

**La Cañada High School
Music Parents Association
Board Minutes**

September 9, 2019

- I. Call to Order (E. Bohannon) @ 7:04 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes (D. Parker) – Michele Wilcox moves to approve the minutes, Adam Kline seconds the motion. Motion passed.

III. REPORTS

- a. Financial Report (M. Bohannon)
 - i. 1/3rd of the funds have been collected but we are still behind projections;
 - ii. Band Camp was not fully paid and this is disconcerting;
 - iii. We haven't yet begun to spend funds so we have some time.
- b. Instructor's Reports (Mr. Stone, Ms. Munday; Mr. Myers)
 - i. Stone
 - Had an amazing 7-8 night, the team won, stadium was packed, and 7-8 had a great experience. September is a light month regarding events, the calm before the storm;
 - Back to School Night is on Wednesday;
 - For rehearsals, the kids should arrive at 5:15 and expect not to arrive for pick up in the parking lot until 8:45 so that we are on the field the full time from 5:30-8:30 pm.
 - Orchestra concert in October. NY Trip has 58 participants thus far. People need to sign up so we can obtain an accurate count. Do we want to add a deadline that will allow us to accurately forecast participation in the trip. We need to let the company know about previous account availability for return student.
 - Need to speak with Cartnal re buses for the away games. Transportation to away games is \$1,300. Band and pep squad should be able to share buses. The MPA cannot afford to pick up this tab.
 - ii. Munday –
 - Orchestra, unlike band, starts when school starts. The kids are organized into small groups. STEP chamber orchestra is happening again. Beginning students will have older student help. We have a new bass coach who comes every Thursday. Emily Greg is here and she is going to start a Freshman string group. Henry Thuss is amazing and has written a piece from Avengers.
 - Talked to a friend to continue the theme of women composers. She is a violist. She has given us a Mary Pickford film score. Her

name is Mary Newman of Randy Newman fame. She is going to talk to the kids. We would like to get publicity for this event.

iii. Myers –

- Had a great time at the FB game.

c. Communications Report: (M. Wilcox)

Constant Contact Translations (A. Kline, Y. Lim)

- Adam's wife is putting the constant contact translation on WeChat. The problem we are having is that we do not know who the parents are that need the translated version of the weekly emails. Andrew Shin's mom is the only person who said that she wanted it in Korean. Parents are not getting the emails. We will hand out flyers at BTSN.
- Mid-week updates are not an option. The problem with the updates is that fewer people open them. We want to avoid over-saturation.
- If you have the translation done, then an option might be to create a hard copy and have the kids bring it to parents. Can the student leadership get a list from students whose parents need or would want a translated version of the weekly email? Mr. Stone will have students fill out a form. He can do it in Google docs and have approximately 75% in about 10 minutes. For the first email, cannot send out 3 emails. No!
- Orchestra has 50 students and Lynn can go through the names to determine who might need a translation.

d. Fundraising Report (W. Page)

i. Booster Raffle (E. Bohannon)

- We need some volunteers at 3:45 pm to stuff envelopes for raffle tickets. Stephanie is bringing table. They will be in the big room. They have to be returned by October 21st, the drop dead date for booster sales.

ii. Gift Card Sales – C. Nava

- Ceci is putting info on website and on constant contact. The enrollment code has changed so if you have previously ordered please update with the new code.

iii. Poinsettia Sales - E. Bohannon, R. Malmberg

- We usually deliver on the week of the show. Delivery will be on Tuesday the 10th and sell off will be on Wednesday and Thursday at the shows. December 1 is the date that we will shut down online orders and contributions to student accounts. November 1 will be the start of sales. Rosa is leading the sales this year. Banners are stored in the big boy. Mr. Stone would like us to hand out the advertising cards at the elementary schools during car line.

- e. Dinner Show Planning (M. Lynskey, J. Pao)
 - i. Dinner Show is February 22 at the La Canada Country Club. We need a committee. We need sponsors for the event. We need corporate sponsors. We need help and enthusiasm.
 - ii. The 7-8 Dinner Show is a separate discussion. Other venues could not accommodate our large group. The date and/or budget did not work for us.
 - f. Orchestra Update: (Y. Lim)
 - g. Color Guard Update: (M. Jones)
 - 7-8 Color Guard will meet twice a week with one instructor. It is \$2,400. Because we are not going to have them compete, we really can't ask them pay. Motion by Michele Lynskey to allocate funds from MPA to pay for the instructor, Adam Kline seconds, motion passed. If there isn't at least 5, then we will not go forward with the program.
 - h. Marching Band Update (D. Lorenzana)
 - Thursday at 5:30 putting silver on the shakos. Friday, they will be measuring for concert band.
 - i. Band Competitions (D. Parker)
 - We are planning for lunch before we leave for each of the competitions.
 - j. Special Events (N. Ali)
 - lots of parents and next even is October 25, which is senior night. We would like underclassman's parents volunteer so that senior parents can be on the field.
- IV. OPEN FORUM
- a. Bob Torres may miss some of our competitions. We need a Class C driver who is comfortable/capable of driving the a large van. Dino can drive on November 16, 17, and the 23rd.
 - b. We will have a table at BTSN near the location where the other organizations are set up. It will be a band-orchestra table at 5:30 pm. Deb will help Adam with Band and Rose will advertise poinsettias.
- V. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:04 p.m.

Prepared by:
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