

2021/09/15 Foresma Meeting Minutes

Attendance: *Brooke Doyle, Chris Mena, John Agular, Marni Campbell, Holly Iosso, Susanne Johnson, Kirsten Blair, Claire Jenkins, Emmy Ulmer, Sarah Reilly, Anne Running, Alice Mason, Isaac Kunen, Rosanna Stephens, Mi Kotovic, Nina Rohlich, Phyllis Fletcher, Marie Merteno Fer-Winjun, Carla Costa Sandine*

This meeting was held in person outside RESMS building

Message from the President Brooke Doyle:

FORESMA is a music boosters group. We raise money to support the music programs and provide opportunities so all students can participate in music programs at RESMS.

We are a 501c3 group.

Introductions from the Board : Brooke (president/band), Claire (secretary), Anne (PTSA), Kirsten (treasurer), Susanne (communications), Holly (communications), Marni (principal), John (band teacher), Chris (orchestra/guitar teacher)

Fundraising

1. Flower and Veggie box sales working with Skagit Mung farmers (proceeds shared with RESMS and a Title 1 school) - need volunteers for distribution
2. Evergreen sales: garlands, wreaths planned for Nov.

Unfilled positions:

- Orchestra co-president (and Brooke as band co-president "graduating" next year)
- VP for fundraising (support role, dine outs)
- Videographer for concerts

Message from music directors:

Chris Mena (orchestra/guitar):

Grew up AZ, then San Diego State U, band in high school, nontraditional music background. Finishing PhD in Music at UW. Involved with anti-racist in music education.

Senior Orchestra more traditional model.

Intermediate Orchestra for more exploration.

Grant for Spring for Ben Hunt to talk about music about protest music.

Continuing with PodCast : Raven Haven, open to whole community! Contact Chris if submissions.

John Agular (band):

SPS grad, music all the way through, UW music Ed, assistant director Seattle All-City Band.

Noting distance learning has put kids back, so feels like restarting in one sense, but quickly picking up again.

Essentially normal

Drumline invited to play at opening ceremony of Northgate Light Rail.

Directors reviewed "normal" events in a school year,: 3 concerts, 4 parades for marching band, each group normally plays at musics festivals, also play community events.

→ FORESMA support helps to make opportunities accessible

Treasurer's Report (Kirsten):

Summary from last year : \$35,000 income, expenses \$26,000, starting with \$25,000 this year (thankful to be starting strong)

Budget for this year: Kirsten reviewed proposed budget for 2021-2022 (see document)

Claire made motion to approve budget, Holly seconded. Vote was taken and budget was approved.

If \$500 over line item budget, teachers will need to get approval, ltherwise can work within approved budget.

Help needed:

- **We need annual audit of our accounting - seeking a volunteer.**
- **Anyone with expertise with Quickbooks - would be helpful in moving spreadsheets onto QuickBooks**

Anne (PTSA rep):

Co-ordinating fundraising dates etc with PTSA to avoid conflicts

Communications Report (Suzanne/Holly):

Holly is doing Monthly newsletter, co-ordinates with Ravens' Call (weekly), website

Suzanne is managing Facebook group

Looking for 3rd person to help with communications - especially to connect with feeder schools

Next meeting Wednesday October 20th, location will be announced on website