

La Cañada High School Music Parents Association
Association Meeting
September 18, 2017

I. **Call to Order** (M. Urata): The meeting was called to order by President Mark Urata at 7:05 PM.

II. **Approval of Minutes** (E. Bohannon): Tracey Torres moved to approve the August 21, 2017 minutes; Martin Cresmer seconded. The motion passed.

III. **REPORTS**

- a. Financial Report (C. Guan) Cliff Guan explained that he manages the bank accounts and students' accounts and is responsible for the accounting. Patricia Quon manages the deposits. Both Cliff and Patricia have to sign any checks so there is a check and balance system in place. Good input from previous Fiscal year. From July 1st to now there has been a lot of activity. Cash inflow is about \$15,000 from student fees. Budget, we are inline where we need to be. We have spent about \$10,000 on new instruments. Jason Stone said this was for the Tubas. Cliff Guan has the details for each student account and encourages parents to involve kids in the fundraisers. Students can email Cliff to find out how much they currently have in their accounts. Someone asked what the professional fees listed on the budget were for. Jason Stone explained this was mostly paying for the additional staff needed for Color Guard, Marching Band and Drumline.
- b. Instructor's Reports (Ms. Munday; Mr. Myers) Jennifer Munday and Jim Myers were unable to attend the meeting. Jason Stone said Orchestra is going very well. They will have their first performance in October. The students voted on sweatshirts today (9/18/17). Jennifer Munday has organized a trip to an upcoming Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra concert at the end of September. Josh Bell will be performing.
- c. Orchestra (C. Cheng): Concert wear pick up is this Wednesday.
- d. Drum Line (J. Daniels): Nothing new to report
- e. Color Guard (K. Leyva): Nothing new to report.
- f. Band: Nothing new to report.
- g. 7/8 Band Orchestra (M. Wilcox): Nothing new to report.
- h. Communications (M. Wilcox): Facebook page is approved.

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- i. Gift Card Program (S. Nagel): Sarah Nagel spoke about the gift card program and reminded everyone that it is great to use for holiday shopping, so please register! Next orders are due October, 6, 2017.
- j. Special Events. (N. Ali): Nadia Ali, they just had 7/8 night and it went really well. Next big event Oct 22nd is Senior Night. Nadia and Michelle Lynskey are starting to work on the February Dinner show. They will be looking to put together a committee in the next few weeks. Someone brought up a question regarding the different band sections buying gifts for the senior students in their section and who should pay for these gifts. There was some discussion of whether MPA should pay for them but it was agreed that the students should pay for them, these are small inexpensive gifts that the students in each section give to their Seniors.
- k. Club LC (B. Dietlan): Brenda Dietlan reported that last year Colombo's donated 100% of the food and also Porto's donated 100% of the desserts for the Club LC event. She is open to suggestions of restaurants we can approach this year.
- l. Fundraising: Last year Mark Urata came up with the idea of getting a sponsor for the Marching Band half-time shows at the home football games. This past month he spoke with the CFO of USC Verdugo-Hills Hospital and they committed \$5,000 to our program as the official half-time sponsor! There is now a banner at the football games. Patricia Quon said she would send a letter to USC Verdugo Hospital thanking them on behalf of the MPA organization.

Sarah Nagel mentioned the Poinsettia sales are just starting, there will be a larger push in October. The price is \$12.00 a plant and students make \$4.00 per plant they sell. Last day to order is November 17th. The pick-up and delivery date is December 7, 2017. Note the students need to pick up the poinsettias themselves and deliver them to the people who ordered.

There is a Blaze pizza fundraiser, Wednesday 9/27. 20% of the proceeds go to the MPA program.

- m. Ireland and Upcoming Events (J. Stone): Jason Stone said they have 70 people signed up for the Ireland trip so far. This includes students and parents/chaperones. Still encouraging everyone to sign-up for what will be an amazing time and a great experience for all the students.

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IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Truck Wrap: Jason Stone showed everyone the final three designs for the truck wrap. Everyone agreed they all looked great but as a group felt design # 1 was the best.

