

## **Association of Music Parent (AMP) Board Meeting Agenda Sept. 12, 2018 (Orchestra/Choir Room at GBW)**

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**Attendance:** Nicole Krueger, Cherri Z. Morawski, Susan Blatt, William Ortega, Amy Raczka, Gilbert Goodman, Amy Goodman, Jon Walsh, Aniello Barone, Andy Jeffrey, Sharon Creaser, Barri Maaske, Heidi Hoppe, Ita Fischer, Jodi Baltimore, Janet Wuertzer, Wendy Garland, Jennifer Pembroke Johnson, Channing Johnson, Mary LaVaque, Kim Laird, Jeff Laird, Sherry Scheller, Ginna Nemec, Betsy Talbott

1. Call to Order—Presidents Kim and Jeff Laird @ 7:03pm.
2. Review and approval of minutes from the last board meeting of AMP (Aug. 8, 2018). Channing moved to approve the Aug. 8 minutes as amended; Ita seconded. Unanimous approval. Mary LaVaque moved to approved the curtainraiser meeting minutes; Wendy Garland seconded.
3. Presidents' Report—Jeff and Kim Laird: Kim commented that she loved the music notes. Kim raised the issue of the audit, and that we still need a chair. Ita has agreed to chair the audit (serve as project manager for this year's audit).
4. Vice Presidents' Report— Amy Goodman (Welcome and thank you!): no report. Susan Blatt: no report and Amy Raczka: Choir picnic was wonderful!
5. **Orchestra Director's Report**—Bill Ortega:

All string players played for me the first full week of school and the students now have a seating chart. The front stand of each section stays the same, but the stands behind rotate once a week like the Chicago Symphony does.

### **MENTORS/MENTEES**

Some of the more experienced string players have volunteered to work with some of the younger talent once a week during class.

### **UNIFORMS**

All new string players have been measured for a uniform (tuxedo/black dress) and will receive it soon along with a bill. If available, students will receive a used uniform (cleaned) which will cost less than a new one. If a used uniform in the student's size is unavailable, a new uniform will be issued.

**Note:** The new dresses are all VERY long and will need to be hemmed along with other alterations as needed. Tuxedo pants will also need to be hemmed.

Students who outgrew their uniform brought them to school, were re-measured, and will soon receive a replacement at no cost.

### **COOKIE DOUGH**

All orders have been turned in.

### **NEW PURCHASES**

- GW Boosters – cello
- APO Linda Oberg – two violas

### **ILLINOIS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION DISTRICT 9 AUDITION**

All audition music and information can be found on the GW Orchestra Schoology page.

Tuesday, October 2 = audition @ Addison Trail HS

Saturday, November 3 = all day festival @ Elgin High School

### **HOMECOMING**

Saturday, September 22

Orchestra will have a car in the parade.

### **PIT ORCHESTRA**

*Guys and Dolls*

Rehearsals have begun.

Performances November 1-3 (Thursday-Saturday)

### **FALL ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

Our first public performance will be Thursday, September 27 at 7:30pm in the Auditorium. In the past, our fall concert was the combined District 87 festival where all district string players combined to form an extremely large orchestra that performed a concert under the direction of a guest conductor. Because it was becoming too unwieldy, we decided to change the format. (See below.)

### **DISTRICT 87 ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL**

The format this year will be different. Rather than a concert, this will be a festival format where each orchestra will play for each other and receive comments from a clinician.

Tuesday, October 16 all day at Glenbard South.

- Orchestras from South, East, and West will perform for each other and for a clinician who will give comments.
- G. North will have freshmen string players next year.

### **LYRIC OPERA FIELD-TRIP**

Friday, November 30 @ 7:00pm - "Il Travatore" by Verdi.

- Orchestra & Music Theory AP
  - band and choir kids may join us if interested
- \$30 (does not include Metra ticket)
- Complicated story (You'd fall asleep if I tried to explain it to you.)
- This opera Involves the following:
  - a curse,
  - a burning at the stake,
  - and revenge!
- Tenor sings a "High C"! (It's glorious! You will be amazed!)
- Famous "Anvil Chorus". (You'll recognize it when you hear it.)

This opera is featured prominently in the Marx Brothers' 1935 comedy film "A Night At the Opera".

