**Sowers Music Parent Association Monthly Parent Meeting Minutes – 03.02.2020**

**Called to Order – 6:06pm**

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

Board Members Absent: N/A

Sowers Directors Present: Kari Ivey, Ryan Tan

Parents Present: Melissa Beirlein, Catherine Hulsey, Joy Taylor, Monique Furuike, Inga Sanders, Anne Tillford, Dori Harrison, Wendy Fountain

**Board Operations – Kari**

* Introductions

**Approval of Minutes:**

* Mindy Marcus moved to approve minutes, with a second by Linda Farrow. April 2020 minutes approved

**Directors Update**

**Ryan Tan**

* Working with kids online to learn a song - using program called Sound Trap with MIT so by end of year the hope is to have them learn a song
* Working with Erica to create some choreography
* All kids still getting music education even if there are no musical performances to attend
* Gathered all mixed girls materials / dresses / shoes for them to be picked up next week at school
* Discussed Music Awards Night and how that would look with current pandemic situation
* Next year no auditions for Mixed or Girls due to pandemic – all those who choose it as their 1st elective will get it

**Kari Ivey**

* Having kids choose top 10 songs for their project – MIT
* Having kids choose top 5 songs for their project – Guitar
* Using Smart Music Program to educate the kids in Band & Orchestra – allows music on computer and lets them play along and work on skills – gives them immediate feedback on their work, can also record portions of their practice & it holds them accountable for their practice sessions
* Embedded Zoom link into their electronic files so they can use it every time there is a class
* MIT Auditions
  + need approval to send sign up packet
  + if child has 2 choices for electives & MIT is second choice, they will only be able to get into MIT if there is a ZERO period – at this point ZERO is still being discussed as an option

**Financials –Debbie**

* Last year we brought in over $60,000 – which is less than ½ of what was budgeted – SMPA was budgeted to bring in about $142K
* We spent about $54K
* We are currently positive with approx.. $5600 – although there is also about $3K outstanding in reimbursements – need to keep that in mind for incoming board in 20-21.
* We have about $41,300 in bank and includes roll over
* Ryan reminded everyone that at least $20-$25K of the budgeted income was going to be Disneyland $$

**Governance – Linda Farrow**

* Discussed next month’s vote for Executive Board, went over tasks and asked for volunteers
* Tracy Gohl to create ballot for voting purposed for June 2020 Meeting
* Current nominees for Executive Board are as follows:
  + President: Linda Farrow
  + VP of Governance: Dori Harrison
  + VP Programming: Catherine Hulsey
  + Treasurer: Inga Sanders
  + Secretary: Melissa Beirlein
* Melissa will take over Ticket Sales
* Joy Taylor to take over Website Management
* Still looking for assistance with

**Vice President / Event Planning – Mindy Marcus**

* Discussion about Awards night - wants to do it virtually thru Zoom – lots of ideas regarding how to make it special for kids and allow them a place to celebrate and enjoy the medals and end of year with their friends.
* June 9, 2020 – 7:00pm - set date/time for Music Awards
* Ryan has medals
* Discussed certificates being emailed or sent to each student
* Monique offered the idea of the “step and repeat” for a photo op at the school if they picked up awards there during a drive thru event per last name and time frame.
* We would need gift bags, treats, medals & certificate in bag – along with some students who get a plaque from Ivey & Tan
* Formed a committee headed up by Kari Cone to figure out the best way to approach a medal’s night with the music kids
* Kari I & Ryan will push out invitation for Music Ceremony

**Fundraising –Kari for Leslie (absent)**

* No family dinner nights due to pandemic but to please keep in mind those restaurants who have helped Sowers in case you choose to take out dinner or order in.
  + Chipotle
  + Massimos
  + Golden Spoon
  + Islands
  + Miguel’s Jr.
  + Perry’s Pizza
  + Woody’s Diner
  + Zubies Dry Dock
  + 2nd Floor Huntington Beach

**Other Business – Kari Cone**

* Ballot for nominations for Executive Board to go out this week (Week of May 4)
* Disneyland checks have been shredded by Admin office
* Debbie processed all refunds for musical & they have been completed
* There will be a follow up meeting for those putting together the Music Awards Ceremony for 6/9/2020
* District office is looking for any photos or videos of past performances from this year. If you have any to share please send to Cynthia Guerrero – [cguerrero@hbcsd.us](mailto:cguerrero@hbcsd.us)
* Meeting Adjourned: 7:22PM