

## La Canada High School Music Parents Association

Music Parents Association Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 13, 2010  
7:00 PM, Band Room

**I. Call to Order:** Co-Presidents Fernando and Valerie Aenlle-Rocha called the meeting to order. Current members of the Board of Directors and the Assistants to the Board were introduced. Band Director, Jason Stone and Assistant Director, Kyle Smith, were introduced.

**II. Financial Report:** Treasurers Cece Guiar and Rick Kurihara were absent, so Fernando Aenlle-Rocha circulated copies of the current Treasurer's Report which showed a listing of the current state of fee collections for Band Camp, 9-12 Band, Winter Guard/Drumline, 7-8 Band, Instrument Rental, Uniform Fund and Jacket/Shirt sales. Fee collection is at about 60% as of this month. The report also noted that the Band received two key contributions this summer, including \$7,000 from the Upton Foundation and \$5,000 from the City of La Canada. The money received is to be used for the purchase of marimbas and cymbals and for the refurbishment of brass instruments.

### **III. Band Director's Report:**

- A. Band Workshops and Camp:* Mr. Stone reported that despite the extreme weather, the band successfully covered 50% of the show during their two weeks together.
- B. Preview Night:* Dona Mitoma and Becki Tripathy were congratulated on a fine job of organizing a well-attended preview of the 2010 Field Show.
- C. 9/11 Memorial:* Prior to the second of two Saturday band practices, about 30 current band members performed at a Patriot Day Memorial at LCF Memorial Park.
- D. Fall Band Schedule:* The Band Handbook incorrectly states that band practice is from 6-9 PM on Tues/Thurs. Band practice is actually 5:30-8:30PM. The November 11, 2010 practice falls on Veterans' Day, so the band voted to move practice to Wednesday, November 10.
- E. Band Competitions/Field Shows:* Two of this year's field shows (Murrieta and Trabuco) are WBA, which is a stronger band competition level than SCSBOA.
- F. Football Games:* The call time for home football games is 5:30 PM unless otherwise noted. This week's home game is against Glendale HS and the band will perform the Opener and the Ballad at halftime. Band members are required to attend at least one away game.
- G. Instrument/Equipment Acquisitions:* Mr. Stone mentioned other equipment needs including new microphones, an amp to replace one that broke during the heat at Band Camp and the eventual need to replace the drum sets before the Rose Parade in 2012.
- H. Program Needs:* The Marching Band continues to seek volunteers to drive trucks and trailers and manage the vehicles/equipment. Individuals have emailed Mr. Stone to help with administrative needs and he will delegate as needed.

**IV. Orchestra, Drumline, Color Guard Reports:** VPs from these divisions announced that there will be an Orchestra Parents Meeting at 7:30pm on October 7, 2010 in the Band Room. There are 17 Color Guard members this year and there are plans to compete at Nationals in April in Dayton, OH. Drumline begins in January.

**V. Fundraising Committee Report/Dinner Show:** Donna Dohi announced that this year's major fundraiser will be held on February 12, 2011 at the Glendale Civic Auditorium and will include Live and Silent Auctions, Raffles and Performances by all groups. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was circulated.

**VI. Chamber Music Program:** Ruth Kasckow reported that the Chamber Music Summer Camp did not secure enough students to participate in a Camp, but that enough had been interested to form three small chamber ensembles that practiced privately over the summer. Two concerts were performed at the Flintridge Bookstore after being coached by various teachers, including members of the LA Philharmonic. Shanpin Hwang also arranged for a recital to be performed this Saturday at an Alhambra retirement home. Registrations for additional groups are pending and will be open to 7/8 musicians as well. Meeting times for each group are currently based on personal schedules but may be incorporated into the STEP program at some point.

**VII. Instrument Rental:** Alison Trytten, who oversees the Band instrument rental and is working with Becky Yew who is covering Orchestra instrument rental, reports that she still has a few outstanding rental fees to collect. 9-12 Band rental collection is nearly complete, but 7-8 Band just received their instruments.

**VIII. Uniforms:** Donna Dohi and Sandy Miller report that the shoes are here and the new uniforms should be shipping this week for arrival next week. Uniform fittings are to be held during the school day next week. Garments to be worn under the uniforms are not regulated, but Mr. Stone requests that a shirt other than the Band t-shirt be worn, so that the Band t-shirt won't be too sweaty to wear after the show. The old uniforms have been dry cleaned and await their final destiny, as there is no room to store them. The theater department would like 15-20 uniforms for their costume department. Suggestions included using a company that makes them into pillows for a fundraiser. They could also be sold on used-uniform websites.

**IX. Website/CHARMS:** Webmaster Emmanuel Hanna encouraged VPs to access the website and update their calendars. The website can handle photographs and video, so everyone is encouraged to submit media that showcases our students and staff. The website has a 'contact us' button that will send email to Mr. Stone. CHARMS Director Jackie Chen is still collecting updated directory information, especially from new members. The intake form for all member information has an 'opt out' box if the individual does not want his information published. An alumni database that spans the years 2007-2010 has been formed and currently has 214 former students who will receive updates on the current state of the music program and will be encouraged to donate to the program. Access to CHARMS in order to send a global email requires approval from Mr. Stone and from Fernando Aenlle-Rocha. The current VPs already have access for global email.

**X. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, October 4, 2010.

*Minutes submitted by Jane Mead, Recording Secretary*