



Parkland Music Boosters General Membership Meeting

Minutes – February 20, 2024, at 7:04 PM

Attendees: Wendy Wright, Karen Phillips, Cynthia Lee, Tina Lee, Lori Piltz, Vicki Ferrence Ray, Voula Papageorgiou, Kevin Boger, Jason Lerew, Sarah Wascura, Kate Straw, Stephanie Britton, Steven Lee, Mike Piltz, Kathy Milander

Meeting Called to Order: Wendy Wright at 7:04 PM

Approval of Last General Meeting Minutes (Nov. 28): *Motion to approve by Tina. Seconded by Vicki. Approved.*

Treasurer's Report:

- Income since last meeting: \$140.00 (total)
 - Membership Dues: \$60.00
 - Music Dept. Semi-Formal: \$80.00 (tickets paid in cash)
- Expenses since last meeting: \$6827.64 (total)
 - Semi-Formal: \$6825.00 (Catering; still one expense outstanding.)
 - Office Expense: \$2.64 (Square fees)
- Net Expense: \$6687.64; Checking balance: \$50576.63; Savings balance: \$1389.63.
- Note that total Semi-Formal expenses are expected to be slightly over budget.
- *Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report by Vicki. Seconded by Voula. Approved.*

Director Updates:

- **Mr. Lerew:**
 - This is a slow period which has been a good time to work on concert band material.
 - PMEA concerts have been ongoing. Students attending the district level are reassessed for regional band. Parkland had 12 students at Districts and 6 are going to the regional level. The top students at Regions go on to All-State. One student attended District Jazz Band.
 - Jazz Band is done with basketball season. Ensemble received many compliments.
 - Indoor Percussion went to their first competition. Indoor Color Guard has competed twice and was happy with their performance so far.
 - Marching band was accepted to the 2024 Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade.
 - The goal is to gain prominence in parades aiming for the Tournament of Roses Parade.
 - Band used to do competitions as a smaller volunteer group, but there was a change in focus to reduce the schedule but require participation from all. Note that the half-time show this year went so well that Mr. Lerew regretted not including a competition.
- **(Mrs. Lagan):** Chorus has a new mid winter concert and sent 16 students to PMEA Districts.
- **(Mr. Mishler):** Orchestra also had a number of students attending District Orchestra.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Winter Concerts:** All went well.
- **Holiday Ornament Sale:**
 - Dave Heintzelman has agreed to make ornaments again next year.
 - Ornament personalization was very nice.
- **PHS Music Semi-Formal (Jan. 13, Muhlenberg College):**
 - Overall, the event was enjoyed by students. The photobooth went over well, and although the logo was added, there was no date.
 - Lori Schiffert did most of the planning and set-up, and did not request additional help. Steven Lee helped with photos. In addition to Lori, Wendy and Tina helped with student flow

and control; the event does not require a lot of volunteer help. Many parents asked about volunteering but were not needed.

- Mr. Lerew will check with Mr. Anonia about whether students need to stay full the entire time or can leave the event early.
- **Fanfare & Tribute 2022/2023:**
 - Karen/Tina will be picking up the books. The printer was closed for a couple of weeks.
 - Once distributed, work can begin to collect information and sell this year's Fanfare & Tribute.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Clothing Drive:** Saturday, Mar. 16, 9:00AM-12:30PM
 - The drive is being held in conjunction with the Community Resource Fair. Mr. Anonia and Dr. Carlson have been notified. Drive will require access to the Band room in case of weather.
 - The truck from A&E is scheduled to come between 12:00 and 1:00PM.
 - A&E Clothing pays us by the pound for clothing, accessories, and household linen donations. Shoes are worth more per pound. They still take bikes, strollers, small stuffed animals, but they no longer take car seats. A&E sorts the donations and sells them wholesale to businesses and recycles clothing.
 - Volunteers are needed to unload donations and load the truck. A Sign-Up Genius has been created: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D44A9A622AA8-47500235-phsmusic#>. The sign-up has been sent to Mrs. Figueroa to request Tri-M volunteers.
 - Advertising (flyer):
 - February/March Parent Newsletter
 - Nicole McGalla for Community Resource Fair, Five Things for the Week
 - Wendy will send an email for Band/Orchestra/Chorus parents for donations/volunteers.
- **Scholarship:** (Sarah Wascura)
 - Three \$1000 scholarships: one each for Chorus, Orchestra, and Band. Judging is by the English department through Mr. Schwarz. Applicants are anonymous when judged.
 - Awards ceremony is May 29th; names of the scholarship winners needed by May 1. Essays will be due April 8. The prompt will be out March 4 to give one month to work on essays. The prompt will be different than last year.
 - Last year, students could not access the Google form from their school account. Mrs. Baxter made a copy of the Google form with Sarah as collaborator. The form needs to originate through a PHS account which can be done through either Mr. Lerew or Mrs. Baxter.
 - Social media for music department items goes through Mr. Anonia.
- **TIA Regional: April 27**
 - Theresa Adams is coordinating along with Mrs. Baxter.
 - Note that the Chorus Disneyland trip is at the same time and will limit volunteers available.
 - Volunteers will be needed for concessions, escorting/directing groups, tickets, etc.
- **Another Fun Event?** No suggestions made.
- **Additional Items:**
 - Booster meeting next month conflicts with String Jam: Reschedule to Tuesday, March 12.
 - Wendy will reach out to Tara Sistrunk to see if she is willing to organize FOTA concessions.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - PHS Chorus Mid-Winter Concert - February 26, 2024, 7:00PM
 - Clothing Drive (Community Resource Fair) - March 16, 2024
 - District String Jam Concert - March 19, 2024, 7:00PM
 - PHS Spring Musical - April 10 to April 14, 2024, various times
 - Spring Band Concert - May 1, 2024, 7:00PM (Senior Citizen Dinner)
 - Spring Orchestra Concert - May 8, 2024, 7:00PM (Senior Citizen Dinner)
 - Spring Chorus Concert - May 16, 2024, 6:30PM and 8:00PM
 - FOTA - May 16 to May 18, 2024, various times
 - PHS Senior Concerto Concert - May 28, 2024, 7:00PM
 - Visual and Performing Arts Awards - May 29, 2024, 7:00PM
 - PHS Senior Cabaret - May 30, 2024, 7:00PM

Next meeting: Executive membership meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 12, 2024 at 7:00PM.
General membership meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Motion to adjourn by Tina. Seconded by Kate. Approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

List of Items Tabled for Later Discussion

- **Website photos:** Payment for pictures is tabled to a later meeting. (Oct. 20, 2022)
- **Conflict of Interest Document:** Tabled for future meeting (Aug. 8, 2023).
- **SOP/Manuals:** Tabled for future meeting (Aug. 8, 2023).
- **Fundraiser:** Basket Bingo tabled for future meeting (Sep. 19, 2023).