

FORESMA

September 18, 2023

7pm

Orchestra room

In attendance: Jessi Detert, Michelle Peters, Caroline Fichter, Holly Isso, Anne Running, Meredith Lee, Phyllis Fletcher, Kirsten Blair, Kay Lambert, Brian Moynihan, Sam Turner, Maralyn Turner, Susanne Johnson, Hannah Gorham, Patrick Gordon, Anna-Karin Salander, Adrienne Anderl, Shaun Armstrong, Sherry Leaders, Zac Perry, Gail Kelso-Guard, Kelly Mazzola

Music Directors' Report

- Hannah Gorham (Orchestras & Guitar)
 - Good start to year, numbers have gone up – 66 in orchestra and 20 in guitar, 15 in Experience Music.
 - In November, intermediate and concert orchestras will go to Ballard High School to see Christopher House, who does alternative style of string playing. They do a one-day workshop with a concert at the end. Hannah isn't sure if there are any extra costs.
 - March festival in central Washington. It is non-competitive. The concert orchestra will go and they will need buses.
 - If the org reaches out, they will explore playing at Greenlake again over Christmas. It would depend on if the amount of space allotted would accommodate the larger orchestra.
- Patrick Gordon (Bands & Jazz Band)
 - Sent an email to parents with program updates.
 - Students enrolled in band:
 - 80ish in wind ensemble, symphonic 40, concert 60 – hoping to move about 10 up to symphonic. Still close to half the kids in the school are in band.
 - The percussion ensemble has returned this year and has 16 kids. Goal is to have them join a concert band class.
 - Jazz 1 started this morning. It will be held M, W, Th, F. Kids are excited by the music. Jazz 2 starts tomorrow and will be held T, W, F at 8am.
 - Mr. Demonnin and Ms. Rosenberg will be helping with coaching different sections. They are also available to provide private lessons outside of school. Info in the email.
 - All Jazz students will be welcome to go to Lionel Hampton April 16-20. Could potentially stop in Quincy and play where Mr. Gordon used to teach.
 - First performance of the school year, for returning marching band students, will be for the Japanese exchange students. It will be held during a school assembly.

Secretary's Report (Kelly Mazzola)

Jessi moves to approve the minutes and Meredith seconds, approved unanimously

Fundraiser Report (Meredith Lee)

- \$45 Program Fee due by September 30. Go to foresma.org to pay online.
- Update on Evergreens sale:
 - Mid-October through Sunday, November 5
 - Pick up: week after Thanksgiving.
 - Might be able to time the pickups to coincide with the winter concerts. Could offer pick up after school as well as at the show.
- Dine Outs:
 - Mod Pizza Dine Out (25% at all 3 locations), Sun, Oct 22nd.
 - Ridge Pizza will give us 10% of proceeds for a day in November
 - Tutta Bella monthly again Dec - March.
- Volunteer help needed for Dine Outs, Evergreen pick up
- Spirit wear will be available TBD. Talking to other suppliers who offer other water bottles and other swag.
- All students get free music program t-shirts, separate from the spirit wear.
- Fred Meyer rewards – everyone can designate FORESMA as a recipient on the FM cards.

Communications Report (Holly Iosso & Susanne Johnson)

- Sign up for FORESMA Facebook and Ravens Call Newsletter to stay updated
- Volunteer help for other communications outreach
 - Several neighborhoods have social media where we could post.
 - Holly asks everyone to help by posting concerts, etc. on groups we belong to.
- Volunteer help needed for AV for concert livestreaming and recording
 - Ideally, 3 people per concert needed to livestream. It would be nice to have people who can do it regularly.
 - Need someone for sound, camera and teams on the computer. Pick up and returning the rented camera.
 - Would need to be at the show early (6-6:30) to set up everything.
 - Would like to have someone with experience or knowledge about the equipment so Brian doesn't always have to be there.
 - Zac and Sam volunteered to help. Brian will connect with them.

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

- Closed out fiscal year on July 31st with \$17k and we are starting the school year in a good position.
- The board voted via online vote on September 15, 2023 to add Adrienne Anderl, assistant Treasurer, as a signer on the FORESMA bank account. Kirsten Blair motioned, Jessi Detert seconded.

- Purchased saxophones.
- Hoping program fee increases before Sept 30 deadline. Info is on the FORESMA website.
- Zoom subscription, insurance and website payments for the year are done.
- Hannah bought 5 guitars. Patrick bought the new sound system.
- Patrick asks to pay Ben for writing the arrangement for the jazz audition. \$200. Kirsten said it wouldn't be a problem, we can pay him with an honorarium.
- Financial reviews:
 - need volunteers to help look over the previous year's financial records to make sure everything is ok.
 - Would meet for a couple of hours in the evening or weekend and go through a template of questions.
 - Brian, Adrienne and someone else would like to meet in October.
 - Do not need accounting knowledge, just help them go through last year's books.
 - Either Suzanne or Peter Johnson will help.

PTSA Report (Michelle Peters)

- PTSA Meeting dates for 2023-2024
 - First general meeting Oct 26.
- Direct appeal will kick off on Oct 5, curriculum night.
 - Will raffle off items like be a principal for the day.
 - Looking for small business owners that might be a sponsor, could advertise in Principal Stowell's newsletter, or on a sign in front of the school.

Adjourn at 8:15

Next Meeting: Monday, October 9, 7:00-8:00 pm @ RESMS in person in the orchestra room