

## **Music Parent Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2024**

- Directors Present: Mark Iwinski, Chris Moan, Kristi Baker
- Board Members Present: Theresa Aron, 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](http://vjamusic.com). We are still working with the directors to update CutTime with all choir, band, and theater members, so thanks for your patience as we get our communications cadence going.

**Correspondence:** Theresa Aron reported no correspondence at this time.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tracy Procajlo reported that the majority of the budget activity so far has been for marching band: uniforms, food for the students for band camp, band camp staff fees. We have already deposited \$23,000 for the craft fair and are already near vendor capacity. We are currently collecting participating band and sponsor fees for the Marching Band Invitational. CutTime is where the student fundraising credit balances are; we are still in the process of setting up all music program students in the system.

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

Ms. Baker welcomed everyone, especially the new parents. Back to School night is next Tuesday 8/26, 6pm for seniors and 7pm for all students. Communications are going out that the state of Illinois has switched from the SAT to the ACT for its standardized test requirement starting in October. If your junior wants to take the NMSQT, they can fill out a Google form, or please reach out to their counselor.

Mr. Iwinski reported that the band program is off to a great start. Marching band is working on their show. We have a fantastic group of students and are on a good track to finish the show very soon. The concert bands will have their first concert in October. The first home football game and senior night is on Friday 8/30. Stagg's first competition is on Saturday 9/7. Mr. I will send out an itinerary approximately one week in advance of competitions.

Mr. Moan reported that everything is going wonderfully so far. Choirs have been set and students are getting started with lessons. October 8th is the fall concert. The freshman play, called It's All Greek to Me, will be at the end of September. It is written and produced by students!

**President's Report:** We are selling marching band student shoutouts for the Marching Band Invitational program, as well as looking for local business owners to advertise. More information will be sent out. The next Invitational planning meeting is Thursday 8/22 at 7pm.

**Fundraising Updates:** We are having a Smashburger dining fundraiser on Sunday 8/25 at the Orland Park location. On Friday 8/23 we are kicking off the S&T pizza setup fundraiser, with \$5 of every kit sold going directly to the student's fundraising account.

**Open Discussion:** A choir/theater parent had questions regarding out of pocket expenses for the plays, the purpose of the fundraising, and awareness and communication regarding fundraising activities. Tracy, Mr. Moan, Mr. I. and Theresa explained some breakdown of expenses and the availability to use fundraising funds to offset any expenses related to any of the programs. We will work to get better communications to all program participants and families regarding fundraising opportunities.

**Next Music Parent Meeting:** September 25th 7:30pm in the Choir Room

**Motion to Adjourn:** Jon Stachon, Sandy Murray seconded