

Music Parent Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2024

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

Open and Welcome: Theresa Aron welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Secretary's Minutes: Ellen Peterson reported that the minutes from this meeting and previous years' meetings can be found on vjamusic.com.

Correspondence: None.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Procajlo reviewed the current statement of financial activity to date. The craft fair seller spots are sold out and all fees are collected. There are a few more Invitational participating school fees. Net income for the Invitational was about \$21,000. All marching band fees have been collected. There are still some marching band expenses in staff fees and food for the U of I competition. Expenses are overall less than projected.

Director's Report:

Mr. Iwinski reported that, since our last meeting, the marching band went to Providence and swept all awards in 2A, coming in second overall to Lincoln-Way. At the Lincoln-Way Invitational, VJA placed second in 2A. At the ISU Marching Band Championships, we made finals for the 28th time in school history and placed ninth overall. This has been an incredible year of growth for the band and the students. There is an open final run-through of the performance on Wednesday 10/23 at 8:40pm. Family and friends are invited to attend. For the football game on 10/25, the band will play a portion of their routine. We are all set for the final competition of the season at U of I on 10/26. It has

been a great season; thank you to everyone for their support. The bands have their first concert on Tuesday 10/29 in the Performing Arts Center at 7pm. They are performing a nice repertoire and are sounding great. Symphonic Band will have a combined rehearsal after school on Monday 10/28. The 8th grade open house is on Wednesday 10/30, so we will be looking for student volunteers to help promote the band program. Congratulations to all of the ILMEA selectees - 13 in all! The ILMEA District Festivals will be held in November.

Ms. Baker reported for Mr. Moan that congratulations are in order to Davien Bowman for making the ILMEA District 1 Chorus. The Chorale is singing at the upcoming SWSC Festival Lincoln-Way. Auditions for the winter musical, *Alice by Heart*, will be held on Monday 11/4 from 3:15pm - 6:15pm in the choir room. All are encouraged to try out! Prep help sessions will be available the Tuesday and Thursday before auditions during T-bolt Time.

President's Report: Theresa Aron gave a big thank you to all who have volunteered during the marching season. We wouldn't do it without each and every one of you. It was great to see so many freshman parents jump right in. The end of season marching band banquet is coming up on Sunday 11/10. Please check CutTime for sign-up information. The Craft Fair is coming up on Saturday and Sunday 11/2 - 11/3, with setup on Friday 11/1 in the evening. We can always use more volunteers. Thank you to Chip for selling out the show. We have a waiting list. Student volunteers should sign up through Mrs. Balestri.

Fundraising Updates: Lisa Stein reported that the next fundraiser is going to be the holiday greens from North Country. Order forms will be available on Monday 10/28. The next fundraiser right before the holidays will be Butter Braids. On Friday 11/8 from 10am - 10pm we will have a dining fundraiser at Panda Express in Orland Park.

Open Discussion: There was a discussion about options for parents to ask and answer questions online. The VJA Bands Facebook group is closed to posting except for moderators, but the Band app has a chat function that parents can use. There was a discussion of how revenue is spent throughout the year. Gratitude was again expressed for the volunteers, board and staff. There was a question on winter percussion/winter guard participation fees. They will be announced once the number of participants in each group is finalized.

Next Music Parent Meeting: Tuesday, November 19th 7:30pm in the Choir Room

Motion to Adjourn: Lisa Kelly, Sal Fricano seconded