

**Mountain View Music and Arts
Board/Booster Meeting, January 14, 2013 6:00 pm – MVHS Choir Room**

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

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

MINUTES

In Gordon's absence, Mark called the meeting to order.

Claire moved to accept the November and December financial reports, Lesa seconded; motion passed.

Claire moved to accept the November minutes (there was no meeting held in December), Lesa seconded; motion passed.

Jennifer reported her progress on acknowledgements and donor recognition. She has all 2012 acknowledgement letters prepared and will mail them out this week. These letters will be used to prepare the 2012 donor recognition list. Donor levels listed in the Sponsorship Letter will remain the same, but without the perks listed with them.

Old Business

Pete addressed issues carried over from July: He still needs \$1,500 for repairs to string instruments but he no longer needs \$300-\$400 for dance team uniforms. Janet moved to give Pete \$1,500 for repairs to string instruments, Claire seconded; motion carried.

Mark decided to forego discussion on program shells, as noted on the agenda, until either Julie or Gordon is present since they are the people who have the information about them.

Janet reported that the application for the Founder's Grant was submitted on December 17th. The Director of the Thompson Education Foundation has called with a few questions, but overall the process has been smooth. A decision will be reached toward the end of the week of January 21st. Mark asked Phil if he would require funding from MVMA if the grant is not awarded. Phil said he will try not to have to ask. Principal Young told him she is going to help as much as possible with his shows. Although she does not have a lot of money to contribute, she is incredibly supportive.

Discussion ensued regarding the multitude of problems with sound and lighting in the auditorium. Phil said he spends proceeds from nearly every show on improvements. The sound issues were rather embarrassing for both Pete and Phil during DKO's show. Pete said Steve from District Facilities works on making repairs as often as he can, but there is a backlog district-wide and Steve does the best he can. Claire asked if there is a way to get to the front of the line, per se, before the spring show.

New Business

The next Booster meeting is scheduled for February 11th, but that conflicts with the Jazz Band/Show Choir Dance so members agreed to reschedule the next meeting to February 4th.

Choir – Phil Forman reported.

This year's Show Choir competition will be held on April 25th in Colorado Springs. Students will leave on the 24th and stay overnight this time; they will also perform at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. Phil was able to arrange transportation, lodging, five meals, and zoo admission for less than \$100 per student.

Phil asked Mark to add a "transfer to" and a "transfer from" option to the CHARMS request form.

The next Choir concert is Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Theatre – Phil Forman reported.

Side Show is up and running. There has been some difficulty with the licensing agent; the company is in the midst of transition to a digital format, which has led to missing items and pages on Mountain View's end. The students are on top of things, though; they are very well prepared. The marketing committee is working on press releases, postcards, and posters. There are fifty cast members and twenty-eight in the pit. *Side Show* performances are on March 1, 2, 8, and 9. Tickets can be purchased at showtix4u.com.

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.

Four students were selected for the Northern Colorado Honor Band: Kate Stager (flute); Kathy LaTourrette (oboe); Vanessa Palomares (clarinet); and Jerrod Klug (trumpet). Their performance is Saturday, January 19th at 4:30 at Fort Collins High School.

The CBA Northern Regional Band Festival is Wednesday, March 6th at Fossil Ridge High School.

Several students were selected for the All State Bands:

Concert Band: Kathy LaTourrette (oboe); Jerrod Klug (trumpet); Hayden Blair (trumpet); Eli Gibson (trombone); Arturo Lopez (tuba); and Nate Anderson (percussion). Lexi Nerum (flute) was selected as a second alternate.

Symphonic Band: Kate Stager (flute); Vanessa Palomares (clarinet); Brianna Utley (bass clarinet); and Booker O'Hare (bass).

The concert is Saturday, April 6th, in the Monfort Hall at Union Colony Civic Center in Greeley.

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

The Loveland Concert Band has invited the Symphonic Band to play a short concert with them on Sunday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. Pete is going to check with students to see if this is feasible.

Pete is considering revamping classes next year to join Concert and Symphonic Bands. It will depend on whether or not he gets a half-time instructor; if he does, he will combine the bands.

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

Pete reported on a possible trip to take place at the end of the 2013-14 school year. A travel agent has compiled a tentative itinerary for a bus trip to Los Angeles, California. The trip could consist of a Disney clinic/performance, a Universal Studios clinic/performance, a visit to the LA Philharmonic, and possibly a road trip to Hemet, CA, to perform at a high school there. The trip would be affordable and interest should be high.

Mark asked if MVMA should have a presence at Passions Night which is Saturday, January 19th. Board members decided not to.

Mark asked if the Board wants to continue CD sales. The process is not a money maker, but the Board is unclear whether it should be a moneymaker or whether it is a nice service to provide to get MVMA's name out there. The Board agreed to keep the discussion going—no decision was made.

Janet asked if an election sub-committee is needed for upcoming elections. Members agreed that everyone just needs to get the word out; no sub-committee is needed.

On November 24, 2012, Mark initiated an e-mail vote asking to spend \$956 for \$1,000 worth of Kohl's cards. Eight of eight members voted yes; motion passed.

Claire discussed statements for students in *Side Show* who still owe money to MVMA.

The next Booster meeting date will be on February 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Terese moved to adjourn, Claire seconded; meeting adjourned.