

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

**Minutes
November 9, 2020**

- I. Zoom meeting Called to Order (Dino Lorenzana) 7:33 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes (Dino) Octavia Thuss motions to approve and Dino Lorenzana seconds.
Motion passed.
- III. Reports
 - A. Financial Report (Charles & Octavia Thuss)
 1. Octavia – referenced an email sent to music parents explaining voluntary fee and registration was due.
 - a) Received a good response to this email.
 - b) MPA budget assumed an expectation for more students to donate. Band budget for 75 donations but only received 50 donations.
 - c) Sent a 2nd request, w personal calls, texts.
 2. Kids in both orchestra and band, need to reg for both programs
 3. <http://www.lchsmusic.org/forms-reference.html>
 4. Program Contribution donations - 29 of \$200
 - B. Comments submitted by Charles Thuss via an email:
 1. Fund Raising Highlights:
 - a) Still need City Instrument Fund check (\$5K, Jason?)
 - b) Revolution Prep
 - (1) We have received one \$480 check (kids got \$440 of it).
 - (2) Expecting \$520? more that will be all MPA (Wayne?)
 - c) Dona Maria continues to contribute - please promote!
 - d) Poinsettia Sales: \$1K so far v. budget of \$6.5K
 2. Contribution Highlights: \$12K short on Program Contributions & Instrument Rentals across Band & Orchestra
 3. Our Program Contributions are far short of budget - only 71 out of 114 people budgeted. A shortfall of 43 people or \$8.5K.
 4. Our Instrument Rental is also short - 12 out of 25 or a 13 people or \$2.7K shortfall.
 5. 7/8 has similarly poor numbers - short 16 people and 1 instrument rental for a \$1K shortfall.
 6. We need everyone to take a few names and follow up. As a reminder, our budget only assumed that 70% of those who enrolled would make the Program Contribution so there are many people who can still contribute.

7. Tax filing is prepared and will be filed this month.

IV. Instructor's Reports (Mr. Stone - Band)

- A. Productions are a lot more work now: with performance, then recording and then editing. This makes the productions slow to get done.
- B. "This is Halloween" was fun, more like a pop music video, and less musician in a box, Brady Bunch style visuals.
- C. Winter Spectacular working on the music, but the date may change before we go on break. It's a cool show, each group will do a piece.
- D. January's structure is still unknown.
- E. New York trip was officially canceled. Carnegie Hall officially closed and LCUSD will likely not allow travel. The travel company is holding voucher which we expect will not expire. A trip to Ireland in 2022 is now in the planning stages.
- F. Wayne asked about the possibility for any trip, maybe San Diego?
 - 1. Jason explained that was not possible due to social distancing rules, even if the parents drove.
 - 2. The other issue is the group is not accustomed to playing together live, which leads to performance quality problems.
- G. Tomorrow is a mandatory meeting for students and parents in Color Guard and Drum Line to meet with Mr Ito regarding small groups on campus.
 - 1. Like athletics, cohorts will be invited back to campus for weekly live instructions. Mr Ito will explain the protocols.
 - 2. Student participation is not mandatory. Students can distance learn through Zoom, simultaneously with the on campus instruction.
 - 3. Ideal goal is for students to have 1 day for zoom practice and 1 on-campus practice weekly.
 - 4. Parents need to pick up students on time to prevent mingling.
 - 5. Color guard will likely follow same rhythm.
- H. Jason is still concerned about engagement. Some days are a struggle for all students. Some students are occasionally excited. Please talk to Jason if your student is lacking engagement in music class.

V. Instructor's Reports (Mrs. Munday- Orchestra)

- A. Mrs. Munday is also concerned about student engagement in Orchestra
- B. Orchestra posted their first music video, instead of virtually performing. Students picked the music and did a good job.
- C. Orchestra is currently working on Winter Spectacular and is excited about that.
- D. Sad about no permission for cohorts to meet. Orchestra was hoping to form small, string groups to practice together on campus. But orchestra does not fall under the category of

physical conditioning, so meeting is not be allowed. They are very disappointed. The rules state groups meeting have to fall under the PE credit category. String musicians do not fall under the PE division.

VI. Communications Report: (Michele Wilcox)

A. All good

VII. Fundraising Report (Wayne Page)

A. Restaurant Nights

1. Dona Maria

a) The banner needs more work. Octavia and Genna will work on a Velcro vinyl attachment with "Sunday 4:00-9:00" which could attach to the Dona Maria LCHS Band sign banner.

2. KoKo Roll and Hello Pizza- Thursdays

a) Ceci will talk to them to keep a steady date

b) Koko Roll and Hello Pizza participation is dipping

3. Both restaurant nights need to be promoted

a) We can only post 2 times on public local groups

b) But we can post on our personal social media sites

c) We can comment on the post

B. Boost-a-thon

1. MPA will be the largest benefactor

2. Planning a paddle pledge

3. Moved the date to Jan 31st

4. More content can be submitted after Thanksgiving

C. Raffle

1. Online Booster raffle to benefit student programs

2. 5 raffle tix for a suggested donation

3. Prizes will be a guitar, drone, and gift cert to Los Gringos.

D. Poinsettias- 600

1. Sandy pulled out the poinsettia banner and yard signs. Dino and Sandy will hang it in the front of school

2. Mark corrected form to include payment by check and PO box address.

3. \$1600 sales so far – 128 plants x 12.50

E. National Charity League donated \$1000—music from Jason

VIII. Gift Card Sales – Ceci Nava

A. Script continues

- IX. Orchestra Update: (Julie Pao)
 - A. Collected all Dinner Show materials
 - B. Stored in 2 bags in the back of the Band room
- X. Color Guard Update: (Christy Stephen)
 - A. Christy is planning a mixer to help parents connect.
 - B. This virtual meeting will also provide an opportunity to discuss registration, fees, and other suggestions
- XI. Special Events (Nadia Ali)
 - A. Nothing to report
- XII. President Report (Dino Lorenzana)
- XIII. Adjournment 8:25

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Genna Kern
Secretary 2020-2021

Attendance:

Officers

- President - Francis Lorenzana
- CFO - Octavia Thuss
- Secretary - Genna Kern
- VP - Communications - Michelle Wilcox
- VP - Fundraising - Wayne Page
- VP - Special Events - Nadia Ali

Board of Directors

- Accounts Receivable Treasurer & Database - Mark Sirof
- Color Guard Rep - Christy Stephan
- Drumline Rep - Dino Lorenzana
- Home Football Game Band Coordinator - Genna Kern & Shannon Berry
- Orchestra & Band Instrument Rental Rep - Julie Pao
- Marching Band & Concert Wear Rep - Jacob Kiledjian
- Jazz Band Rep - *Open*
- Gift Card Coordinator - Ceci Nava
- ¾ Band & Orchestra Rep - *Open*

