

2020_10_12 FORESMA Meeting Minutes

Attendance: *Holly Iosso, Aleka Brown, Brooke Doyle, Agnes & Robb Montejano, Jessi Detert, John Aguilar, Chris Mena, Katie Kahle, Kirsten Blair, Claire Jenkins*

Notes from the co-presidents (Brooke and Aleka):

- From flower/veggie fundraiser yesterday: raised \$1,425 FORESMA, also \$400+ for Title 1 schools. Since so successful, will aim to do again in Spring with tulips.
- Only 43% program fees received so far. Will send out reminder for families as blast from teachers' list.
- Holiday Evergreens- coordinating with Nerissa, who is managing this fundraiser, will have 25 October-5 November to collect orders for Evergreen Sales. Nov 23-24 for distribution dates (at school). One wreath size and garland as options this year.
- Stand partners: may need a subcommittee to help flesh out idea, needs input from teachers - Chris reflected on similar program from a few months ago - they used survey to reach out to families and find out about needs. John points out additional layers of information may cause confusion, important for some things to get info directly from teachers. Agreed that concept seems good overall, but needs more dedicated meeting time to sort out goals and get more specific.

Updates from Directors:

John/Band – re:distance learning - finding online instruction + lessons after school very tiring. 2 days a week class is not providing same level of learning and progress as daily class, but may need to adjust expectations in pandemic/distance learning. He is working with graphic designer parent on t-shirts, getting close to completion.

New Tuba to arrive Wednesday.

Use VLC directly for students to help with lag on click track.

Noted at Ridge Pizzeria may have fundraising option through designated pizza – Aleka will look into this idea.

Chris/Orchestra/guitar – has most of supplies, just needs some books, which should come Wednesday. Found an online tool so can do smaller ensembles, just getting started with that with students. One month now on the job, getting settled, feeling ready to make connections. Will be starting with Proyecto Saber this Thursday, to help reach ESL students/people of color, with goal of making music accessible to all students.

Treasurers (Kate and Kirsten):

As noted above, program fees still seem to be coming in, 43% kids covered so far, have seen boost after email, will send out one more reminder. Currently funds received are significantly below budget, some of that difference made up by flower/veggie sale, and hoping to see more activity fee funds come in.

Updates on budget: currently \$6275 reserve funds, from which Treasurers would like to put \$1000 into instrument repair and \$1000 coaching (clinicians). Not sure exactly how clinician will work - trying to work out best options, but up to now no money budgeted for this yet this year, and so some funds needed. May need to add more later as well.

Aleka made motion for these budget changes, Jessi seconded motion, and group voted to pass motion to make these adjustments to budget.

Communications (Jessi):

- Newsletter coming up, to include Planning program fees reminder, Evergreen sales, "Teacher Feature" planned.
- Also Jessi got feeder school information, can get info into their weekly newsletters whenever we would like with a week's notice. Our directors mentioned considering reaching out to teachers at feeder schools, see if can collaborate, goal of building program at REMS.

Next meeting day 9 Nov, 7 pm, via same Zoom link (will be available through FORESMA website)