

La Cañada High School Music Parents Association
Association Meeting
AUGUST 21, 2017

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Mark Urata at 7:02 PM.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Sheryl Madonna moved to approve the May 16, 2017 minutes; Benda Carrier seconded. The motion passed.
- III. **Financial Report:** Cliff Guan was unable to attend. Patricia Quon mentioned that we are still missing a lot of funds from both orchestra and band. Patricia and Cliff Guan are following up to send emails to those who have not yet responded. No further financial report for this meeting.
- IV. **Instructor's Reports:** Jason Stone said they have 77 students in 9-12 orchestra this year and 27 students in 7/8 orchestra. There are 81 students in 9-12 band and 7/8 band has about 30 students currently. Everything is off to a great start. Marching Band had two great weeks of workshop and band camp. March in LA County Fair on September 13th.

Ms. Mundy: Looking at a great year in orchestra with 77 kids. Just got new folders and music. One of the student's grandparent is making additional shelving for the music and folders. Will be doing winter retreat again this year. Students are very interested in Ireland trip but need ideas to raise money.
- V. **Orchestra:** Mamiko Toda announced that Lori Silverman and Gail Wilkinson will be taking over concert wear positions for orchestra students.
- VI. **Drum Line:** Jason Stone explained that they have two classes for Band this year 1st period is Woodwinds and Brass and third period is just for Battery/Percussion. This allows Jason to provide specific dedicated time to each group as well as providing the students with a more focused class.
- VII. **Color Guard:** Kelly Leyva reported that they have 13 members this year and have gotten off to a great start. Additionally they just purchased new equipment.
- VIII. **Band:** No additional report.
- IX. **7/8 Band & Orchestra:** Wayne Page is the parent representative this year. Wayne mentioned that he is also a director for the LCHS Boosters Club. Wayne is looking in to how we can improve the band room and facilities. Wayne met with Mark Evans, Chief Business and Operations Officer for LCUSD, to see about getting new carpet and having the rooms repainted. The new carpet would include having the carpet up to the chair rail to improve both acoustics and length of wear and tear. Also cleaning, waterproofing and repainting the back wall (facing the parking lot) in the back room. The goal is to have the District, LCHS Booster and MPA all support and fund the improvements. The district is also fixing the lights in the hallway and installing LED lighting Wayne also spoke about the idea of adding a recording studio, we already have a great the lay out and the equipment is very affordable.

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There would be separate recording rooms for percussion, winds and brass. Additionally, he and Jason spoke about the potential of building a curriculum around the recording studio and potentially get state funding for the recording equipment. Next steps: Determine what we need and costs.

- X. Communications:** Michele Wilcox reported by email. Website has been updated for the year for annual items to the best of her knowledge. If anyone sees an error, or has a suggestion, or anything else to do with communications/publicity, the email address is lchs.mpa.communications@gmail.com.

In addition, if someone takes photos or video of performances etc., please pass them on to that email address, and Michele will make sure they get uploaded into photo galleries, and/or the Latest News page.

For Approval: There was a suggestion to have a private MPA Facebook group as an easy forum to put information, or ask questions. Michele is willing to set it up and moderate the site. There was some discussion, Jason Stone thought it would be a good idea and a way to keep parents informed. Sheryl Madonna motioned to approve setting up an MPA Facebook page and Michelle Lynskey seconded. Motion was approved.

- XI. Gift Card Program:** Sarah Nagel reported, Friday is next order deadline for gift cards. There were no orders in July. Sarah explained how to sign up and use program. Reminded everyone about the music fundraiser at the HABIT this Wednesday from 4:00-9:00 PM. Flyers are available and you can also save it to your phone. 20% of profit will go to the music program. There was a discussion about having someone nearby the restaurant handing out flyers. However, the restaurant discourages this.

Other fundraising ideas were brought up. Bake Sale: Student Band leadership typically does bake sales on Fridays at school. They also do other venues such as Music in the Parks on Sunday evenings during the summer. We are bringing back the poinsettia sale. Orders will be taken in November and Poinsettias will be delivered on Dec. 7th. The Poinsettias sell for \$12.00 each and \$4.00 of each sale goes directly to the student account. Booster raffle was very successful last year. Students were asked to sell at least two tickets. Any additional tickets sold went directly to the students account.

New fundraising ideas discussed: 1) Auctioning off private performances. Jason mentioned that the Jazz Band does this typically in the spring as it is difficult to schedule time in the fall. 2) Getting a sponsor for the Marching Band half-time show at Football Games. Mark Urata has contacts at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital and believes they would be interested. Mark Urata will speak with Wendy Sinnette and Mark Evans to see if the district would be open to this idea.

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XII. Special Events: Nadia Ali reported that she needs volunteers to help out with the dinner nights for Marching Band. 7/8 Night on Sept. 15th; Senior Night on Oct 27th, 7/8 Winter Concert on Dec. 6. The dinner BBQ was a great success, we had 188 people (including students and staff).

Michelle and Nadia: Chairing Dinner show in February. They looked at alternate locations but best option right now seems to go back to Country Club again this year. Need to put a committee together soon to start working on the event.

XIII. Field Shows: Sheryl Madonna spoke to the need for volunteers for the field shows. 4 shows this year plus Championships in Fresno, CA. Need volunteers to bring food and water, ride the bus and help out at the competitions. It's a lot of fun and you get to see your kids perform!

XIII. Club LC: Nothing to report

XIV. Fundraising: See notes under Gift Card Program

XV. Upcoming Events: Jason Stone: Great to have so many people at the first meeting. Band. Preview night went very well. Will be doing the show again this Friday at the first home football game. October 14th is the first Field Show at Ayala High School and it is also the closest (in Chino Hills about an hour away. There will also be a friends and family show in November before the band goes to Championships. This Friday band will perform at the first school assembly. Informational meeting next Wednesday, August 30. Ireland Trip is from March 13-19 so band can participate in St. Patrick's Day Parade. Students will miss 5 days of school. The trip is approved by the LCUSD Administration and students will have Spring Break to make up missing work. The more participants the better, family is invited to attend as well. We need at least 90 participants total to meet the current cost structure. The more participants the greater chance that Jason can get the travel agency to lower the cost even further. Come to BTS night on September 6th. Marching Band will be marching in the LA County Fair on Wednesday, September 13th.

XVI. Open Forum: Mark Urata asked about the Truck wrap. Jason said he is still waiting for Shelley Loter to send him the final three design options. Elizabeth Bohannon offered to contact Shelley and follow-up. Anyone who has contacts for recording studio with equipment please contact Wayne Page.

XVII. Adjournment: Next meeting, Monday September 18th at 7:00 PM. Meeting adjourned 8:01 PM.