

Mountain View Music and Arts
Board/Booster Meeting, February 4, 2013 6:00 pm – MVHS Choir Room

Attendees: Gordon McQueen, Mark Gibson, Janet Axline, Claire Reed, Terese Klug, Lesa Ramirez, Jennifer Hanna, Peter Toews, and Phil Forman.

Absent: (from Board) Lica Baldus, Julie Ahlquist, Brooke Andersen, Jenny Likes, Sharon Morgen-Frakes, and Larissa Gibson.

MINUTES

Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Terese moved to accept the January minutes, Claire seconded; motion passed.

Claire moved to accept the January financial reports, Lesa seconded; motion passed.

Gordon asked Mark how MVMA's financial situation is compared to last year. Mark says it's comparable.

Mark said that one of his frustrations is that there is no way to reconcile CHARMS to the bank account. He and Claire have tried many different ways to reconcile and to force-reconcile, but it does not work.

Claire asked why she tracks fees, etc., if students are not going to be held responsible for them. Pete explained that the former principal, Mr. Aten, did not support making students pay for fees because of all of the rules that go along with the free and reduced policy; however, Principal Young sees MVMA as having more autonomy and may allow us to go after unpaid fees. Pete and Phil will draft a letter/procedure/process for collecting fees and take it to Principal Young for approval. This letter will basically say that if there are unpaid fees, the CHARMS administrator will automatically deduct them from their account after a certain amount of time. In the meantime, Claire is going to generate bills and mail them out. Gordon will also develop a policy for MVMA, put it out for revisions, and then let Pete and Phil approach Principal Young with these policies as well.

Old Business

An e-mail vote was initiated on January 17, 2013, by Sharon Morgen-Frakes asking for approval to run the Butter Braid sale and pay out prize awards. Six of eight board members responded with yes votes and two did not respond; approval given.

New Business

MVMA can expect a reduction in King Soopers income because King Soopers no longer allows "outsider" gift cards to be purchased with their reloadable cards. Gordon suggested to the manager that they allow these sales maybe twice a year to help non-profits boost income.

The Butter Braid fundraiser starts February 18th and will run through March 13th for delivery on March 20th. Butter Braids will be sold at the first intermission of *Side Show*. If sales are good (and manageable), sales will continue during the remaining intermissions, and board members will deliver them to people's homes. Gordon will ask Sharon to contact the Butter Braid vendor to see if they have samples, posters, and the likes, to have available at these intermissions.

Gordon estimates another 2,200 shells should be purchased to cover the needs of the shows for the remainder of the year and asked for a motion to approve the purchase of these shells as long as the total cost does not exceed \$1,000. Terese moved, Claire seconded; motion carried.

Thompson Education Foundation awarded MVMA the Founders Grant for the \$2,000 requested. Gordon gave a quick update on how some of that money is being spent.

Gordon proposed that MVMA pay for a cast party after *Side Show*. He has contacted Odd Fellows Majestic Gathering Place. Janet suggested that if MVMA is going to pay for it this year, it should be paid for in following years, as well. Gordon will prepare an invitation for Pete and Phil to hand out.

Mark, Gordon and Lica will attend 8th-Grade Registration.

Janet reported on board retention status for next year. Gordon, Mark, Claire, and Terese have agreed to stay on the Board. Lica, Janet, Lesa, and Julie will be stepping down. So, if everyone who's staying remains in their current positions as they have indicated they would, the positions of Vice-President, Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator, and Fundraising Coordinator will be vacant. As for the at-large positions, Brooke and Jennifer are resigning, leaving the positions of Band Representative and Orchestra Representative vacant. Sharon Morgen-Frakes has agreed to remain in the positions of Choir Representative and Choir Uniforms, but only until a replacement can be found. Larissa has agreed to continue with Band Uniforms, but she would like a partner. Jenny did not respond, and so the assumption is that a Theatre Representative is needed. Deb Pyles will continue taking care of the financial aspect of the King Soopers card sales, but Janet needs someone to take over the distribution/sales of them. Someone will need to take over sales of Kohl's cards, as well, since Brooke is leaving. Janet will remain active with the board doing some grant writing-type things, and Jennifer will continue the duties of acknowledgements and recognition.

Choir – Phil Forman reported.

The Show Choir competition has been moved from Colorado Springs to Westminster High School, so there will not be an overnight as planned. The premise of their show is "Broadway auditions."

The next Choir concert is Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. The Conrad Ball Choir has been invited to perform with the high school students on this night.

Theatre – Phil Forman reported.

Blocking is finished for *Side Show*. From now on, practices will consist of running and cleaning up the show. Parent help is needed in the lobby during the shows. Gordon will send out a sign-up sheet over Google Docs. *Side Show* performances are on March 1, 2, 8, and 9. Tickets can be purchased at showtix4u.com.

Gordon will record performances of each cast of *Side Show* and will have separate DVDs available for sale.

Rose McQueen is going to contact Rowe's Flowers and Gifts to see if they will provide flowers for intermission sales. The quality of the flowers sold for the prior shows were inadequate.

Band – Peter Toews reported.

The Jazz Band/Show Choir Dance is scheduled for Monday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditoria. The event will have a Valentine's Day theme and will feature swing music. Admission will be donation based.

MVHS Symphonic Band will play a short concert with the Loveland Concert Band on Sunday, February 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

The CBA Northern Regional Band Festival is Wednesday, March 6th at Fossil Ridge High School. Mountain View is scheduled to perform at 9:30 a.m.

The next Band Concert is Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Orchestra – Peter Toews reported.

Booker O'Hare (bass) was selected to All State Symphonic Orchestra and Jessica Lang (violin) was chosen for All State Philharmonic Orchestra. Those performances are February 14-16 at Colorado State University.

The next Orchestra Concert is Monday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Miscellaneous

The next Booster meeting date will be on March 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Janet moved to adjourn, Claire seconded; meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Janet Axline; submitted on 02/15/13.