

Meeting began at 7pm.

Mandy Excused by GENA, Candice excused.

Director's Report

PL – NOLA trip going on as scheduled. Answered parents concerns about travel. Past weekend was concert MPA. All 3 got superior, concert band received straight superiors. Guard went to Oviedo and placed 3rd. It's about the process and they had an 11 point gain from last competition. Improved 27 points from their first competition.

Hailey (Color Guard) – Happy with the groups ability to come together and do well.

PL – Ms. Estremo has support from the community. When orchestra program started with 1 student and has grown to 130+. Time, patience and support to grow into a nice program. Estremo is proud of program. The end of the year celebrations will need help and organization for SSJ. Has Sonia reached out to Gena? Events for the end of the year – Concerts, next year auditions for percussion and guard. Still thinking about 1 – 2 day mini-camp to establish an estimate of students and to help with collection of band dues or to set-up payment arrangement plan. Thinking about doing a Busch Gardens trip, like the Disney trip. May be a way to get dues paid up. Wants kids to have something to do since Marching MPA was cancelled.

Molly – Some kids paid their dues and NOLA trip fees.

Old Business

Gena – Table Band mini-camp discussion for now. SSJ tickets in process.

Jessica – Fundraising idea: Applebees Pancake Breakfast. Cost is \$2/ticket to Applebees. Can charge whatever we want. They suggest between \$8 and \$10 per ticket. Can sell a certain amount of tickets due to capacity of the restaurant. Would be in the morning before they open for regular business, Saturday? Group looked at calendar and agreed target of April 25th may work for now. \$10/ticket.

PL – Quarter Days to start back up summer fall because kids and parents are asking about it. Requested snowcones start again in April. Annette agreed she can do that starting next month.

Sakia – That position can be added back to the roster. Reminded it was difficult to keep the schedule filled. Nothing new to report about chaperones.

Allison – Nothing to report.

Equipment – Pass

Uniforms – PL lots of uniforms are still out and need to be dry cleaned. How is the green bin working for plumes at games? Sakia – the green bin is good, but the plumes still smell like mildew and requested ordering screws and plastic plume holders for shakos before the beginning of marching season. Group gave suggestions to rid plumes of smell, damp-rid for plume tub. Can be purchased from Sam's Club. Gena suggested ordering small and medium gauntlets.

Alumni Rep – Ashley – Discussed a proposal to sell gourmet coffee drinks at band concerts and maybe at games next year. Can get a discount on the products, band can sell at higher price.

Can train adults to make the drinks like a barista. Alumni she has spoke to said they can come to events in the evening. PL explained the auditorium is hard to keep clean, no drinks allowed inside and next band event costs \$5. May look at for other events like SSJ. Gena – Having an alumni association separate from BPA would be nice.

Annette – Snowcones will be starting back up soon.

Hailey – Guard not doing competition in Durant on 3/14/20. Does need info about other event with time so she can send email to recruit other parents. PL – Buses will arrive at KWC at 11:30am. Awards are at 8:30ish. Bus will leave and come back and be in place to take them home by 9pm. Estremo to perform for home audience and would like to host at Seminole on March 26, the night before the championship. Can have audience, band students promote. Maybe have a grill-out for them. Proposed 9th grade center gym. Expenses to pay for party for them. Tickets to attend the championship are \$30 per person. Not possible for some parents to attend. Cheyne – Reheasal ends at 6pm. They will perform at the end of the year showcase. Gena suggested finger-foods, something simple. Hayley – The same 3 – 4 parents attend the competitions. Parents complain about poor communication between Estremo. Gena commented the distance in group is less noticeable. They are working well together.

Events/Hospitality – Chris and Jamie – Looking at DJs, no menu yet, but contact is set. Will need to figure out at the end of March. PL – had questions about how much it costs the band to put on this event. Suggested maybe a reduced costs for seniors instead of free to help reduce cost to BPA. Open to discussing later. Molly – 23 seniors still owe dues.

New Business – Kim – Suggested using online registration to reduce the amount of paperwork and data entry. Talked to Ray about it and it seems doable. Maybe have the ability to choose new or returning student and have fees calculated automatically from there. Online payments are requested often. Jaime - there is a new rotary block for this year. PL – We have done bandquet registration online and that wen over well. Molly – PayPal charges 2.9% fee and .30 per transaction. PL – Get together with tech to see how this can work.

Sakia – Nominations on track to be completed by next month.

Allison – Mini camp date, first summer rehearsal? Cheyne – Will be attending middle schools to narrow down a date.

Molly – When is concert practice for state ensemble? PL – Looking at the calendar.

PL – SHS asked to host Guard Camp. Paperwork submitted. Called Music N Motion Camp. Held June 18, 19, 20th. 150 students, 12 – 15 instructors from across the state. Can use a band fundraiser, concessions. Guard students may get reduced or free attendance. Dr. Rodriguez said yes to application to use facilities. Annette – Will be out of town during the time of the camp.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06, motion by Ornberg and DeSanto.