V. OPEN FORUM

Bond Measure: Mark Urata gave a brief explanation and handed out a flyer regarding "Measure LCF" which is on the November 7th ballot. This bond measure is to fund capital improvements to school facilities. The organization "Yes on Measure LCF" is asking for an endorsement from the MPA. Elizabeth Bohannon mentioned that the CPA endorsed the Measure for the bond and the CPA also made a small donation. Wayne Page mentioned that the Booster's Club also endorsed the measure but did not make a donation. There was some discussion as to whether or not we should make a donation. Jason Stone confirmed that the CPA had made a \$500 donation to "Yes on Measure LCF". Sheryl Madonna moved that the MPA endorse the "Yes on Measure LCF" Martin Cresmer seconded. The motion passed. There was discussion on making a donation. Patricia Quon moved that the MPA make a \$250.00 donation. Jason Northrup seconded and the motion passed.

Toward the end of the meeting, Wayne Page received confirmation back from the President of the Boosters Club that they did not make a donation as they felt it was against their bylaws to provide a donation to a political organization. There was further discussion as to whether the MPA should continue to make a donation. Sheryl Madonna made a motion to disapprove the donation but continue with the endorsement. Wayne Page seconded and the motion passed.

Band Room Upgrade: Wayne Page spoke regarding improvements that are being made to the band/orchestra rooms. A painting bid is coming in the next couple of days, all the rooms will be painted. They will also be doing wainscoting on the lower half of the walls to better protect them for longer wear and tear and fixing the water leak on the wall in the back room. Additionally, working on getting samples to replace the carpeting. Wayne has worked out a very good deal to get high end carpet at much reduced rates. Jason Northrup and Wayne Page met with another parent to look at new wiring. Jason Northrup is meeting with Universal Musical Group to look at what type of recording equipment we might need to set up recording studios in the back rooms. With the equipment they are looking to purchase, students will have the opportunity to learn two different systems: Pro Tools and Garage Band.

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Wayne is hoping that the wiring component will be funded by the school district. Currently in process, carpeting, painting and the paneling are all moving forward. Next they will be looking further into the wiring and equipment. Rooms will all be flexible for students so they can compose, record, edit, mix and play. District is paying for painting, carpeting and new lighting in the hallway. Hoping the Booster's Club will be willing to fund the equipment purchases. Once we have a final equipment list they will look into costs. Wayne also mentioned that Booster Fest is coming up and it would be really great to have as many parents from Orchestra and Band programs to attend and show their support for Boosters. Additionally, Wayne is planning to have items to auction to fund the program and hopefully a paddle pledge.

Trailer Rental: Jason Stone mentioned that we need more than just the truck to carry all the props and instruments to the competitions. Robert Torres has suggested renting a 24 foot trailer that he will pull behind the truck. The cost of the trailer rental will be \$280.00. Jason asked that we make a motion to approve the \$280.00 rental cost. Sheryl Madonna made a motion to approve and Wayne Page seconded. The motion passed.

Ayala Competition: There was a question regarding the students who are taking the PSAT on Saturday October 14th. Jason Stone said the busses won't leave until students taking PSAT have finished the exam and are ready to go.

Red Canvas Bags: Jason Stone mentioned that we have run out of the red canvas bags that are given out to new band/orchestra members every year. Originally it was service project by a former students. The bags cost \$4.80 each and Jason would like to purchase 100 more. Jason Northrup moved to approve \$480.00 to purchase the new bags. Sarah Nagal seconded. The motion passed.

Marching Band Away Games: Jason Stone mentioned that due to scheduling conflicts the band will not be going to any more away football games.

T-shirts/ Jackets for MPA parents: Sandy Miller is looking into doing Polo shirts and/or jackets for the MPA Parents. There was some discussion and everyone liked the idea. Sandy is speaking with Queensboro and also looking at doing jackets similar to the ones the students had last year.

- VI. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by President Mark Urata at 8:20 PM. The next meeting is Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Band room.