**Sowers Music Parent Association Monthly Parent Meeting Minutes – 12.09.2019**

**Called to Order – 6:05**

Board Member Present: Kari Cone, Mindy Marcus, Debbie, Killey, Linda Farrow, Tracy Gohl

Board Members Absent: N/A

Sowers Directors Present: Kari Ivey, Ryan Tan

Parents Present: Monique Furuike, Alene Jenner, April Cabellon, Reija Eden, Patrice Ciccarelli, Leslie Flesher, Wendy Fountain, Erika Cleugh,

**Board Operations – Kari**

**Approval of Minutes:**

* Linda Farrow moved to approve minutes, with a second by Mindy Marcus. November 2019 minutes approved

**Directors Update**

**Ryan Tan**

* Thank you to all volunteers and parents for COTS
* Purchase auxiliary percussion so no need to share – he will know who to buy from and get reimbursed – we have equip budget
* MIT will make videos
* Roots of Rock discussed
* 60s music & 60s attire
* Disney Dates: 5/18/2020 - Admin Approved
* Discussed Landmark & last minute efforts to secure volunteers

**Kari Ivey**

* Discussed how corporate sponsorship needs to roll out soon – wants changes made to the sponsorship flier so it can be sent to potential businesses in the area - discussed when and how to roll out
* Patrice suggested doing kids ads in programs – discussed
* Prepping for roots of rock
* March 5, 2020 Band / Orchestra performing @ Edison brining 4 groups each group will used only percussion for their songs – Talbert and Dwyer were invited
* Bass Clarinet fell apart – discussed getting new one along with a tenor sax – needs to give all instruments that have been borrowed back to Edison.
* Discussed drumline & what’s going to happen with that in the future – may become a class
* Need $2000 for percussion instruments – Debbie to follow up with Ms. Ivey
* Got a $1000 grants thru OC Philharmonic Society

**Financials - Debbie**

* Made $$ On COTS
* $22,500 K for tickets / Almost $1400 in candy grams and concessions
* Spent $2100 on COTS for props and extraneous materials
* Approx: $64,400 in bank as of today
* Leslie to follow up on Islands check
* Next year Kari K. suggested to put a table & signage outside before COTS for candy cane sales to alleviate the crowds at intermission
* DVDs are still available for purchase

**Governance – Linda Farrow**

* Motion made to change bylaws re: volunteer hours to make them not mandatory – Tracy Gohl second – bylaws changes passed / no nays

**Vice President – Mindi Marcus**

**Fundraising – Monique / Leslie**

* Dine outs – following up with Stonefire
* Concern re: restaurants bringing in extra workers for shifts and not getting more business – seems like parents are not getting the word about dine outs? Kari K suggested the restaurants don’t staff up in case it’s not as busy for fundraiser nights.
* Mom Pop restaurants struggle more than the chains because of staffing issues / costs
* Suggestion was made to make hard copy of flyer for all dine outs
* Suggestion to add Sowers to Amazon Smile or Target as your donation recipient
* $4600 made on McKenna Claire, had party and admin came, pictures went out in the weekly newsletter
* Chris O’Connel will do all concessions for next year – all set to go to take over job
* Asked for $65 for SMPA extension cords and lights to bring for next year to make it easier for us to run power vs. borrowing things from the HS
* Need tablecloths for all tables at COTS for lobby and concessions
* Perhaps table cloths with logo?

**Other Business – Kari**

* Asked Kari Ivey to think of a guitar room parent as we don’t have one yet
* Additional announcements:
  + Patrice discussed Jr. Color Guard to support Edison band which is starting on campus - band booster sponsoring program – will perform March 5 with area band and no conflict with musical
  + Feb 14, 2020 Winter Rally – Edison’s groups are coming to Sowers to perform
* COTS Suggestions:
  + Ticketing needs to own their own cash register
  + Loading at end of night – we need more help – maybe EHS can send people to help?
  + More clarity re: Volunteers NOT getting a ticket for event on night of shift
  + No sell backs of tickets – only donations of unused tickets accepted
  + More communication re: when intermission is finished – flicking lights, announcement, etc.…no one knew when to go back into the theater - At 10 min ring bell – with a 15 minute intermissions was discussed
  + Black box should have men as chaperones – as the kids won’t listen to the moms
  + Cell phones should not be allowed on stage
  + Take pic and send to Tan or Ivey if child is misbehaving or rude or disruptive – they will deal with kids individually
  + Keep 7PM start
  + Have same call both nights
  + Discussed potentially have staggered calls for kids who don’t perform the whole show
  + Maybe provide white sheet for projector and movie to be shown back stage
  + Candy Cane grams – more signage, additional tables and sales before event
  + More cash boxes
  + Discussed (2) free tickets per board member for (1) show
  + Create COTS notebook of procedures to pass down / COTS checklist

Meeting Adjourned: 7:24PM