

Association of Music Parents (AMP) Board Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2016 Orchestra/Choir Room at GBW

Present: Betsy Talbott, Sherry Scheller, Jennifer Pembroke Johnson, Ginna Nemec-Jarrett, Mary Villmow, Becky Allen-English, Tricia Posegay, Ann Marie Perez, Mary La Vaque, Gail Jo Kelly, William Ortega, Andy Jeffrey, Jeff Laird, Kim Laird, Rashesh Shah, Bob Hernandez, Jon Walsh, Kim Ryan, Susan Blatt, Heide Hoppe, Anne Blythe, Ed Herlihy, Shareon Creaser, Lora Ilhardt, Nicole Krueger

Absent:

Tricia Posegay called the meeting to order @ 7:02pm

Asked us to review minutes from the Sept meeting.

Kim Ryan moved to approve the minutes; Mary LaVaque seconded.

Unanimous approval of minutes from the Sept. 6 AMP meeting

Officers' and Directors' Reports

President's Report: Tricia Posegay. Nothing to report. Continued with the meeting agenda.

Vice Presidents' Reports

Lora Ilhardt (orchestra): nothing to report

Rashesh Shah (band): Asked about the organization of information, such as emails shared via google docs, with tabs containing parent emails. There was some discussion of the issue, particularly the ease of communication between vice presidents and members of band, orchestra, and choir. Rashesh offered to create a shared system, such as google drive to ease the sharing of documents over the years.

Kim Laird (choir): announced that volunteers will be needed for the upcoming choir concert. Mary Villmow will recruit volunteers.

Choir Director's Report: Andy Jeffrey provided updates regarding the following:

- Successful choir BBQ (thanks to Jeff Laird for cooking 1,000 hamburgers!)
- D87 Mens fest at GBSouth (including Hadley guys) was a success
- ILMEA auditions; 5 choir youth were selected
- Freshman student choir event at Lake Park High School
- Advanced women's choir will perform at St. Mary's in South Bend, IN

- Bob Boyd (colleague of Mr. Jeffrey) will be assisting in class soon
- Voice scholarships coming out soon
- Field trip to Carthage College in Nov.
- Once upon a Mattress musical coming up in Nov.
- Alice Parker (legendary composer) will be at COD doing a sing-event and visiting West to work with choir students

Orchestra Director's Report: Bill Ortega provided updates regarding the following:

- All district third graders visited orchestra and marching band recently
- Homecoming parade (thank you Cosby family for sharing your car)
- Once Upon a Mattress from the pit perspective (the show is written for the violas to take the lead!)
- Field trip to Lyric Opera this Sunday 10.16
- D87 stringfest coming up next week: Thursday Oct. 20 (7pm)
- Tom Bowling at GBSouth retiring: celebration on 10.20
- Chamber ensemble work after the concert
- Volunteers lined up for the Oct. 20 rehearsal at GBSouth
- 14 violists; Linda Oberg has provided her support
- ILMEA: 7 made it
- HSO already selected for the honors ILMEA event in January. Photos tomorrow for HSO
- Approved money for orchestra polos; Mr. Ortega requested \$500 from AMP to purchase polos; orchestra will repay as the shirts are sold. Motion to approve the purchase & seconded; approved unanimously.

Band Director's Report: Jon Walsh provided updates regarding the following:

- Marching band competitions over for 2016
- Last home football game at 1pm on 10.22
- Band hosted 150 8th graders from Hadley and Glenside, playing tunes together
- Band concert Sept. 29, with symphonic, concert, and marching bands
- ILMEA: 3 made it
- Homecoming success for the band (pep rally, parade, football game)
- M.Band pictures to be posted on Football shutterfly site
- Tux and dress fittings upcoming

- Band going to Orlando
- Chamber ensembles coming up
- Drummers playing for the GE Chamber Halloween parade

Corporate Treasurer's Report: Bob Hernandez

- Distributed 2 budgets: (1) for marching band & (2) detailing other income and expenses
- Updates: yard signs (\$450 to date; need to sell \$50 more); \$117 earned on the sale of bracelets

Student Account Treasurer's Report: Anne Blyth

- Student accounts are up to date; only \$4 off!
- Scrips is coming along nicely

Secretary's Report: Betsy Talbott

- Thanks to Ann Marie Perez for taking minutes at the Sept. 6 meeting

Committee Reports

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Villmow. Need volunteers for concessions. Kim Ryan suggested breaking up the time slots so that more parents will volunteer.

