



Parkland Music Boosters General Membership Meeting

Minutes - September 8, 2020 at 7pm

Call to Order: Katy Mangold, President

Present: Katy Mangold, Wendy Wright, Diane Miller, Eric Lazansky, Frank Anonia, Jason Lerew, Mary Ost, Jill Sperry, Heather Hechler, Ellen O'Connell, Alison Figueroa, Andrew/Jen Tarantino, Tammy Hall, Cynthia Lee, Karen Phillips, Jackie and Jordan Bucks, Michelle Hare, Kevin Borger, Tina Lee, Brian Mishler

Introductions: All of the Executive Board members, Directors, General members introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Eric Lasansky motioned; Diane seconded; approved.

Treasurer's Report: Donations \$1,912 (from families); United Way contributions \$350.01; AmazonSmiles rebates \$35.68; as of yesterday \$180 membership dues collected plus a few more in the last day or so (21 members as of now); Spiritwear sales is \$192.61 (36 band masks, 3 chorus masks, 4 orchestra masks); check written for trailer expense; check for Honesty Insurance Fund \$187; check to purchase masks \$1,164.10; Income = \$820.20/Expenses \$2,193.00 (loss \$1,181.73); Checkbook balance is \$2157.24. Wendy Wright motioned; Jill Sperry seconded; approved.

Directors' Update:

Lerew

Just finished our first modified band camp. We limited the numbers. First week was specific sections (older players playing along with younger players. Second week they added instruments (four mini bands) - worked well. Worked on startup exercises after having a long layoff, practiced some pregame music that they will be playing and also some stand music. Students were great and very cooperative with guidelines. Mr. Lerew was really impressed. Students had great attitudes. Pretty much played straight two hours without needing much of a break. Now that we are in school, we are seeing one grade at a time for each period. Only seeing half of each grade at a time...only one eighth of the band at one time. Long-term plan/goal is to break into smaller ensembles. Biggest concern is that the students don't get frustrated. Younger ones don't have the older ones to cling to so they will have to be pretty resilient and figure it out. Sometimes based on scheduling, instrumentation isn't great but they will work things out. There will be no Thursday rehearsals as listed in Charms. There will be no playing at the football games. Anything could change. If things change, Mr. Lerew would love to have them play for the games.

Anonia

Pretty similar to Mr. Lerew as far as structure. Chorus didn't have any summer

schedule. Weren't able to have auditions. Similar to band having instrumentation issues, gender is an issue with chorus - sometimes having only a few boys in a group. Maybe sing outside. Also working on theory right now. Mr. Ammonia says that the kids biggest hurdle is not being able to see the other half of the alphabet. They will look into trying to get the children together somehow. Just over 300. Over 85 online only.

Mishler

Virtual strolling camp then live strolling camp a few weeks ago. Seeing the kids is nice. Lots of different sections and trying to piecemeal everything together.

Old Business

Masks/Membership

A lot of new memberships have come in. We are hoping to get quite a few members still. Wendy has put it on our FaceBook page and on the website. We would like the directors to send out another email about membership.

Spiritwear items

Eric Lazanzy is in charge of spiritwear. We have logos for all three groups (band, orchestra and chorus). Some ideas being considered: slides (black), bucket hats, lanyards (not the one with the lobster clip - keychain clip), techy option - power bank or wireless speaker? Katy recommends the spiritwear survey be sent out to the kids. Socks? Big foam finger? We can do preorders without needing to purchase in advance. Depending on the item - one to two weeks turnaround. Have pretty much anything - pop sockets, EOS lip balm, some have minimum quantity to order. Request: make sure that there is a winter coat as an option that they can wear in the stands. Suggestion to match items from last year and adding a few items extra. Make sure that stuff can be worn in stands - check with Connie and Lerew. Issue with distributing to students? Can have items shipped home. Giving to kids in school is ok. Just limit contact as much as possible.

Boosters Website/Social Media

Wendy has updated the website as much as she can. It includes all of the board members, has a membership page with a link to the store to pay for memberships and purchase masks. Diane has been sending pictures to post on FaceBook. Wendy just has to upload minutes because that hasn't been done in a while.

Membership is touchless so Mary Ost doesn't really have any updates. Heather has a spreadsheet that she put together. She has shared it with Connie and will also now share that with Mary. When Wendy puts posts on social media regarding membership, she refers them to Mary if they need a person to contact. Mr. Lerew mentioned to maybe send a weekly email blast so that we stay connected with families due to current issue of not being able to do much at school. Wendy mentioned that Mr. Lerew, Mr. Anonia, and Mr. Mishler can send info that we can post or pass along to families.

Heather will send an updated list of masks purchased to Mr. Lerew so that he can get

them out. Katy offered to package up the masks individually to get to the students. Mr. Lerew will let her know. Chorus masks need to be labeled with names on bags. Masks are nice...comfortable, with an extra pocket for a filter.

Fall event proposals and ideas

A lot of what boosters usually does happens in the fall and this year that won't happen. Some suggestions are needed for fun for the kids this fall. Suggestions: online bingo, drive-in movie (Shankweilers, Katy has large outdoor screen and projector Jordan Parkway). Senior Night - Mr. Lerew will talk with the Athletics Department. Mr. Lerew can try to see if they can do band senior night at one of the games. Other suggestions: something similar to the breakfast on Zoom with Mr. Lerew...everybody ate together. Maybe do dinner this time...Sunday brunch. Have something instructional online. Maybe have students host (i.e., seniors). Paint night. We'd like to focus on seniors for fun this year. Add the question to the survey going out about spiritwear as to what they would like to do. Boosters can get kits out to students if needed. Virtual performances? 3 or 4 kids together?

Formal probably won't happen. Unless flexibility starts to occur. Total number from last year was 203 kids (majority band). Please send ideas to Katy...facebook...ask your kids. We will still plan for this event and we will see what happens.

Nominations for 9th grade rep: Ellen O'Connell and Karen Phillips were nominated. Ellen stepped down from nominations. Karen Phillips unanimously was voted in. Ellen will come to meetings and help out.

General meetings

11/9, 2/9, 5/11

Next executive meeting - October 13

Open Forum

Pictures - Diane has a lot of pictures and will take more. Formal band pictures might still happen. Might not have a group picture and might not happen for a while but we still anticipate. Composite pictures might be an option.

Hang up flyers for memberships and spiritwear.

Diane motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mary Ost seconded; approved.