



VICTOR J. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Music Parent Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2021

Directors Present:	Mark Iwinski, Chris Moan, Mary McCarthy
Board:	Deb Jennings, Nancy Evens, Deb Jennings, Lauren Garrett, Melody Taboada, Tracy Procajlo,
Open and Welcome:	Lauren started the meeting. She welcomed everyone and announced that the Invitational was a very successful day. We received lots of positive feedback. She also thanked all the many volunteers and said that this is our biggest and best fundraiser of the year.
Secretary's Report:	The last meeting minutes were from the August 26, 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:	Deb Jennings said our first football game/Senior night went very well. She also thanked all the football game volunteers. Photos were taken the night of the community show and will come in soon. Stagg was our first competition and it was so exciting to be back out there! The Invitational was an amazing day and it all worked out. The on-line tickets went very smooth. Deb thanked each volunteer and specifically named each person and the amazing work they did! She also thanked the building administration and staff. Without the maintenance's support this would not be possible. We were thanked by a band director for providing cold water. Deb also thanked Mary for arranging to have the on-site first aid paid by the school. Mary also helped us take over the entire school for the day. We are still gathering receipts to tally the total funds raised for the day. Deb mentioned how this organization is not just about the music, but it is these kids being a part of something bigger than themselves. On competition days we will provide the kids lunch and give them snacks and drinks after their performance.
Treasurer's Report:	Nancy Evens referred to the budget that was distributed to everyone. The very early preliminary report on the Invitational shows about \$20,000 in ticket sales, \$660 in shout outs, and \$468 for split the pot. Our dining

nights raised \$108 from Oberweis and \$300 from Burger 21 (they rounded up their amount donated).

Director's Report:

Mr. Moan stated that he came to the invitational and saw 5 bands. He and his family very much enjoyed it. The Choir concert will be October 7th at 7pm and they are excited to get back on stage. He said the concert will be a mixed bag of lots of different genres. ILMEA online auditions are due on October 8th and the information has been distributed to students. The freshman show Rear View was written and directed by upper classmen and performed by freshman. The dress rehearsal was Sept. 21st and the performances were Sept. 23rd and 24th. The Prism concert in December will be all instrumental and vocal members. Dec. 7th 6-8:30pm will be dress rehearsal and there will be two performances on Dec. 8th & 9th. By having two performances this will create a better opportunity to distance and accommodate everyone.

Mr. Iwinski talked about the marching bands first competition at Stagg. It was a very special day. Even just having our name called is exciting. We won best percussion, best drum major and placed 2nd in our 2A class. At the VJA Invitational we would've placed 3rd overall after Lincoln Way and Lockport, and 2nd overall in music, however we were not in competition. Our shows this year are all fairly close to home and we perform near the end of our class and close to award time. The departure and arrival time will be similar each week and we plan to just take the track after performance to watch awards. After awards we will have a snack and then load. The kids should change immediately after arriving back at the school. Mr. Iwinski also thanked all the volunteers for the Invitational. He said it was a very successful day and we heard only positive feedback. ILMEA auditions are due to him by October 7th. Our concert will be in November. We are trying to provide strategies for kids to interact with each other again and are working on conflict resolutions. The vibe of the group is very good overall. There is only 5 more weeks left of the marching band season!

Mary McCarthy said the Invitational was an amazing day. We lost a lot of memory with skipping a year, but it all came together. There was so much energy and positivity that day. The shuttles worked out very well. Even with all the shortages in the world it all worked out. Next year's Invitational will be on September 17th. Parent teacher conferences will be virtual on October 12 noon – 7pm. Registration is on October 4th at 9am in Skyward. Each semester they will determine how conferences will be handled (either in person or virtual). The Prism concert will be December 8th and 9th, with rehearsal on the 7th. We will need volunteers "Shepherds" to help. There will be two performances so we can see our kids perform at least one night.

Fundraising Report: John Miller was unable to be here tonight. Therefore, Deb spoke on his behalf. The Century fundraiser was due September 22nd. October 18th will be the order pick up date. Some items will need to be refrigerated or frozen and cannot be stored at the school. All profits from Century will go to each student's account. The Holiday Wreaths fundraiser will start October 15th and be due on November 5th. They should be delivered on November 20th. We will need helpers the day of pick up. A new fundraiser called Double Good Popcorn will be November 11-15th and it will all be online. All proceeds will benefit each student's account. This one is super easy and there is no handling. The Disney first payment is due September 30th. In the fall there will be the Butter Braids fundraiser November 19 – December 3rd, with delivery on December 17th. Our next dining night will be Chipotle on September 22nd 5-9pm on Harlem. She also stated that the Subway by Walmart has been very helpful in feeding our band kids.

The next parent board meeting will be Thursday October 19th, 2021 at 7:30pm.

Motion to Adjourn: Deb Jennings

2nd: Melody Taboada