- Music Mixer:** Happens every year; 400 people invited. Possible dates: Nov. 5 or 19? Last year, 54 confirmed yes. Typically 50-80 people come. Potluck parent social. Mary Villmow volunteered to host.
- Fundraising: Amy Raczka (absent).**
- Annual Contributions: Sherry Scheller.** Will send updated list of contributors for the choir concert program. Dec. 1 deadline for the Dec. concert program.
- Marching Band volunteers: Kim Ryan.** Marching band is almost over! Kim Ryan has graciously prepared her successor for recruiting marching band volunteers.
- Scrips: Pam Kelleher (absent).**
- Barone's: Lee Fruit (absent).** Will kick off in Nov. after greens. Will send out dates soon.
- Greens: Ed Herlihy.** Money from sales goes directly to student accounts; sales begin Oct. 17 and run through Halloween. Sale packages will be available this Friday (10.14). Pick up date is Nov. 19

(Sat. before Thanksgiving). Ed will need lots of help that day. Needs \$2,000 deposit from Anne Blyth.

- h. Communications: Ann Marie Perez.** Has sent information about events and bracelet sales to parents; will send out newsletter if we give her content. Has parent email addresses from the 3 directors.
- i. Yard Signs: Nicole Krueger/Krissy Dougherty.** 46 signs sold, \$1150. Ordered additional signs. Where do we store them? At a parent's home or at West? (Note: marching band pre-order is a hit!)
- j. Sweatshirts:** nothing reported.
- k. Marketing/Promotion/Website: Ginna Nemec.** On the website, for general questions click here! (Do we want to put a name and email? If yes, Tricia Posegay). For individuals who purchase ad space in the program, should we also put the ads on the website, especially for the businesses that contribute? Yes.
How do photos go on Facebook? Send to Ginna.
Ginnatonic@aol.com
- l. Cookie Dough: Heidi Hoppe.** Discussed a way of managing cookie dough sales in the future that would include an online submission, to reduce confusion and error with the handwritten forms.
- m. Poinsettias: Susan Blatt.** New at poinsettias. Mr. Walsh will fill her in; orders mid-November.
- n. Floral Symphony: Lora Ilhardt.** All florists committed to date; the event will be at GBSouth in the spring.
- o. Butterbraids: Lisa Burns (absent).**
- p. Concessions: Darryl White/Bob Hernandez/Mary LaVaque/Jeff Laird.** Concession sales homecoming Sat. very successful—we await the totals! Lots of help from kids. Planning for next year.
- q. Madrigals/Cabaret Night.** The event is on! No updates reported.
- r. Program Ads: Mary LaVaque.** Off to a bit of a slow start; will send thank you notes to those who submitted last year. Ads to Mr. Jeffrey for the choir program by Monday. Discussed selling stickers with AMP on them, \$952 profit if we sell them for \$5. Mr. Walsh noted that boosters hold all the GBW stickers.

Unfinished Business/New Business

- Bob Hernandez provided a last-minute update on the budget.
- Kim Laird reported that the audit committee has a meeting scheduled.

- Additional discussion of a good date for the Music Mixer:
Decision: Nov. 5. AMP mixer at Villmow's house; Board members please come, bring food, and recruit other parents! Small committee will help.

**Adjourn @ 8:27pm—Next Meeting November 9, 2016. Orchestra/Choir room
Respectfully submitted, Betsy Talbott (secretary)**