

Instrumental Parents Association

Meeting minutes

April 15, 2015

Call to order: 7:04pm meeting called to order.

Attendees. **Band Director:** Mark Tietjen. **Board Members:** Laura Visco, Tracy Ferguson, Jennica Card, Nicole Hoover
Parents: Ryan Hoover, Eric Hawkins, Dan Ferguson, Kim Keating-Allen, Kathy Lydon, Barb Bridge, Rick Wallace, Karen Scott, Gina Shumate, Jan Meyers, Donna King, Kari Hiebert, John Hiebert, Tara Beier, Amie Sawchuck, Sonja Owens, Lori Stewart

Minutes: Amended attendees to read Kim Allen-Keating. Ryan moved we approve the minutes as amended. Amie Sawchuck 2nd. 16 YAY 0 NAY. 0 ABSTAINED

Walt Dale voiced concerns, making sure that we wanted to designate the funds from the sale of the piano to a capital purchase. That was indeed what we voted on and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account Balance: \$19,689.23

Charms Student Accounts: \$6,509.13

Cash Balance General Fund (less Student Accounts) \$13,180.10

Charms is almost completely up and running. All of the fundraiser information has been entered in. There are just a couple of adjustments that need to be made. Final fees will be e-mailed and mailed out soon.

Legal Changes: In order to be compliant with our 501C3 tax exempt status, when IMPA does a fundraiser, it has to benefit all students equally. Just before the meeting, Mr. VanSickle informed the IMPA Board Members that if fundraisers are ran through ASB, they can benefit students individually. The fundraisers will have to be approved by ASB, then the kids have to turn in all their money into to the business office. IMPA will no longer have individual student accounts.

Walt Dale expressed his concerns about getting rid of individual student accounts, and bi-law revisions. His biggest concern is that the money the kid's fundraised will only cover this year's fees, and that any excess will go into the IMPA General Fund. The conversation became heated, and we paused to hear the students who came to the meeting to voice their concerns.

There were 6 students who came to voice their concerns about the new fundraising policy. Brice Dale was the voice for the students, and their biggest concern was that they would like the ability to fundraise for their individual fees. They were concerned that a small percent of the students are going to have to carry they entire band with their fundraising effort. We let the students know that we are on their side, and have been working for them. If the students can't fundraise, then we the parents have to come up with the money. We have found the resolution with Mr. VanSickle this evening, and students can fundraise individually with ASB Fundraisers. The students felt like their concerns were resolved.

Through our discussion with the kids, concerns that parents had were also resolved. Mr. Tietjen will start assessing the band fees earlier in the year. For example, Marching Band Fees will be assessed at the end of the season.

Band Directors Report: The Jazz Band earned the Best Trombone Section at the Missoula Jazz Festival. They played the best they have ever played and were able to watch Eddie Daniels play. Busy week coming up with a concert tomorrow, Jazz Band at West Valley Wednesday, Orchestra Concert on Thursday, Friday kids will be helping with Craft Fair. Uniform try on Saturday, we could use some help from parents. Mr T. will try to have as much of that done as possible. Will need some volunteers for the Apple Blossom Parade in Wenatchee. Seniors will come back on a small bus for Senior Prom. The rest of the kids will go to Leavenworth. The first week of May the kids are off. Then they will have Tuesday & Thursday practices before Lilac Parade. We are doing the BBQ on May 15th with the Lilac Parade on May 16th.

At WSU Wind Ensemble got a one, the first one we've ever received for U-High. Mr. Tietjen is required to grade the kids against some sort of state standard. There is no existing state standard for music, so the best we can do is to have them adjudicated by a non-partisan professionals against a specific rubric that is used for every band in that competition, so the WSU event has showed up on the students grades in Band. It lowered some of the student's grades, but they will have hundreds of points coming in by the end of the year so they should be in good shape.

Dr Welty's performance went very well. She requested Mr. T send her a letter requesting \$500, and she will send a check for Chamber Orchestra. He is working on putting that together. She told Mr. T that she is looking forward to coming to Showcase next year (at 100 years old)

Food Coordinators Report:

Saturday Sonja will head up food for Parade Camp. She does not need the home ec room this year. She will cook out back.

Fundraisers

Butter Braids: We will figure it out

Carwash: We will talk to ASB

Color Run: They do fundraisers for your school, with your school colors. It is a big fundraiser we are looking at doing. We will talk more about this.

March Madness: Mead does a March Madness, which is a 2.5 or 5k march with the band as a fundraiser.

Old Business

Craft Fair: We are going to have over 100 vendors for the craft fair. Last year we had 70. The fall we have 140, so spring craft fair is growing. Friday 6-pm will be set up, Fair is Saturday 9am-5pm & Sunday 10am – 4pm. She still needs people to help. Tracy has some cool business cards that we can hand out to people/vendors every time we are at an event or fair. Baskets are coming along great.

Band Parent Positions: Uniforms - Chaperones

New Business

BBQ on May 15th

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm