

November 2020 Upbeat Club Meeting

Director's Report –band room renovation – altering the sound tiles – perhaps using the flame fabric from the old marching band uniforms. They contacted FJM and it wasn't going to be too expensive. Upsize the print and then be able to cover. There is a lift – maybe we could use??

It worked out well to do the concerts – although some students weren't able to participate, but we were so thankful to be able to do things. The results/comments from Midstates and OMEA, rated us 3rd. Castle then somebody else. All are very happy we were doing concert band.

Asst. Director's Report – Mr. Celek went to Ridge and Plains to help – there are ~80 7th and 8th graders on VLO. Hoping to get some involved.

Aaron – mostly echoing the comments, very happy we were able to do the concerts, and so thankful from kids jumping in doing different roles. He is trying to think of ways to do the swing dance – but really struggling. There will be a lot of other events.

Maybe **collaborate jazz and cakes and swing dance** – thinking that if we did 2 things in the spring, it may be too much. We would like to have an event that would include the junior high kids. Those events give you an opportunity to play the same music in different settings. **Honor band auditions** – there's a lot of things going on in this situation – needing to come up with something new – waiting for approval from Mason to do in their facility – perhaps will happen there. Half the size – couldn't come up with a way to do auditions like usual. Going to offer spots similar to a usual year (but half the size) offering to the smaller schools, figure out the instrumentation, then divide with the larger schools. We are trying to make it work. **Solo and Ensemble** – all virtual – did virtual in the fall. We are still planning to do fall virtual solo and ensemble – but we won't have as many rooms to set up. Still planning to do winter solo and ensemble - nothing in person. Will it happen the same day? Do we have an event to do? Currently planning on having winter concerts in the freshman school – even though not as nice facility, it's big enough. Had more people online watching than in person.

Winter concerts – we want to stream them again if they are willing. Barb W has the calendar all set up. Fiddler doesn't involve band kids – they are planning on doing Newsies in the spring – but Fiddler will be done by the soundtracks.

Club Meeting:

1) **Call to Order** – 6:53 pm

2) **New Member Welcome** – no new members.

Attendance: Candi, Jen Daiker, Ellingsons, nikki mawditt, Cindy Merk, Dave Daiker, Andy Carr, Aaron T, Jen Best, Todd Yoby, Nikki Green, Allison Nucerino, Shirley Lam, Jay Kreimer, Hensons, Jennifer Himmelstein, Barb Warne, Phil Leisure

3) **Minutes Approval** – Jen Best, Dave Daiker – approved

4) **Finance Approval** – there wasn't much – the generator, then the band room. Some small donations – Andy approached Candi about the paying for the director's budget the panels payment. We paid FJM for the material out of the director's budget. Any questions – Did Andy decide what to spend his money for? We would love for him to think about it and then share with the Upbeat how they will spend the money. It was all marching band parents – so it should be MB related. Come up with something please.

Motion financial – Shirley, second Dave, then all approve. Nobody against. Finances approved

5) **Mattress Sale** – pleasantly surprised – we sold 37 mattresses – 18 to band, 10 cheer, then 9 “other.” We brought in \$2550. Kids got \$1400 in kickbacks.

Big thanks to Kim York – did a great job coordinating the sale so efficiently with Debbie for a month. We feel there was positivity to do it with Cheer. All in all, the district was glad we shared.

6) **Pit Crew Update** – (quick! Before the International Space Station flies by) not much to update. Trying to get new generator mounted, but then had to quarantine. Kings is giving away the stairs we sold to them. No Winterguard stuff yet – not sure what is happening yet.

7) **Spirit Wear** – it's open now, Liberty did a bunch of LWBands (instead of MB) hopefully people will want to do that. Jennifer Himmelstein (Jennifer's phone) perhaps it would be good to offer at fall concert.

8) **Marching Band Uniforms** – (Jen Best reporting) still need to have shako party then will unpack the uniforms, we should be in good shape.

9) **Concert Uniforms** – – haven't heard any issues – we are using choir dresses, the girls didn't have to purchase a dress. We will offer a buy back for the kids to build up the inventory. We want to make it so the ladies don't need to pay more than the men.

Buy back will need to be conditional. Won't consider until after the first of the year. Phil suggested to get info out over Christmas break – while they are out of college.

10) **Taste of Music** – Mod Pizza – go there Dec 8. Canes – we haven't rec'd the check, but it may be on the way.

11) **Swing Dance** – Swing Dance – Cindy wishes she had one more swing dance (we all do, too!)

12) **Communications / Calendar** – Barb W: no updates, a nice article about the band on their page – she posted about spirit wear while we were talking.... We've rec'd more band publicity from the school this year. Matt Miller's son wanted to be like Nate Koenes. Perhaps we could target the kids who are VLO. We had THREE administrators at the freshman building for concerts.

Try-band will not happen in January – thinking we can do ensembles to elementary schools.... Then can we figure out how to do a MB tour? What did Centerville do? Centerville marched the neighborhoods.

Ben Brown has been very supportive of the band.

13) **Tech Team / Web** – Tech team: made a nice ppt – will request from Michael Ellingson – 2 copyright claims. Shared a mockup of the website – cleaner, less complicated. Rec'd good feedback from the survey – good placement for the social stuff. Will trim the menu

14) **Sponsorships** – Are we willing to put the plug ins on the new website – the Facebook pixels, etc. Michael – we want to get to the spot where we are operating well – not running FB analytics from our current site. We should be doing that so we get some analytics.

Fundraising – drive event on Saturday – we had 8 people so far, need to get more people to sign up. We hope that the issue is that people need to understand to pre-register for a time. Detroit wants the numbers – perhaps we will re-launch another email – short to the point, and pre-register. 150 people gets us 3750. If we don't get 150 people we will be spinning our wheels. Lincoln is a huge sponsor of Mason. They are interested in our demographic – many demographics from the Lakota area. We need more people to get involved. This is really for engineering – it's a live zoom call with video and interactive. 10-12 minute survey at the end.

16) **New Business**: What about the registration sticker? Nobody has seen it. Upcoming – Jan March April. We will pick up on the trailer registration later. Allison can't go into do anything with the account. Andy rec'd the notice to renew, we're not sure where it's being sent. The address is the Wokini academy

Jay/Shirley adjourned, at 7:48

Next Meeting – No December Meeting. Thurs, Jan 21st Zoom Call