

## **Music Parent Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2026**

- Directors Present: Mark Iwinski, Chris Moan, Kristi Baker
- Board Members Present: Ellen Peterson, Michelle Metzke, Lisa Stein, Jennifer Cunico, Lisa Kelly, Maryanne Kladis

**Open and Welcome:** Ellen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Secretary's Minutes:** The minutes from this meeting and previous meetings can be found on [vjamusic.com](http://vjamusic.com).

**Correspondence:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Spring Craft fair did very well. We did better than last year in many areas. Admissions bought in well over \$6000.00, which is better than last year. Vendor booth rental went up as well, all booths sold out! Fall Craft Fair applications are already coming in. Dining nights went up as well.

Guard fees and percussion fees are almost all collected.

**President's Report:** Great weekend in Indy both percussion and guard competed over the weekend at the WGI Indianapolis Regional.

Winter Guard show is March 28 & 29.

Board Vacancies- There will be 2 vacancies on the Music Parent Board for next school year. Maryanne Kladis is sliding to the VP1 position.

We will need to fill the VP2 and Secretary positions for the upcoming school year. Elected positions nominations are open. To nominate someone please send an email to [gkirsch98@gmail.com](mailto:gkirsch98@gmail.com)

Nominations must be received by April 14. If we need Elections, they will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. If we do not need elections, then April 21 will be our last parent meeting of the year.

Aside from the open Board positions there are many other areas that need co-chairs or committee chairs.

We need someone to shadow Lisa Stein for Treasurer, as next year will be her last year as Treasurer.

We also need someone to help with the uniforms. We have someone in charge of that now, but need one more person to help.

We are also looking for someone to co-chair all the food/concessions for events, such as Invitational, Craft Fairs, Guard Show, etc.

Also, we need someone to take over the Raise Right gift card program. And finally, we are looking for people to help co-chair or head up areas of the craft fair. There is a lot of work that goes into the craft fair it would be great to get some extra help in that area.

### **Fundraising Updates:**

Dining nights- Culvers all day 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

Pops – 28<sup>th</sup> and Oberweis April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Director's Report: Mr. Moan:** The Choir is getting ready for May concerts. Choir students performed at Tinley Park Convention center to raise funds for scholarships.

The Spring Musical, *Matilda*, is underway. Show dates are April 30, May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Mr. I:** Small ensembles concert got canceled last week due to severe weather. We are looking at possibly making that up at a later date. Info will be sent out if that happens. Possibly, Jazz Bands will play at Harmony Square at some point. Percussion will perform during t-bolt time.

Symphonic band had great performances at both Lemont and SWSC Fest at Olivet.

Symphonic band is playing music that is reserved for Wind Symphony so they are doing exceptionally well.

We are seeing an increase in band numbers coming in from KSD so we will have 3 bands next year. Percussion will play for both bands Wind

Symphony and Symphonic. The last one will consist of Freshman that do not audition for Wind Symphony.

Placements for next year will come out after Spring Break.

Marching Band Uniforms have arrived for next year and are looking great. Those will all need to be unpacked and organized in the coming weeks.

Wind Symphony had a wonderful performance at Wheaton and the students are very prepared for MFA.

MFA Itinerary has been sent out along with the packing slip. Please send out the mandatory forms asap.

**Open Discussion:** Sandy thanked Mr. I and Mr. Moan for all their hard work. Discussed lowering the fees for Marching Bands. We would love to lower the fees for Marching band, and are working on that. Uniforms have already been purchased so the cost will go down due to that. Mr. Iwinski explained that some schools, like Sandburg, have lower fees because they do not buy their show the way Andrew does, our shows are composed specifically for us and our band and that cost a significant amount of money.

Our fundraisers are exceeding expectations so that will give us more money to work with to lower the fees for next year.

**Next Music Parent Meeting:** April 21@ 7:00pm in the Choir Room

**Motion to Adjourn:** Maria Kasang motioned to adjourn and Michelle Thorne seconded it.