

## FORESMA Meeting

June 5, 2023

7:00-8:00pm via Zoom

In attendance: Meredith Lee, Kelly Mazzola, Jessi Detert, Claire Jenkins, David Bullaro, Phyllis Fletcher, Kirsten Blair, Adrienne Anderl, Kay Lambert, Hannah Gorham, Holly Iosso, Jason Broad, Patrick Gordon, Anne Running, Amanda Van Kirk

Meeting called to order at 7:00

- Approval of May meeting minutes – Meredith moves and Jessi seconds. Approved unanimously

## Music Directors' Report

Orchestra: Hannah Gorham

- June 13 concert prep
  - excited to include artwork from students.
  - might be longer due to pieces chosen.
  - Needs volunteers to hand out programs.
  - Kay Lambert is available to help with tuning before the concert.
- Expenses
  - \$250 is budgeted to honor 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. She has spent \$78.22 and can be reimbursed.
  - Has had a former student come in to do chamber music coaching. Has been there 7 or 8 days at \$50 a day. He has completed tax forms and district paperwork. She will send FORESMA an invoice.
  - FORESMA hasn't paid for the Western Concert field trip. She suspects it's because it was during the front office staff transitions. Not sure who needs to be reimbursed. It was for the bus and not the substitute teacher. She thinks it was \$2100. Hannah will follow up with Cynthia tomorrow.
- 2023-2024 School Year
  - Numbers have gone up for next year – close to 70 total kids for orchestra.
  - Guitar numbers are unknown.
  - Full retention from current students and at least 16 new kids, including 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - Numbers are low district-wide because kids didn't want to start an instrument during COVID.

Band: Patrick Gordon

- June 15 Concert prep
  - need someone will help set up benches.
  - Will use orchestra students as stagehands.

- need a couple parents in the warm-up room.
- Patrick will ask the audience to help clean up and break down after the show.
- Will livestream the concerts. Will assess if the numbers are worth the effort.
- Concessions: everything is planned and fine. Sandwiches will show up at 6. Jessi will be there to help with the delivery.
- Will provide reserved seating for the band/orchestra.
- June 17 (Marysville) parade
  - Phyllis has helped set up chaperones and things for the parade. She has been a tremendous help.
  - There is a carnival at the event – could the kids eat dinner and go to the carnival after the parade. Will check to see if bus drivers are able to stay later.
  - Will rent a U-Haul again.
  - Will need 2 more adults for bus chaperones and supervision.
- 2023-2024 School Year
  - Numbers for next year are about the same – will have 10 more in Wind Ensemble so now 85. Symphonic band has the fewest right now, but still need to do auditions.
  - Jazz 1 and 2: Jazz audition info will be sent out this year. Patrick will consult with Dr. Pimpleton about the best way to do the auditions and to run the band. Patrick is thinking of teaching Jazz 1 and hiring for Jazz 2 – he has some people in mind.
- Practice Rooms Upgrade
  - The rooms have been vandalized over the years.
  - The walls are made of cloth soundproofing material.
  - Had someone in the district come in to assess. Will ask for volunteers who could help with carpentry and sewing.

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

- Revenues
  - Have been getting matching funds - \$3000 matching funds from direct ask
  - Tutta Bella dine outs generated \$1100.
  - There was \$550 in general donations this month.
- Expenses
  - Spent \$1600 more in repairs
  - Paying monthly rental fees for 3 saxophones.
  - Sheet music and \$70 for drinks for the parade.
  - We have U-Haul reimbursement and buses.
- Total
  - We projected spending \$33k and have spent less.
  - We have a few more expenses but expect to come out ahead.
  - Currently have \$46k in assets.
  - Looking at about \$9000 left over this year.

- We are anticipating steady revenue and expenses this year, so the money will be carried over to cover the negative revenue planned for next year and will make it zero net revenue.
- Jessi asked for a vote to approve the budget – Claire moved to approve the proposed budget and Kirsten seconds. Approved unanimously.

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

- The website is up to date, including placeholders for livestream links.

#### Fundraiser Report (Meredith Lee, VP Fundraising)

- 2023-2024 school year
  - The plan is roughly the same next year with evergreens and direct ask with dine outs in between.
  - Wants to have 2 apparel sales – right before marching season and at the beginning of the year.
  - Possibility of adding merchandise next year.

#### PTSA Report (Anne Running)

- No report. They voted in the board for next year.

#### President's Report (Claire Jenkins & Jessi Detert)

- End of school year thank you gathering
  - Wednesday June 21 at 6:30 at Meredith's house.
  - FORESMA volunteers are invited. Please include people who have contributed – you can send the email address to Jessi and she will send an invite. Would like to invite Patty Arro, Anne will find her email address.
- Informal August meeting (week of Aug 21?) to be decided via poll sent out end of July possibly over Zoom.
- Usually have our first FORESMA meeting the Monday after school starts. Will send a poll to see if Monday still works for people for next year.