ANDREW MUSIC PARENTS

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	**November 17, 2026**
Meeting Time	7:00 p.m.
Location	Victor J. Andrew High School Tinley Park, IL
Directors Present	Mark Iwinski
Board Members Present	Ellen Peterson, Maryanne Kladis, Norma Barakat, Lisa Stein, Lisa Kelly, Naomi Robinson

Open and Welcome

Secretary's Minutes

The minutes from this meeting and previous meetings can be found on vjamusic.com.

Correspondence

None.

Treasurer's Report

Lisa Stein: Treasurer's report is available. Fall Craft Fair netted $43k, which is up from last year, which was about $40k. We have had a nice donation come in. The money under Melka is a little high because the order just went out but that will get adjusted. Percussion payments are coming in and we are spending out for the show. MB wrapped up and everyone is paid out. Everything is looking good.

President's Report

Thank you to all the parent volunteers for all that you have done to make the craft fair a success. People showed up and knew where to go. We ended up having 195 sellers roughly, and a lot of great feedback from the attendees. Our admissions were up. This is our largest fundraiser, and we are thankful for the support. We are already working on the Spring Craft Fair registration but in this month of giving thanks I am thankful for all of you.

Fundraising Updates

Nov 25th: Buona Beef (Orland), with 20% kickback to us.

Dec. 1st: Butter Braids orders are due. Pickup is on Dec. 15th.

Dec. 2nd: Melka pickup from 4:30–6:30 p.m. and if you cannot make it, please have someone pick them up for you as the orders cannot be held at Melka.

Director's Report

Mr. Moan: (Mr. Iwinski provided updates on behalf of Mr. Moan)

Prism Concert ticket information will be released this Friday, Nov. 20, via email and Skyward.

Congrats to **Emma Lasak, Ania Rios, and Jocelyn Noeth** on their participation in the ILMEA District 1 Chorus—and another shoutout to our fabulous instrumental selectees as well!

This year's fall musical "Be More Chill" has been selected to perform at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival at the University of Illinois in January. Congrats to the cast, crew, and staff for making it happen!

Mr. Iwinski:

Prism concerts run twice and historically have good attendance. It's free but you must select seats. Volunteer opportunities will go out for students.

Concert and Symphonic bands will be combined. Jazz bands are running and we started last week. We will play North and Maple after Thanksgiving. Jazz Band 2 rehearses on Tuesday and Jazz 1 on Wednesday. It will run through March but focusing on holiday music now. Concert band is doing great and 2nd semester performances with concert bands will go out after the semester with IMEC being the first concert of note after the holiday. The IMEC performance is a 9:30 a.m. performance this year. More to come.

Audition information for next year's placements in bands will go out soon as well. All upperclassmen may move up with the opportunity to audition for wind symphony. Concert band being all freshmen has been fun this year. Looks like the numbers for registration will be up next year which is exciting.

Open Discussion (Parent feedback)

- Confirmation of the Illinois Theater Festival dates – Jan. 7–9.
- Spring Craft Fair moving to an online system is getting good feedback. Sandy thanks the team. There may still be checks, but fewer to manage than prior years, which is great news.
- If you have a child in Jazz Band, call North and Maple and make a reservation for Dec. 2 as this event is usually packed and seating will be limited.
- We are not hosting the Winter Guard show this year due to scheduling conflicts.
- Sandy raised a question as to why the spring musical was moved to mid-April, which conflicts with the WGI Championships for winter percussion. There is a potential that students interested in participating in both events will be unable to do so, either on stage or in the pit. She asked who is responsible for informing parents of this decision ahead of time so that they have the time to make an informed decision for and with their children.

  Mr. Iwinski explained that the theater meeting took place last year and scheduling is always a challenge. Staff understands that there will be conflicts with musician interested in participating in multiple shows. Mr. Iwinski and Mr. Moan were able to work out the Winter Musical dates to avoid some potential conflicts like AP testing and Prom. Mr. Iwinski suggests that parents raise any concerns to the Directorial staff so those concerns can be reviewed and addressed. Mr.

Iwinski and Mr. Barone will also continue to work together to ensure the band programs do not compete with each other.

- Increasing Craft Fair admission fees: A suggestion was made to increase our craft fair fees to align closer to what other schools and shows were charging in our area. Alfonso suggested we increase admission fees from $3 to $5, take $1 and apply it to STP, and give a ticket to each attendee. With rising costs, we have also proactively increased Spring Fair registration fees for crafters by $15.
- Tax preparation costs: As of now we have a relationship we are happy with currently, but we will take the suggestion, to obtain competitive quotes, under advisement.

Next Music Parent Meeting

Date/Time: ***(updated)*** February 17, 2027, at 7:00 p.m. **Location:** VJA Choir Room

Motion to Adjourn

Adjournment Time: 7:45 p.m.

Motion By: Matt Windle

Seconded By: Chip Brauer