from our Chorale group won Best Bass Section for the day as well which was awesome. Rehearsals for our Spring Musical Chicago has begun with a choreography rehearsal going on as we speak. Tickets will be available for shows on April 13th, 14th, and 15th. Pit orchestra sign ups will be coming soon as well. Our Spring Concert is coming up on the 16th which will feature lots of fun pieces. Our D140 choral groups will be visiting us to perform a couple pieces of their own and join in with our groups for a big combined performance as well. Little Shop of Horrors was awesome, the students really did a great job.”

Fundraising – John Miller – “Ted’s Greenhouse will be kicking off next week with orders due on 3/14 and distribution on 5/13.

Kristy Randall – We have a dining night scheduled for 2/28 at the new HillGrove Tap. We will receive a 15% kickback for all lunch, dinner, and carryout that shows our flyer.

Open Discussion –

Lynette Lake (Winter Guard Coordinator) – “Winter Guard had a great outing at their first competition of the season where they placed 6th out of 9 groups in their class. The show was not yet complete and they didn’t have their uniforms yet so the group should start scoring higher now that they have both. We could always use parent help with getting props on and off the floor if anyone decides to attend any of their shows.”

Beth Soderlund (Craft Show Coordinator) – “Our crafter feedback that we receive always compliments our students for being very helpful. We now have 122 booths out of 142 full, with more applications coming in. Friday setup is a big job since we have to tape off all the booths. I brought some signs with me if anyone wants to take a couple and place them around busy areas of town that would be awesome. And if anyone is interested in shadowing me next year please let me know since my daughter will be a senior next year.”

John Miller – “We have been cleaning up some of the language in our bylaws and added a few items. These changes require either an accept all vote or need to be voted on individually. Do we have a motion to accept all changes? Jon Stachon and Camille Vopelak motioned to accept all changes.

Melody – “Our Fall 2023 Invitational date has changed to 9/23 due to the fall football scheduling. These changes have been updated on the calendar on our website.”

Next Meeting – March 21st @ 7:30pm in the Choir Room

Motion to Adjourn – Camille Vopelak and Lynn Meyrick