

**La Cañada High School**  
**Music Parents Association**  
Board Meeting  
November 4, 2019  
Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER (E. Bohannon): The meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth Bohannon at 7:06 pm.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Yvonne Lim moved to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2019 meeting. Adam Kline seconded. The motion passed.

III. REPORTS:

a. Financial Report (M. Bohannon)

Marshall Bohannon reports that the registration dues from students in the instrumental musical program are at roughly 80%. We are short approximately \$24,000 in student contributions in our budget.

The district is currently paying the tech salaries directly. The MPA and the district have an agreement where the District pays 45% of the tech salaries and the MPA pays 55%. The district will invoice the MPA for the payments. The MPA has requested that the District send the invoices monthly or at least quarterly instead of waiting until the end of the school year.

Elizabeth will check with the New York Tour company, Encore, regarding the deadlines for the student accounts so that the MPA can send them an aggregate check for all students. Parents who want to use their students account to help pay for the NY tour should first contact Marshall Bohannon to determine how much money is in their student account and then confirm to him via email that they want that amount sent to Encore as partial payment for the tour.

Discussion: The MPA has tried to boost parent participation by sending an e-mail reminder to parents who have not yet contributed but many still have not responded. Ideas were discussed such as sending reminders via US Postal Service (and not just e-mail); sending communication to parents informing them that they could voluntarily have student account monies go toward registration fees; and advocating with the principal to get more funding from the district for

the instrumental program. Other ideas for making up the difference for non-participation were to have more community sponsorships.

#### b. Instructor's Reports

Mr. Stone for Band Program- Although the scores have not increased, Band has made progress in the 3A bands category of competitions. This Saturday, November 8th there will be six bands competing in our division (3A). Championships will be November 23-24 in Clovis, CA. The Friends and Family Show will be at 6:00 pm on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is the best show of the year so please come and give the students a big send off to Championships. The students will leave Friday night after the show for Championships. The next big community event will be the Montrose Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7th. The Disneyland trip will most likely be on January 10, 2020.

Jennifer Munday for Orchestra Program- Orchestra Fall Concert on October 30<sup>th</sup> went very well. The students were well-prepared and sounded great. Students were asked to bring their parents and there was increased attendance at the concert. Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> is Elementary Tour. The Winter Concert will take place on December 12, 2019, the Disneyland Trip will be on January 16, 2020 and the Winter Retreat will take place on January 24- 26, 2020.

#### c. Communications Report (M. Wilcox)

Michele Wilcox was unable to attend meeting but the website is up-to-date. Parents and students are urged to check there first for any questions.

#### d. Fundraising Reports (W. Page)

i. Booster Auction- Wayne Page reports that over \$3000 was raised from the Boosterfest auction. Booster raffle tickets were sold in much greater numbers this year, as well.

Wayne suggested other fundraising ideas such as selling fruit baskets and flowers for special occasions such as Mother's Day or Valentine's Day. He has talked to vendors who are willing to donate fruit and flowers.

ii. Poinsettia sales have begun online on the website. Payments may be made online or by a check turned into the MPA black lockbox in the Band Room. The deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to put student's name clearly on the form and/or check for credit in their student account.

iii. Revolution Prep has scheduled a proctored practice SAT/ACT on MLK, Jr. weekend. The \$20 fee for each student will 100 percent go to the MPA. There may be an additional Saturday added in 2020.

e. Dinner Show- Co-Chair Julie Pao reports that preparations are under way to have the 7/8 Dinner Show on February 1, 2020 La Cañada Presbyterian Church and the 9-12 Show on February 22, 2020 at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club. A meeting is scheduled for after the MPA Meeting and next week.

f. Band Competitions- Elizabeth Bohannon reports that the lunches brought by different parent volunteers have been awesome! She asks that more parents volunteer.

g. Color Guard- The beautiful uniforms this year have been getting many compliments. The performances have been wonderful.

h. Senior Night- Nadia Ali reports that Senior Night went very well. The combined 7-8 and ALF Concert is up next (Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>).

i. Drumline Update- Ten kids have signed up to go to the Dayton, Ohio Competition in Spring. The goal will be to have a minimum of twenty. Drumline student leadership has held a meeting for interested students and many attended. We will wait until early December to confirm how many participants we have before deciding on the trip.

IV. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:03 pm.