

Music Parent Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2024

- Directors Present: Mark Iwinski
- Board Members Present: Melody Taboada, Theresa Aron, Tracy Procajlo, Jennifer Cunico, Nancy Evens, Ellen Peterson

Open and Welcome: Melody Taboada welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Ellen Peterson reported that the minutes from the March meeting are posted on the vjamusic.com website.

Correspondence: Melody Taboada reported no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Procajlo reviewed updates to the financial statement since the March meeting. We achieved a great net profit on all of the fundraisers. We made money only on concessions for the guard show, but the show was also a big boost to our reputation in the local community and the guard community as well. The board and program directors are meeting May 7th to set the budget for next year. One of the goals is to keep Marching Band fees flat or lower. Still outstanding for this year's budget: \$3000 in scholarships to be awarded; \$3000 to pay musicians, etc. for the spring musical; \$2000 to update shako boxes/racks, as well as the trailer wrap. Additionally, Winter Guard/Percussion are wrapping up budgets to pay their staff.

Director's Report

Mr. Moan (Mr. I. reporting) – The spring musical, Mean Girls, is coming up May 2 – 4. May 16 is the finale Pops concert. It is a really special event, so come on out!

Ms. Baker (Mr. I. reporting) - Congratulations to Winter Percussion! Please keep an eye out for end of year school communications regarding graduation, finals, etc. Seniors' last day is May 17. Final exams start on May 28. Thank you to the music board and all parent volunteers. Have a wonderful summer!

Mr. Iwinski – The D230 band showcase at the CSO was an amazing night. The Hersey festival had two amazing performances; Symphonic had a great performance and clinic; Wind Symphony played last for the evening and played an amazing and difficult piece by David Maslanka. The Finale concert is May 14. Symphonic Band's theme is Mother Earth/nature; Wind Symphony's theme is triumph over tragedy. Senior awards will be given at the concert as well.

This year has been incredible, with Marching Band taking 3rd place at ISU, Wind Symphony earning Grand Champion of the Lemont Midwest Music Festival, Winter Guard having a banner season, and Winter Percussion winning their class at the WGI world championships.

May 20 is the Marching Band kickoff meeting. All parents, including parents of returning students, should plan to attend. Preseason rehearsals begin on May 28.

Charms will be temporarily unavailable as they're converting to a new platform called Cut Time. Tracy Procajlo will send out an email once the conversion is complete.

President's Report: Graduating students with a Charms balance can still use it for the guard/percussion banquets, transfer their balance to a specific student, or transfer their balance to the general hardship fund that has been created. With the Disney trip next year, there will be lots of fundraising opportunities. It will be a busy spring with the Disney trip, guard show, and then WGI.

Winter Guard made WGI semi-finals for the first time in eight years. To see the show this year from two years ago, it has transformed so much. Kassie and her team are doing an amazing job. Thank you for everyone's help with the guard show. Winter Percussion won gold in the scholastic class for the first time. Alan has an unbelievable staff. The students performed four shows in five days and they were still having fun!

Please reinforce with your students that school is still the priority, and that student attendance is important. If they don't attend four periods of the school day, they will not be allowed to participate in after-school rehearsals, sports practice, etc. The school will be strictly enforcing this next school year.

Thank you to everyone for their support over the past two years. Thank you to the board, and congrats to Nancy who is also moving on. The new board for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Theresa Aron – President
- Michelle Metzke – 1st VP
- Jen Cunico – 2nd VP
- Tracy Procajlo – Treasurer
- Ellen Peterson – Secretary
- Lisa Stein – Fundraising

Fundraising Update: Sponsoring restaurants from the guard show - \$135 from Pops, \$40 from Culvers, \$30 from Krispy Kreme. We received a \$25 gift card to raffle off from Hillgrove Tap. Ted's Greenhouse flower pickup is May 11; time estimated to be around 10am. Ted's will have an additional fundraiser starting May 15 with proceeds going to the general fundraising fund.

Open Discussion: Brief conversation about the funding music programs receive from the school/district, potential interest in district-wide programs, each school program's different strengths and priorities. Theresa Aron and Michelle Metzke both read their nominations of Melody Taboada for the Golden Bolt Award. Paul Magsombol expressed his thanks to all of the parents for their time and dedication to the students.

Next Meeting: Fall TBD

Motion to Adjourn: Beth Soderlund; Jackie Nelson seconded.