

La Cañada High School Music Parents Association
Association Meeting
February 8, 2017

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Monica Bachner at 7:11 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Sarah Nagel moved to approve the January 11, 2017 minutes; Sheryl Madonna seconded. The motion passed.
- III. **Financial Report:** Mikaho Hara reported that a check for the Orchestra Retreat was written. There was a glitch on the online system for the Dinner Show, so we are not being charged for the processing fee of about \$300. Expenses for the Drumline has been paid. A big bill from LCUSD for the staff will be coming in soon. The checking account is in good standing with a balance of \$99,517.55 as of 2/8/2017. Sheryl Madonna made a motion to approve the budget, Sarah Nagel seconded, and the budget was approved.
- IV. **Instructor's Reports:** Jason Stone reported that the Orchestra Retreat went very well and that Jennifer Munday got to know the students well. Parent Chaperone Mamiko Toda added that the camp was clean, students were excited, and everything went smoothly. Jason said that 58 out of 74 orchestra students went. Jennifer Munday will give a report at the next meeting. She will do a student evaluation and will apply lessons learned to next year's retreat.
- V. **Orchestra:** Cecilia Cheng reported that Jennifer Munday thanks the MPA for helping with the Orchestra Retreat expenses. Students and parent chaperones had a great time. Sandy Miller said that there will be an article in the paper about the retreat.
- VI. **Drum Line:** Sandy Padgett reported that the first competition is this coming weekend. All the payments are in good shape. The Huynhs will be driving the truck.
- VII. **Color Guard:** Sophia Hsu reported that a parent meeting was held in January. The fees are \$550 (\$350 for the MPA and \$200 for equipment and uniform). We have 15 students. March 19th is the first competition. There is a competition in Las Vegas which we are not participating in due to logistics. Monica Bachner suggested a mini camp on a long weekend. Jason Stone is encouraging all Color Guard students to go on the Ireland trip next year.
- VIII. **Band:** Jason Stone reported that Band and Color Guard went to Disneyland on January 12th but got rained out. Jazz band has been playing all over town.
- IX. **7/8 Band & Orchestra:** No new news.
- X. **Communications:** No new news.
- XI. **Gift Card Program:** Sarah Nagel reported that only 3 families participated last time, and we made less than \$100. This program did much better in previous years, and there was a discussion about reconsidering the continuation of this program. On the other hand, she said that we made \$2,800 from the Booster raffle ticket sale by asking people to buy just

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two \$20 tickets. She also said that there will be a Booster fundraiser at Panda Express soon. We could sign up for it and get 20% of the sales. This one usually makes a lot. Jersey Mike's and the Habit are also good ones to participate in. MPA agreed that this is a good idea and asked Sarah to sign up with the Boosters for whichever one is available. The information will go out on Constant Contact.

XII. Special Events: Nadia Ali reported that the Dinner Show planning is going well. Deadline for ticket sales is Feb 15th. Online ticket purchases are now available, as well as an online auction that is open to everyone, so she encouraged everyone to tell family and friends. She thanked Gita Singh and Patricia Quon for all the work they put into making this happen. Volunteer signups for the Dinner Show will be done through Signup Genius.

XIII. Club LC: Monica Bachner talked to Linda Segal to find someone from the Chamber choir to work with Brenda Dietlein. It will be on April 14th at La Canada Presbyterian Church.

XIV. Fundraising: Monica Bachner suggested creating a subcommittee to follow up with fundraising ideas that are coming up. The members would meet outside of MPA meetings to brainstorm, and then report back at MPA meetings. Sarah Nagel could possibly head up the subcommittee with Sheryl Madonna, Yvonne Lim, and Monica Bachner participating.

XV. Upcoming Events: Feb 11th – Drumline Competition; Feb 25th – Dinner Show; March 4th - Drumline Competition; March 15th – Festival Concerts; March 17th – Festival

Jason Stone said that the Pep Band played at a basketball game. It went well and the students had a good time. They will play again this coming Thursday. School will pay for the uniforms, and they will be returned to school after the season. Sarah Nagel said she was at the last basketball game, and they looked good and sounded good.

Jason Stone said the Ireland trip meeting went well. There will be another meeting, and Monica Bachner said that she would be glad to give a parent testimony.

XVI. Open Forum: Jason Stone reported on the status of the truck wrap. It will display the MPA and the Booster logos. There are 3 designs to vote on, and he expects to receive them from Shelly Lotter next week. The vote will be done online for easier counting. The wrap takes about a week, and Jason hopes that it will be done in March.

There was a discussion about including MPA meeting minutes on the Instrumental Music website after they are approved. There was a vote, and it was unanimously approved.

Yvonne Lim said that there is a lot of left over snacks from the Orchestra Retreat. Sandy Padgett will take some of them for the Drumline competition this weekend.

XVII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President Monica Bachner at 7:58 p.m. Next meeting is on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.