

La Cañada High School
Music Parents Association
Association Meeting
February 5, 2018

- I. **Call to Order** (M. Urata): The meeting was called to order by President Mark Urata at 7:06 PM.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** (E. Bohannon): Kelly Leyva moved to approve the minutes from the 01/08/18 MPA meeting, Jason Northrup seconded. The motion passed.

III. REPORTS

- a. **Music Studio** (Wayne Page): Jason Stone and Wayne Page met with several people from the school district and the contractor regarding the proposed improvements for the Music room and studio. The meeting was very constructive and everything is ready to move forward. With regard to timing depends on when they can get a schedule to work in the band room without interrupting classes and rehearsal schedules. The hope is to get it done by end of this school year if not, then definitely over the summer. While doing the upgrades to the main room there is an opportunity to expand the cabinets out so they can fit more instruments. Jason Stone is very much in favor of doing this as we definitely need more cabinet space. There was much discussion regarding the music studio and getting the curriculum in place, there are still several mechanics that need to be put in place for a class to be put in the schedule for next year and Jason Stone is looking into all of this. Wayne Page is also meeting with the LCHS TV department the week of February 5th. Need to verify timing with school district for when all the improvements and studio will be built out, to finalize the curriculum and determine if we can have a class for the next school year. Wayne sent Michele Wilcox photos and information on the new studio so she can add this to the website to solicit donations.
- b. **Financial Report** (Cliff Guan): Dinner show coming up and is the most important fundraiser for the program. Ticket sales so far have reached \$14, 185. Cliff mentioned that our budget is to net \$30,000 from the dinner show and auction.
Cliff advised that any student who wishes to apply funds from their student account for the Ireland trip need to email him by the end of this week (Feb. 9th).
- c. **Instructor's Reports** (Ms. Munday; Mr. Myers): Orchestra retreat was great! Students are looking forward to the Ireland trip.
- d. **Orchestra** (Cecilia Cheng): Nothing new to report.

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- e. Drum Line (Julie Daniels): Drumline is looking to raise money for new instruments (China bells). There was some discussion regarding a bake sale at Ralph's (which normally doesn't allow bake sales in front of their stores. Other options were on site at school but the school policy is that they can only do bake sales on campus after school hours. The cost of the new bells will total about \$550.00 there was another suggestion that the students try and do some sort of performance based fundraising. Jason Stone will circle back with the students and see if they can come up with additional ideas.
- f. Color Guard (Kelly Leyva): No new updates.
- g. Band (Ruby Der Sarkissian): No new updates.
- h. 7/8 Band Orchestra (Wayne Page): No new updates.
- i. Communications (Michele Wilcox):
- j. Special Events-Dinner Show (Nadia Ali): Tomorrow is last day for early bird ticket sales. Right now we have sold 121 tickets to the dinner. All students have received their raffle tickets to sell. For the Auction they are looking to have just the big ticket items on display at the show. Additionally, they will keep online auction going for one week after the dinner show to encourage more parents to participate and also allow parents at the show to spend more time enjoying the performances. There will be an online sign up for parents to volunteer and help the day of the show. Information for the Program is needed ASAP. They will be doing a walk through with Country Club next Tuesday morning. Question came up as to whether we could extend the Jazz band past 10:00 PM. Jason Stone recommended that we not do this because he and the students still need to pack everything up and come back to school and store everything and as it is they don't finish until after midnight.
- k. Club LC: April 13th at LCPC.
- l. T Shirts/Jackets (Sandy Miller): Still have extra T-shirts and Jackets if anyone is interested.
- m.

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n. Fundraising (Sarah Nagel):

Sarah was unable to attend but sent an email with her update. We sold \$1,300 worth of Booster raffle tickets this last go-around. \$240 of those funds will go to individual accounts and the remainder will go to the MPA general fund. Sarah has sent Cliff Guan the spreadsheet. Last fall we raised over \$12,000 for the program via the raffle tickets.

The next gift card order deadline are March 2nd and April 15.

We are on the calendar for a Panda Express night on May 9th.

o. Ireland and Upcoming Events (Mr. Stone): Parent and student meeting for those going to Ireland will be February 12 at 7:00 PM.

IV. OPEN FORUM: March 3rd is the LCEFF Gala. Deb Parker said they are asking for a small Jazz group (3 musicians) to play at the gala. Also need a couple of kids that can act as barkers. Additionally, she wanted signage promoting the new music studio project. Michele Wilcox said she would make a sign that we could use at both the dinner show and Gala.

V. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President Mark Urata at 8:04 PM
The next meeting will be on March 5th at 7:00 PM.