

FORESMA Meeting
February 13, 2023
7:00-8:00pm via Zoom

In attendance: Jessi D, Susanne J, Meredith L, Holly I. Claire J, Emily R, Michelle P., Kelly M., Anne R, Jami K, Kristen B., Chris R., Marcus P., Zac S., Phyllis F., Adrienne A., Patrick G., Sherry B - L., Targhee H., Gabriela, Greta B., Kay L., Brian M., Kayo W., Kay L.

Welcome and Introductions (Claire and Jessi)

Secretary's Report (Kelly Mazzola) Jessi moved to approve January meeting minutes, seconded by Susanne. Unanimously approved

Music Directors' Report

Orchestra: Ms. Gorham

- All orchestra students will perform at the March 28th concert.
- Concert Orchestra will perform March 21st at Marcus Whitman
- Western Washington University Orchestra Festival
 - March 10th
 - Will travel by bus
 - The buses will cost \$2000 and a substitute teacher will cost \$300. Only have \$1500 budgeted. Would like to approve full amount of \$2300.
- Need to help pay for teachers overtime in addition to the substitute. Kristen said there is a line item in the budget for \$1000 for substitutes.
- Planning a collaboration with Ingraham

Band: Dr. Pimpleton and Mr. Gordon

- Mr. Gordon reports that he has spent the week with Mr. Orlin and the kids. Will have 2-3 songs per ensemble for the concert.
- Dr. Pimpleton trying to reorganize the last part of the year based on instructional units. So, kids will learn one song at a time. This will be easier with so much transition and a new teacher.
- Parades
 - After March 30th they will start parade music and will not start practicing marching until April.
 - April 29th is the first parade performance in Wenatchee
 - Syttende Mai in Ballard and then Port Townsend.
- Afterwards, they will shift back to concert preparation and play at elementary schools.
- Ordering polos can wait for now. We will need to have a few after school rehearsals to combine the two classes. Old polos are fine, and families can order them if they need a replacement.
- Lionel Hampton

- Trip dates have been moved to the 20th – 23rd instead of the 19th. This will allow us to share a bus with Chief Sealth HS. This will make the cost under \$400.
- Both Jazz I and II going. Kids would be in small groups with chaperones and able to attend workshops and then play in the competition.
- Kids will wear concert attire for the festival.
- Ask for \$3800 from FORESMA which would cover the concert tickets and festival registration. This would cover the chaperones and still have the cost to families under \$400.
- Permission slips are being worked on. Stowell and Murphy will help chaperone. Will look at the staff to see if they need to chaperone – Zac said we will likely take a social worker or counselor and one other staff person. Probably space for 1 or 2 parents. Need more women. Anyone thinking about being a chaperone needs to complete their volunteer paperwork with the district.
- The rooms will be 4 to a room with 2 queen beds and a pull out couch and we will bring an air mattress because the district doesn't allow kids to share beds. We could also ask the hotel for roll away beds.
- Approx. Budget: Hotel \$11k, Bus \$16k, Concert tickets (subsidized) \$3200, Registration fee \$600. Offsets, of 3800 from FORESMA and \$6500 Chief Sealth contribution for the bus. This budget includes the cost for the staff and chaperones.
- Jessi Thanked Phyllis and Targhee for their work putting together the information and research about the Idaho trip. They worked on the room block in the fall
- Thank you to Mr. Orlin as he moves on this month
- Welcome and thank you to Dr. Pimpleton and Mr. Gordon for stepping in and providing strong leadership on the trips and parades.
- Instrument needs (tabled until April)
- There will be a letter with the dates for the parades to families soon.

Fundraiser Report (Meredith Lee, VP Fundraising)

- Tutta Bella dine out update (\$243.77 raised in December, \$363.37 raised in January)
- Happening now – go eat at Tutta Bella
- March Direct Ask/Build for the Future campaign update (with Adrienne Anderl)
 - We'll use website link update to Give Lively page
 - \$10,000 Goal for campaign. Could be revisited if needed.
 - Dates of campaign:
 - PTSA is going first, and we will move ours to the end of April or directly after the PTSA's. RESMS PTSA direct ask campaign is 3/17 -3/31 this year with a goal of \$100,000.
 - We will not ask for money at the Spring concerts like we usually do.
 - We could also ask at the end of the year concerts if we are short this year.
 - We are thinking after Spring Break, could potentially tie into parade season. Fundraisers will determine the exact dates. Jessi, Clair, Kirsten and Communication people will meet to determine.

