

La Cañada High School Music Parents Association
Association Meeting
January 8, 2018

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): Kelly Leyva motioned to approve the minutes from the December 11th MPA meeting, Sarah Nagel seconded. The motion passed.

III. **REPORTS**

a. Boosters Report (Wayne Page):

Recording Studio/Band Room Renovation: Jason Stone and Wayne Page met with several members of the school district, Mark Evans, Randy Smith, Jamie Lewsadder and Jeff Evans. They received the okay to go forward on the improvements to the Band room and approval of the contractor. The district also approved the new paint color (Swiss Coffee) and the wiring and the color for the new carpet.

New recording equipment budget: The original estimate was \$98,000 but they have cut this back to approximately \$60-70 K maximum. Currently we have the capability to record audio from the theater/auditorium. Jason Stone is working with TV department (LCTV) to get live streaming capability. The network for live streaming is already set up, we just need to coordinate with the LCTV department to get it set up.

b. Financial Report (Cliff Guan): Cliff was unable to attend the meeting.

c. Instructor's Reports (Ms. Munday; Mr. Myers) Ms. Mundy reported that the Orchestra retreat weekend is January 19-20th. All the students are looking forward to the retreat. Additionally we have more Orchestra students signing up for the Ireland trip and Ms. Mundy thinks they will have 18-20 students going on the trip.

d. Orchestra (Cecilia Cheng): Nothing new to report.

e. Drum Line (Julie Daniels): Unable to attend.

f. Color Guard (Kelly Leyva): Nothing new to report.

g. Band (Ruby Der Sarkissian): Unable to attend.

h. 7/8 Band Orchestra (Wayne Page): Nothing new to report.

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- i. Communications (Michele Wilcox): Michele could not attend the meeting but sent an update via email. The website has been updated to include the link to this year's dinner show auction/ticket site. The link went live today. More information is forthcoming and will be added to the site upon receipt. Michele Wilcox can set up a link on our current Music program website to PayPal to solicit additional donations for the new recording equipment. Wayne will send a copy of the photos from Booster Fest and copy that Michele can use for the donation request. Still waiting on information to set up a Go Fund Me page.
- j. Special Events-Dinner Show (Nadia Ali): We have two MC's for the dinner show, Bill Rodgers, and Cammi Dixson (they are the voices of Disneyland); The Committee is set up although they could use more committee members. The website for the dinner show is live and you can go on the site and purchase tickets, ads and sponsorships.
- k. Club LC: April 13th at LCPC. We need a volunteer to head the Club LC committee.
- l. T Shirts/Jacks (Sandy Miller): Sandy still has t-shirts jackets for pick up, please see her if you ordered one.
- m. Fundraising (Sarah Nagel): We made \$8, 474 on the Poinsettia sales. On the last Blaze pizza night we made over \$200.00. There will be another Blaze Pizza fundraiser night for MPA this Wednesday (Jan. 10).

Wayne Page mentioned that the "Beauty and the Beast" fundraiser raised about \$400.00.

- n. Ireland and Upcoming Events (Mr. Stone): Jazz Band is starting up, in addition to Step class they will start having rehearsals on Wednesday nights. The all school Musical is underway. The Orchestra playing for musical will need additional rehearsal time as Step class is not enough time. This week they will rehearse Thursday after school from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

The Marching Band and Color Guard go to California Adventure next Thursday (Jan. 18th). Approximately 104 people will be going on the Ireland trip. 62 band members, 18-20 orchestra members and 25 parents. Jason will set up an Ireland travel reminder in Google Class for the students. Students will need to upload a photo of their passport page to the site so Jason has all of their passport information in case any student should lose

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their passport during the trip. There will be a meeting for everyone going on the trip in February. Club LC is on April 13th at the LC Presbyterian Church.

Jason brought up the need for the student band leaders to have more training in leadership. The California Leadership Academy runs workshops for student band leaders and Jason would like to be able to send key student leaders, there is also a Drum Major Academy. Jason suggested that the MPA could pay for the costs of the workshops and that it would bring a lot of benefit to the program overall. Jason will get more details on the program and costs and we will look into voting on this initiative at the February MPA meeting. The question of this summer's schedule for band workshops and band camp came up. Sandy will put the dates in the next constant contact so parents can start planning.

IV. OPEN FORUM: No items

V. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by President Mark Urata at 8:05 PM
The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 5th at 7:00 PM.