6. **Choir Director's Report**—Andy Jeffrey: Choir BBQ was held; subwoofer purchased; ILMEA auditions coming up. AM Choral directors association honor choir (9-state region in Kansas City, MO); auditions due Oct. 3. Homecoming float with theatre folks. D87 mens fest tomorrow at GBSouth. Treble choir will be traveling to NIU's choir day. In Nov, field trip to Carthage College festival. Chamber choir a capella in Chicago. Mr. Barone from Wheaton College is still with us (student teacher), and we are glad to have him; he has lots of opportunities to accompany the students on piano and help with Guys and Dolls.
7. **Band Director's Report**—Jon Walsh. Marching band pictures and parent night, followed by the curtainraiser. Concert upcoming Oct. 4: R-E-S-P-E-C-T! First football game and

senior day this past Sat. Boosters for the band purchased 2 fiberglass sousaphones; still waiting for them to arrive. Linda Oberg purchased \$23,000 worth of instruments for us. Upcoming: Band day at Western Michigan; show shirts on Friday. WMU will be doing Lady Ga Ga show, and GBW will be playing. Homecoming next week, followed by chamber groups and chamber music. ILMEA: 20 students interested. Band concert is Oct. 4. Every sit-down band will be playing Leonard Bernstein music. Channing noted that WMU is excited about the 1,000 kids who will be playing Lady Ga Ga! Thank you to Mr. Walsh and Mr. Ortega for their hard work in preparing ILMEA.

8. Corporate Treasurer's Report—Channing Johnson: Has sent out July and Aug. statements; we are flush with coin because band camp payments have come in; still expecting the invoice from Whitewater. Contributions and yard signs will show up in Sept. Any questions?
9. Student Account Treasurer's Report- Heidi Hoppe: Ginna, thank you for putting the newest student account reports on the website. Channing, I transferred the money, but still need to keep \$500 for the trip to Italy.
10. Secretary's Report—Betsy Talbott: Thank you to Jodi for sending out the music note reminder to everyone about tonight's meeting. Much appreciated!
11. Committee Reports
  - a. Volunteer Coordinator- Cherri Morawski
  - b. Social Committee-Jennifer Pembroke Johnson. Around 60 people attended our tailgate with \$315 in donations to cover the cost of Jimmy Johns. 30 or 40 kids came afterward and polished off the rest of the food.
  - c. Fundraising - Ita Fischer: No report.
  - d. Annual Contributions - Sherry Scheller: Donations coming in steadily and Sherry will deliver them to Channing by Sept. 20.
  - e. Marching Band volunteers – Sharon Creaser: We have an enthusiastic crowd of volunteers this year; we have 12 adults who are willing to travel to WMU from 6am Sat. to 1am (or later) on Sunday.
  - f. Great Lakes Scrips - Pam Kelleher: Scrips is exploding, with ~24 people signing up in the past 10 days. Channing noted that we are already 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the way to our goal for the year
  - g. Barone's- Lee Fruit
  - h. Greens - Ed (& Melissa) Herlihy
  - i. Communications - Jodi Baltimore: We sent 5 electronic messages to 478 email addresses. The average open rate is ~50%. Next newsletter in November 1; please send information to Jodi ~1 week ahead. Lots of people stepping down at the end of this year--we should plan ahead for replacements.
  - j. Yard Signs - Nicole Krueger reported on the number of yard signs sold to date this year, and the number remaining.
  - k. Sweatshirts - Wendy Garland. Michael Snyder (band parent) is working with her, as well as Nicole Kreuger. Tech shirts will be available @ \$18 each (black or grey). Unanimous vote in favor! How do I go about setting this up for sale? Provide the final information: cost, size, color to Ginna (website) and Jodi (communications).

Pay by check and send to your director. (Show samples at each concert.) Develop a form to submit your order.

- l. Marketing/Promotion/Website - Ginna Nemecek Jarrett: Need to re-do our director's page (update the pictures; include Mrs. Ortega and Mrs. Beckham in the picture). Updated student account policy is in the new by-laws. Ginna will put the information on a flyer. Thank you for the donation of 99 cans of soda (Can hold the remaining cans of soda until our next concession.)
- m. Cookie Dough - Barri Maaske: Entered the information. We had 178 students selling. \$36,000 sold!
- n. Poinsettias - Susan Blatt (late fall activity)
- o. Floral Symphony – Nancy Perlman (spring fundraiser)
- p. Butterbraids - Claire Doran (spring fundraiser)
- q. Concessions - Mary LaVaque/Jeff Laird: We had a lot of volunteers for concessions, especially kids. We also sold at the JV game. We sold all of the food that we cooked and were busy throughout. We will have the numbers soon. Next concession is Sept. 29. Mary and Jeff will both be out of town that weekend; any volunteers to cover concessions on that day? The shift could be split between more than one person. Both concessions should have 3 time slots on the google doc. Of the people who are signed up for the 29<sup>th</sup>, who would take charge of the money? Andy will pitch in for the time that he's there, and will recruit an adult to take over when he needs to leave.
- r. Madrigals/Cabaret Night (spring activity)
- s. Program Ads – Mary LaVaque. Created a new form for the website and a new email to send out the program ad requests. Deadline for the first program is Sept. 20. Can pay by check, but Paypal is also an option.

#### 12. Unfinished Business/New Business:

Note: Jeff, Heidi, and Mr. Walsh are the check-signers.

Kim and Jeff Laird adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.

#### **Next meetings:**

Oct. 10, 7pm orchestra/choir room

Nov. 7, 7pm orchestra/choir room