

Music Parent Meeting Minutes - November 15, 2022

Directors Present: Mark Iwinski, 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 the October 2022 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 – "The Fall Craft Show was absolutely amazing. A big thank you to Beth for organizing another successful show and to all the parent and student volunteers. If your student volunteered to help during the show please let them know that the crafters were extremely thankful and appreciative of their help. They really enjoy seeing the students there. Many crafters have said they were going to help spread the word of how well organized our show was in hopes to bring in more crafters. Our marching band season will wrap up this Friday with our banquet which is always a nice way to end the season. Thank you to Claudia for organizing this event. Winter Percussion and Winter Guard auditions started last week and continue into this week. We will be hosting a Winter Guard competition here at VJA this spring. It will not entail as much work as the Marching Band Invitational but we will still need lots of volunteers to make it successful.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Procajlo – "The Fall Craft Show made approximately \$27,000 which helps our budget tremendously since we budgeted a loss for the marching band season. Final totals for the Invitational are coming in around \$16,500."

Director's Report:

Mary McCarthy – “8th grade open house is coming up and is a great way to showcase the wonderful programs we offer here at VJA. Please help spread the word about our music programs to families with incoming students. Wind Symphony is headed out to Prairie View Middle School tomorrow for a small performance in the hopes to retain as many middle school students as possible. Our incoming 8th graders took the placement test last Saturday and registration begins on 1/24. Congrats on organizing another well run craft show. The playoff football game was also great. Choir performed beautifully at the NHS ceremony last night.”

Mary McCarthy reporting for Chris Moan who was at rehearsal for the Winter Musical the Little Shop of Horrors – “Chris would like to report that everything is going great with all of our choral groups and the Winter Musical.”

Mark Iwinski – “Middle School Tour will happen this Wednesday and Thursday. Our Wind Symphony and Saxophone Trio will perform and Brian Polacek will be there to meet with students. Prism Concert is coming as well for all of our choral and band groups. We will need parent volunteers to help coordinate the movement of the student groups during the performances. Ticket orders will be coming out very soon for those concerts. There will be a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, followed by concerts on Wednesday and Thursday. We will be performing a mixture of both traditional holiday music and some wintery music. Christian Acosta did an awesome job at the ILMEA jazz performance. 7 of our band and 2 of our choir students are performing at this weekend's ILMEA festival as well. Jazz band has started and we have enough students for 2 groups this year which is great. Winter Percussion and Guard are now off and running and Pep Band starts in a couple of weeks as well.”

Fundraising – John Miller – “Wreath delivery is on Saturday from 10-11 and we could use some parents to help sort and organize the orders. ButterBraid Fundraiser starts tomorrow and orders are due December 1st with order pickup occurring on the 16th. Upcoming dining events include Lou Malnati’s on 12/14, and Burger 21 on January 18th. Please share these events and help get the word out.

Open Discussion –

Lynette Lake (Winter Guard Coordinator) – “Winter Guard had a good turnout of 21 students for their first clinic tonight but the hope is that we have 24-25 students. As stated earlier we are looking forward to hosting the Winter Guard competition and we will need volunteers so keep an eye out for more information to come.”

Next Meeting – 2/16 @ 7:30pm in the Choir Room

Motion to Adjourn – Lynn Meyrick and Claudia Gonzalez