

Sowers Music Parent Association Parent Meeting Minutes – 10.1.2021

Called to Order – 6:33PM

Board Member Present: Julie Pham, Terry Garcia, Inga Sanders, Melissa Bierlein

Board Members Absent: N/A

Sowers Directors Present: Kari Ivey, Ryan Tan

Parents Present: Monique SMPA Parents (Approximately 54 present online)

Exec Board Operations – Julie Pham

- Welcome to parents
- New board introductions
- Julie discussed what SMPA does. Invited all to join meetings every month at 6:30pm
 - Need volunteers for all chair positions, top priority for President, Musical Producer, Concert Program Designer, Ticket Sales, Webmaster, Fundraising
 - Form to be sent out to get info from parents and how they can help
- Melissa discussed communication with parent to sign up via REMIND texting

Approval of Minutes from June 2021 – Melissa Bierlein

- Melissa Bierlein approved
- Kari Ivey Second

Fundraising - Terry Garcia (filled in for open Chairperson)

- McKenna Claire Foundation Fundraiser via David Wetzel to come in November to discuss
 - Funds will be split, ½ to support Sowers Music Program and ½ supports McKenna Claire Pediatric Brain Cancer research
 - More information at next meeting for ball drop in January 2022 - Students to sell @ \$10/per ticket for a chance to win monetary prize
- Seeking grant writers, local business owners so sponsor the program, corporate sponsors to match donations, potential ads to be sold in concert programs
- Requesting families to help in tax-deductible donations. Donation letter on canvas to be sent home. Can send in on sowersmusic.com under donations tab or write check and send in.

Directors Updates - Kari Ivey / Ryan Tan

- Kari introduced herself and told parents her role in the music program:
 - MIT has 2 teams with COTS concert coming in December. Congrats to incoming tryouts.
 - Concert Band and Guitar working on new songs
- Ryan discussed what he does - Choral and Vocal teacher, works on technology for shows
 - Viking Choir - working on songs for COTS
 - Mixed Show Choir – working on music and hoping for choreography soon
- Ryan mentioned choreographer Erica Van Hartog who helps with and hoping to be on campus
- Pointed out Calendar of Events through March – performances 3-4 times per year
 - EHS middle school band members are invited to Oct 12 camp. Then perform at HBHS game.
 - November 8th SMPA meeting for COTS
 - Choir Dress Rehearsal Monday and Wednesday prior to COTS concert
 - Please let us know way in advance if you cannot attend the concerts
 - COTS concert will be outdoors at Sowers on 12/9. Call time at 3pm. Shows at 4 and 6pm.
 - Band area concert on 3/9
 - Spring Choir Concert maybe at Dwyer or Sowers 3/10
 - Field trip to California Adventure which is a Disney Workshop for the students

- Choir does a recording workshop and work with industry professionals.
- MIT, Guitar and Band will do a team workshop or leadership workshop
- Musical to be at Rose theater end of April with auditions 2/4
- Final notes: Sign up with REMIND. Parent Information Form to fill out to volunteer and stay informed. Mark down the important concert dates to be available. Donation form is a google drive form that is also available on website under Donations and on canvas.

Financials – Inga Sanders

- Discussed finances & where we ended last year at \$23,000
- Funds go to insurance, choreographer, equipment, field trips. Need tenor sax.
- Funds are raised via donations, candygrams, concert/musical tickets

Governance – Terry Garcia

7:33PM – Meeting Adjourned