



**VICTOR J. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

Music Parent Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2020

- Directors Present: Mark Iwinski, Chris Moan, Mary McCarthy
- Board: Marie Kole, Nancy Evens, Nicole, Gordon, Deb Jennings, Lauren Garrett, Mariann Stanton
- Open and Welcome Marie welcomed everyone and introduced the board members. Attendees asked to fill out google form for attendance.
- Secretary minutes Minutes have been posted on vjamusic.com
- Correspondence: Students received show shirts and Willow Tree is donating them and not charging us for the approximately \$1000 invoice.
- President's Report: Uniform fittings scheduled Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and getting them together Saturday for the band members. Help appreciated.
- Treasurer's Report: Nothing of significance to report. Parents didn't realize they can access their student's CHARMS accounts. Nancy sending email access info out. Parents have asked what they can use their credits for so she explained they can be for any music or band related item, like purchase of shoes, jackets, fees, etc.
- Director's Report: Mary McCarthy said next year the Andrew Marching Invitational will be September 18, 2021. Tomorrow is SAT testing for seniors. Stage 2 starting Monday. 70-75% of students have opted to return. She's excited to see the students perform their marching show and to see choir and theater things come together.
- Mr. Moan said they are recoding first full pieces using Soundtrap. Trainings have been working well. They will accumulate as the year goes on and compile things. Advanced Percussion is going well and they are working on keyboarding skills and doing a mallet unit. Spirits of students are good. Professor Yakas from Vandercook College of Music is coming in to work with percussion students.
- Mr. Iwinski said Soundtrap has been very helpful providing more one on one feedback to students. They are learning the technology. Bands are

doing two pieces and spending time working on self-directed practice and getting individualized feedback. Will result in putting it together in a video. They will have some virtual performances. Students have assignments, make sure they are taking their free time to work on those. Marching Band is excited to be out there and he's proud of the kids.

Fundraising:

Nicole - cup fundraiser will be sent out by end of month. Many logos to choose from for all music programs and simple Andrew one as well. Century fundraiser will be coming out. First dining event will be at Culver's on October 12<sup>th</sup>. All fundraising info is posted on Facebook and emails sent. Deb reviewed how to use the SCRIP program to earn credit you can use for your fees. Amy Leistra will be taking over the program from Michelle Campbell. Rachel Grames talked about jackets currently on sale. Spirit wear items will be available to order in next couple of days. Items will include show shirts, regular music shirts, decals and many other items.

Open Discussion

School pictures for Freshman through Junior will be week of October 19<sup>th</sup>. A parent asked if there will be a live parent marching show. Mr. Iwinski said they are looking to do that October 10<sup>th</sup>. Will be limited to just families. Deb mentioned we would normally be doing a banquet. We also would be preparing for our Fall Craft Show.

Motion to Adjourn:

Mariann Stanton

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Nicole Gordon