

FORESMA Meeting
November 13, 2023
ZOOM

Attendance: Kay Lambert, Meredith Lee, Sherry Lueders, Adrienne Anderl, Anne Running, Brian Moynihan, Hannah Gorman, Holly Iosso, Kirsten Blair, Michelle Peters, Patrick Gordon, Phyllis Fletcher, Susanne Johnson, Zach Perry, Kelly Mazzola

October minutes (Kelly Mazzola, Secretary) Kay motions for approval and Jessi seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Music Directors' Report

Patrick Gordon (Band)

- Band Fees
 - We have collected \$1155.
 - 25 kids have paid, but some of those families paid more than the \$40 fee.
 - Patrick thinks there are about 35 kid families who could potentially be contributing, so it's worth one more reminder. He will send something out.

- Jazz 2
 - Patrick is running into a problem with the school district paying for Chuck's Jazz 2 salary due to the fact that he's already in the system as a substitute teacher.
 - FORESMA may have to pay Chuck directly, rather than the school, but we will need to figure out how to get access to the jazz funds collected via School Pay (aforementioned \$1155).
 - Patrick is going to follow up with School Admin Cynthia and get back to FORESMA about that.

- Lionel Hampton
 - Patrick and Phyllis will present an update on the Lionel Hampton April trip to board in December.
 - Next steps are figuring out how many kids will come and then we can lock down rooms, buses, etc.

Hannah Gorham (Orchestras & Guitar)

- Ballard High School Workshop
 - Students went to BHS this week to learn and perform.
 - Kids did really well and learned a lot from the high school students.
 - Kay has video from the Ballard HS performance. Would like to publish to the FB page. Hannah will ensure the footage is ok to share.
 - Would like pictures from Hannah to put on website and Raven's Call.

- Winter Concert
 - Will have only digital programs. Please let her know if FORESMA wants to include anything.
 - Please let her know about the sign up genius so she can send it out.
- WA Orchestra Festival
 - The slot at the Central WA festival was approved this week.
 - The entrance fee is \$400. She will work on getting that paid asap. She will pay and FORESMA will reimburse.
 - Hannah is also anticipating \$2000 for bussing to this event due to needing to get a coach bus because of the distance but is researching cost options.
 - Festival is on March 8, 2024 all day. Kids will miss school.

Fundraiser Report (Meredith Lee, Sherry Leuders)

- Winter Concerts
 - Thanks to Zach Perry, we will have raffle with a basket of spirit wear and a gift card to the Dumpling Czar.
 - Will plug FORESMA, concessions, and spirit wear at the beginning of the show so people can purchase raffle tickets.
 - Drawing will be during set change for last group performing. Teachers will pull tickets.
 - Not sure what to sell raffle tickets for – Meredith thinks \$2.
 - Concessions: Jessi will talk to the Bullaros about ordering Bahn Mis. Will coordinate to have the check ready to pay the restaurant.
 - Working on a list for volunteer needs: concessions, raffle, warm up room supervision, set up chairs, Brian is getting the AV volunteers.
- Fall Dine Outs:
 - October Mod Pizza Dine Out - \$563 raised on goal of \$450!!
 - Ridge Pizza Dine Out - tomorrow, Tuesday, Nov. 14
 - Dumpling Tzar - Sunday, December 10 - Wednesday, December 13
 - Tutta Bella monthly again Dec - March. Details to come.
- Spirit wear
 - Website is up with things we can put logos on.
 - If we can find someone to help design a logo that can be embroidered, we can offer other things like scarves and blankets.
 - If she doesn't receive any feedback or concerns by tomorrow, she will move forward.
 - There is a 20% off sale through black Friday. Hopes board will buy early so we can wear/model it at the concert.
- Holiday Evergreens

- Sales ended November 5 - we raised \$3765. We didn't reach our goal.
- Pick up Friday, December 1, 2-6pm. Thank you to volunteers: Susanne Johnson, Kay Lambert, Jessi Detert, Sherry Leuders, Ingrid Golosmon, and Caroline Fichter.
- Might have wreaths that haven't been picked up can be available at the concerts. Want to avoid having Cynthia handing them out.
- If the greens arrive early we will have a place to store them.
- Concert Clothes will be available at wreath pick up. There is a bin in the office for people to drop stuff off. Kay will help with the clothes at the wreath pick up.
- Sherwood charged tax and we're tax exempt.
 - Sherry is sending in proof of 501(c)3 to get them to take the sales tax off.
 - Kirsten is working on it, because she had to apply for a business license to have a reseller permit. We didn't realize the certificate was out of date until they charged us tax.
 - We are collecting money and ordering wholesale so we are reselling.
 - We will still make over \$3k even if we have to pay the sales tax.

Treasurer's Report (Kirsten Blair & Brian Moynihan & Adrienne Anderl)

- November financial summary
 - Biggest expense was paying the coach.
 - Fees have come in and we are ok despite the shortfall in evergreen sales.
 - There is nothing significant to note in the budget.
 - Currently have about \$57k in the bank.
- Jazz Band 2 Teacher payment
 - \$600/month x 10 months = \$6000
 - We will have a shortfall for the Jazz 2 teacher.
 - Looking through the budget for line items.
 - She is hoping to hear projections for instrument repair and purchase from teachers. She is thinking they might have extra money in those line items.
 - The budget is fluid because the music program has different priorities each year.
 - Coaching impacts a lot of kids and is a good use of money.
- Climate Pledge Arena invoice
 - We received a \$2000 invoice for transportation to Climate Pledge Arena for the Lizzo concert promo on April 19, 2022.
 - The understanding is the buses were paid for by the promoters. We don't know why we are receiving an invoice now.
 - The agreement is likely in John Aguilar's files and we aren't sure how to find it.
 - The statement came from the bus company, and we are hoping to find a more detailed invoice.
 - Brian will follow up on it with Brooke Doyle, former FORESMA President to see if she has any pertinent records.

Miscellaneous Business

- Music T-Shirt design and distribution update (Adrienne Anderl)
 - Have 11 designs from kids.
 - Kids will vote and send tshirt sizes this week.
 - Would like to get the top designs to put on the website to show and give credit to the runners-up.
- Woodland Park Players grant
 - In the past, we have received a grant for a few thousand dollars.
 - Jessi will send the link to the teachers to see if they are interested in FORESMA applying on their behalf.
 - Will talk about it in December.

Communications Report (Holly Iosso & Susanne Johnson)

- Concert attire
 - The clothing racks are for everyone and are not need-based.
 - The goal is to recycle clothes.
 - Patrick isn't super picky about how black the shoes are. He understands how hard it is to find completely black shoes and shoes are expensive, so it's ok if they are not totally black. Hannah agrees. She tells them that in high school it will be stricter, but for now they should do their best.
 - The sooner we can get livestream links the better for advertising and distribution. She would love to get them the day before the shows— Dec 4th.

Next Meetings: Monday, December 11, 7-8 pm via ZOOM & Jan. 8, 7-8 pm via ZOOM