

## **Music Parent Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2025**

- Directors Present: Mark Iwinski, Chris Moan, Kristi Baker
- Board Members Present: Theresa Aron, Michelle Metzke, Tracy Procajlo, Jennifer Cunico, Lisa Stein, Ellen Peterson

**Open and Welcome:** Theresa Aron welcomed everyone to the meeting, which will be the last regular meeting of the school year.

**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:** Tracy Procajlo reviewed the financial Statement of Activity year-to-date. Winter Guard and Winter Percussion expenses have been added since last month. There are still a few last staff payments for Winter Guard/Percussion.

**President's Report:** Theresa Aron shared positive feedback on the very successful Winter Guard and Percussion seasons and expressed her thanks to all of the parent volunteers.

There is a Color Guard clinic on May 6th and 8th for anyone interested in joining.

There will be an election on Monday, May 5th at 7pm, as we have two contested positions.

- Secretary: Deb Jennings and Maryanne Kladis
- Fundraising Chair: Alfonso Amante and Lisa Kelly

**Fundraising Updates:** Lisa Stein reported that items purchased for the Ted's Greenhouse fundraiser will be delivered to the school on Saturday, May 10th. Pickup times will be announced.

### **Director's Report:**

Ms. Baker introduced Mr. Tony Serratore, D230 board member, former band parent and band supporter. The end of the year is approaching fast. Prom is on April 25th, Senior Trip is on May 2nd, graduation info is starting to come out, and ACT testing has wrapped up. It has been such a successful year with the invitational and craft shows.

Mr. Iwinski reported that Wind Symphony was accepted to participate in the Superstate festival at U of I. They will be performing on Friday, May 9th. The finale concert and senior recognition will be on Tuesday, May 13th. The competitive winter seasons have concluded and were extremely successful, with Winter Guard finishing 25th out of over 120 teams, and Winter Percussion winning gold in the Scholastic Open class for the second consecutive year. The Disney trip was immensely successful and a lot of fun.

Monday May 19th, is the 2025 Marching Band kickoff meeting. The show is already in development. Mini-camp on Saturday, May 31st. Percussion and wind pre-season rehearsals will begin in June. Everyone should be present for band camp the first week of August.

Mr. I. expressed his thanks to the board, especially the outgoing members Theresa Aron and Tracy Procajlo. He has been at VJA for 15 years and hasn't seen this level of financial transparency and stability

before now. With this strong financial foundation, it is possible to take a look at meeting the needs of the entire program. He also put VJA marching band fees into perspective by sharing Lincoln-Way marching band's fee structure.

Mr. Moan reported that rehearsals for *Guys and Dolls* have been going really well. Tickets will be on sale Monday for shows May 8th - 10th. The finale choral concert will be on Thursday, May 14th. It has been such a phenomenal year all around for the music program. A big thank you to the music parents and to the music parents board for all the things unseen that happen to support the music programs.

### **Open Discussion:**

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered for the craft fair.

Would really appreciate the effort to review and reduce participation fees for next year.

Thank you again to Mr. Serratore, who is in his final two years of his board position. Mr. Serratore is so proud of the VJA music program and will continue to support it even after his board position expires. If anyone has questions or concerns, please reach out to him. He appreciates the support of the parents because he knows what it takes.

Spring Craft Show dates are February 28th - March 1st, 2026.

**Next Music Parent Meeting:** Elections will be on Monday, May 5th at 7:00pm

**Motion to Adjourn:** Lisa Kelly made a motion to adjourn, Deb Jennings seconded