Treasurer's Report (Kirsten Blair & Brian Moynihan, Treasurer Co-Chairs)

- Kirsten is filing the annual with the WA Secretary of State this month.

DISCUSSION ABOUT FUNDING REQUESTS

- Instrument Repair:
 - There is a flute that needs extensive repair.
 - Susanne needs to pick up the flute to bring to the shop and wonders if there are any other instruments that need repair.
 - Orlin has paid for some of the instruments and will seek reimbursement. He has brought well over 10 instruments in and has been submitting expenses.
 - Phyllis heard from her kid that the bass amps don't work and wonder if they are the bass amps that were purchased within the year if they are still under warranty and could possibly be repaired for free.
 - Phyllis brought in an amp from home that the school could use. Kristen will follow up and find the receipts and possibly call Guitar Center.
- Lionel Hampton
 - Request for additional funding for trip to cover concerts and fees and keep costs under \$400 per student.
 - Suggestion to use part of the equipment and gear line item for \$5000. Suggest taking \$3500 out of this line item for the Lionel Hampton and Orchestra trips.
 - If everyone goes the cost will be under \$400 per family, but if fewer kids come, we will have to ask the chaperones to pay their way to keep the cost at \$390 per student. There is a scholarship line item in the budget for kids who can't afford to pay. Or could possibly subsidize the chaperones if necessary.
 - Kids will get breakfast and they need to pay for lunch and dinner. Estimates are \$40-\$50 per day. Kids will be in small groups with chaperones and will eat with their small groups.
 - There will be a planning meeting for the staff and chaperones travelling.
 - Motion to cover the \$3800 for the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. This is \$2300 over budgeted amount, so we will move the remainder from equipment and gear purchases to jazz trips. Jessi moves, Brian seconds. Approved.
- WWU Orchestra Festival
 - Motion to approve spending \$2300 to fund the WWU Concert Orchestra field trip. This is \$800 over the budgeted amount, so we will move \$800 from the equipment and gear purchases budget to orchestra trips. Claire moves and Brian seconds. Approved
- Instructors and Coaches
 - Mr. Gordon said he would like to hire coaches and instructors and is already in contact with people.
 - Gordon asked how do coaches typically get compensated? Kirsten said she wrote checks directly and they fill out a w-9.
 - He has spoken with Orlin about the budget. FORESMA pays for coaches instead of the school.

- Believe Hannah wants to bring someone in as well.
- Gordon will provide us an estimate of the amount of money he needs.

- Jazz II
 - Jazz II students were assessed \$40 to pay for the teacher because it is not technically a class, but a 0-hour club. We pay the teacher ourselves.
 - We have collected 15 payments and we are short the money needed to pay the teacher.
 - Ask for FORESMA to pay for the \$900 difference to cover our share of the jazz band teacher so the school doesn't have to pay.
 - We have \$1500 budgeted, and we need \$900 more.
 - Question about whether the fees usually cover the full amount given the number of kids in Jazz II. Kirsten remembers paying \$1500 last year, but not how much revenue there was from the fees. Anne remembers that \$1500 came from the PTSA as well. Possibly thirds – PTSA, school and FORESMA each paying \$1500.
 - Motion to approve adding \$900 to cover the shortage. Brian moves to add \$900 for the budget to cover the shortfall from the student fees for the Jazz II instructor. Kelly seconds. Motion passes.

Communications Report (Holly Iosso & Susanne Johnson, Comm. Co-Chairs)

- Updated calendar to reflect the parade and orchestra concert dates.
- Any communication about ordering new polos needs to allow time for shirts to be made and shipped before parade season.
- Susanne will post something about the marching band attire

President's Report (Claire Jenkins & Jessi Detert)

- Bylaws annual update/revision discussion. Final Version on Day of Meeting Docs
 - Approved by Board via January 18 e-vote.

Future agenda items:

- Continued preparation for Build for the Future campaign
- Continued preparation for March spring concerts

Action Items:

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Next Meeting: March 13, 7:00-8:00 pm at RESMS) in person.