

Music Parent Meeting Minutes – March 19th, 2024

- Directors Present: Kristy Baker, Mark Iwinski
- Board Members Present: Melody Taboada, Theresa Aron, Tracy Procajlo, Ellen Peterson

Open and Welcome: Melody Taboada welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Iwinski introduced D230 board member Tony Serratore, who was in attendance.

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

Correspondence: Melody Taboada reported no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Procajlo reviewed updates to the finance report since the February meeting. The main activity right now is with Winter Guard/Percussion. Staff payments still due. They are paid at the directors' discretion. In previous years, have done payouts after large fundraising events to ensure that the budget could cover the payments. The spring craft show returned a net profit \$28k, which is great for the spring show. The Ted's Greenhouse fundraiser will have a small profit to the org; most of the profit will go to student accounts to allow them to start saving for the Disney trip. The goal is to decrease or maintain marching band costs for next year. The meeting to discuss next year's budget will be on May 7th.

Director's Report

Mr. Moan (Mr. I reporting) – The March choir concert was a great success. They are now gearing up for the May 16th Pops concert. The spring musical, Mean Girls, is coming up May 2nd – 4th.

Mr. Iwinski – We are very excited for the Wind Symphony performance at the D230 Showcase at CSO. It was a successful concert week with two separate concerts for Wind Symphony/Symphonic Band and small ensembles. On Friday, February 23rd, both bands went to the Lemont Music Festival. They both had great performances, and Wind Symphony took the top score of the event. Wind Symphony will find out if they'll be invited to Superstate at U of I on March 22nd. There is a great culture and momentum going into next year, and he plans to announce ensemble placements before spring break. The finale concert will be on May 14th. Marching band is ramping up as well. He is working on scheduling a date for the kickoff meeting. We will be attending both ISU and U of I competitions this year.

Ms. Baker – Once we come back from spring break, we go right into PSAT/SAT testing; students should have received specific info for their respective tests. They will be fully digital this year; students will need fully charged Chromebook and charger for the exam. Students have received information regarding exam practice and prep questions.

Mr. Serratore – He has been on the school board for 11 years now. He is the father of a band program alumni from several years ago. He and other former band dads still keep in touch and fund a scholarship for band students. You can reach out to Mr. I. if interested in contributing. Mr. Serratore has a soft spot for the band program and will do whatever he can to help if he can. He is more than willing to bring requests to the table for consideration. We are grateful for his support! District-wise, it has been a great year. The district has great numbers of National Merit scholars. The board passed its 20th consecutive balanced budget in the fall.

President's Report – The craft show was a huge success. Thank you to Beth Soderlund for everything she has done running the craft show; Michelle Metzke for managing the volunteers; Amy Leistra for the

admin work with the school; Chip Brauer and Sandy Murray for all their work and for taking over for Beth. We received great feedback for the Facebook page. The biggest draw to our craft show for the vendors are the students. They are polite and they handle the vendors' crafts with great care.

Winter Percussion did awesome at the WGI power regional competition, taking first in a very competitive field.

The Winter Guard program is growing tremendously. They could very well make semis at the WGI mid-East power regional. Kassie's doing a wonderful job. The parent show is March 30th for both Percussion and Guard.

We are hosting the Midwest Color Guard Competition April 6th – 7th. This is a mandatory volunteer event for winter percussion and guard parents, but we would of course welcome any and all volunteers! The signup sheet will be going out soon. Both Winter Guard and Winter Percussion will be performing. We get concession revenues and facility rental revenues only for this event. We will have dining fundraisers the weekend of the competition - Culvers TP 4/6 – 4/7, Pop's Beef 4/6 and Hillgrove Tap 4/7. We will advertise with flyers and in the school community. A suggestion was made to sell shout-outs and flower/note deliveries.

The Music Parents Board received the Golden Bold award for the community member category and will be recognized April 11th. The award is a testament to the strong volunteer participation of the entire music parents association!

Nominations for next year's board are now being accepted. All positions are open. Beth Soderlund will be receiving nominations; please email alysmom21@gmail.com. Current nominations:

- Theresa Aron – President
- Lisa Stein – Fundraising
- Michelle Metzke – 1st VP
- Jen Cunico – 2nd VP

- Ellen Peterson – Secretary
- Tracy Procajlo – Treasurer

If there are no other nominations, April 23rd will be the last parent meeting.

Fundraising Update – Ted’s Greenhouse fundraiser has wrapped. Over \$1400 will go into student accounts. Pickup is May 11th; should be ready between 10-11, depending on when flowers are delivered. The Krispy Kreme kickback is still running for all of March. You can purchase from any location or purchase a voucher for future purchase. The Fannie May Palos location is holding a fundraising event March 23rd – 24th where we get 20% of sales. We could look at selling candy bars at the guard competition.

Open Discussion

- Please fill out the 5 Essentials survey – open until March 29th
- Additional craft show debrief
 - 150 booths for the spring, 1986 attendees
 - Already planning updated layout for the fall
 - 42 paid booths for the fall craft show already
 - Suggestion – sell Krispy Kremes as a fundraiser?
 - Could we add food trucks for fall? Weather is a wild card, plus we need to look at the balance between possible food truck and concessions income and expense.

Next Meeting – April 23rd, 2024

Motion to Adjourn – Amy Leistra and Jackie Nelson