

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

**MINUTES
December 2, 2019**

- I. Call to Order (E. Bohannon) at 7:05 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes (D. Parker) – motion by Michele Wilcox and Dino Lorenzano seconded it. Motion passed.
- III. **REPORTS**
 - a. Financial Report (M. Bohannon) – Student contributions have improved but they still remain a concern. We sent out 40 letters to stress the importance of funding the program. Marshall also tried to encourage people to use their student accounts to pay the student contributions. We have not been billed by the district for the building fees.
 - b. Instructor’s Reports (Mr. Stone, Ms. Munday; Mr. Myers) – Kids did well at the end of the marching season. We are in concert-parade season now. We have the Montrose Parade on Saturday. Next Wednesday is the Holiday Arts Festival. The 6th graders will see orchestra, band, choir, and the theatrical production of A Christmas Carol. We need to make a final decision re Disney. We will march in the parade but we still have to pay \$100/student. The students must pre-pay or they will be unable to attend. Disney is January 10. We will start Winter Drumline and Winter Guard this week. Dinner Show and festival happen in the new year. January 16 is the Orchestra performance on the stage at California Adventure. 7/8 Guard will start competing in the new year. They will be stationary and experience the pathway into performing with the marching band. We are the second band in the parade this year because drumline has a performance that night.

Jazz Band is 6:30 to 8 on Wednesday.
 - c. Communications Report: (M. Wilcox) – Poinsettia flyer was sent out on social media and several questions were received.
 - d. Fundraising Report (W. Page)
 - i. Gift Card Sales – C. Nava – holiday sales are here and credit cards give you credit for your student account. This is a great time to save for our NY trip.
 - ii. Poinsettia Sales – R. Malmberg- sold approximately 500 plants thus far. We ordered 860 plants. Orders are open until Thursday for student credit. We will be selling at the 7/8 and the 9-12 concerts. Delivery is Tuesday

the 10th. Car deliveries in the morning. Then, we will have pickups that afternoon. We need volunteers to help.

iii. Doña Maria Restaurant – W. Page – there will be a tip bowl and some students playing throughout the event. Unfortunately, jazz band is rehearsing that night.

e. Dinner Show Planning (M. Lynskey, J. Pao)

i. 7/8 Dinner Show: Feb. 1, 2020 - meeting at 8 pm tonight.

ii. 9-12 Dinner Show: Feb. 22, 2020 – meeting at 8 pm tonight.

f. Orchestra Update: (Y. Lim) – see above re Disneyland

g. Color Guard Update: (M. Jones) – see above re rehearsals.

h. Marching Band Update (D. Lorenzana) – parade will go forward rain or shine. Rain is likely.

i. Special Events (N. Ali) – Next Wednesday is the 7/8 band with ALF. We will be serving them pizza.

IV. OPEN FORUM

Orchestra and Marching Band-Guard representation on campus (E. Bohannon) – Elizabeth attended a senior coffee with Principal Carnal and other senior parents. A parent whose child is in the band was commenting that there wasn't enough credit given to the instrumental music students. Participants offered varying positions on the topic. It was noted that one of the band students noticed that a lot of financial resources were given to sporting events/activities that are not as successful as the instrumental music program. Another parent stated that the yearbook has 65 pages of sports and two pages for band. Teachers have also been reluctant to support students who need to be released for art programs as opposed to athletes who need to be released/excused due to sports. Representation or recognition in the school for band-orchestra members is not at par with other programs. Our successes could be announced during morning announcements. Some ideas were provided such as bridging the various programs, e.g., live streaming and using the television department to promote the program and its successes. It was touched on that there is also a hierarchy within the arts programs. Choir seems to be at the top. Choir is inexpensive and is the largest student group on campus. Elizabeth thanked everyone for their input.

V. ADJOURNMENT – 7:50 p.m.