

Perkiomen Valley Music Boosters
General Meeting
February 8, 2010

In attendance: Steve Brook, Cathie Chamberlain, Harry Chamberlain, Sam deVries, Cindy Golden, Tracy Griffie, Sue Kelly, Drew Mantey, Scott Nethery, Dave Overholtzer, Maureen Ryan, Barb Schang, Steve Suloman, Lisa Toombs (recording secretary *pro tem*), Joe Welsh

Treasurer's Report – Harry Chamberlain

Checking beginning balance = \$36,018.13

Expenses = -\$6475.49

Receipts = \$11,267.97

Ending balance = \$40,810.61

Major expenses included tarps and flags for the color guard, and supplies for the musical. Receipts reflect redemption of a cd.

Directors' Reports

Band – Dave Overholtzer

Thanks to all who supported our Jazz Band and Honors Choir at their concert on Jan 27th.

The “Valley Jazz” competition is Friday, February 19th, at 6:30pm at MS-West. Additional volunteers are still needed to help with set-up, parking, food, and hospitality (more details below); we might have to ask alumni to help out. Matt Weir (West technology teacher) will assist with sound. In addition to the competition trophies, a “participation” trophy will be provided for the PV jazz band.

The Wind Ensemble/Select Strings/Symphony Concert is Thursday, February 18th at 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium. Donations will be collected for the Matt Bailey Scholarship.

Indoor Guard had their first competition at Salisbury, MD, on Jan 30th, where they took 1st place. Their next show is this Saturday at PennCrest. Percussion Ensemble's competition scheduled for last Saturday (Feb 6th) was cancelled due to snow. Their next show is Saturday, Feb 20th, at Springford. The ongoing schedule for Percussion and Indoor Guard is available on the *Weekly Bulletin* online.

Scott Nethery added that about 40 volunteers will be needed for the Indoor Percussion & Guard Show at PV on April 17th. Help is needed especially to monitor the classrooms and hallways. A volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated at this meeting.

Orchestra – Steve Suloman

Congratulations to Ximena Violante who made Regional Orchestra (this is the first time in 3 years a PV orchestra student has advanced to that level). The event will take place February 25th-27th at Wissahickon High School. Tickets for the Feb 27th concert will be available at the door.

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The PV Vertical Strings concert will take place on Tuesday, March 30th, at PVMS-East. String students from grades 3 through 12 will participate.

The spring orchestra concert has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 4th.

Chorus – Tracy Griffie

Congratulations to our students who made Regional Choir: David Nolan (1st bass, 2nd chair) and Andrew Bigelow (2nd bass, 1st chair).

The Tri-County Choral Concert originally scheduled for Feb 9th in Norristown was postponed due to weather forecast. It will be rescheduled (possibly for Feb 28th), with the dress rehearsal earlier that same day. Some PV instrumental students (*I am very sorry, I didn't catch the names!-LT*) will be performing alongside professional musicians as part of the orchestra for this event.

The American Choral Directors' Association (ACDA) conference, originally scheduled to start Feb 10th in Philadelphia, will also be rescheduled. Erin Barkman and David Nolan will represent PV at that event.

Full cast rehearsals for *Beauty and the Beast* are underway but recent bad weather has interfered with rehearsal schedule. Tickets should be available for online purchase on our website in about 2 weeks. Tickets are \$8. Online tickets will incur a service charge of about \$2 and will be held at "will call". Various fundraisers are planned, such as raffle baskets, a "fifty-fifty" raffle, and some special events. Help is needed with publicity. Also, anyone willing to help with sets or costumes is welcome to join us on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Properties – Scott Nethery

Parts needed for the tympani have been ordered and are on the way. The chime handle has been fixed; Scott will check the cart wheels and inflate them as needed.

It was suggested that problems with the Hunsberger truck might be related to the diesel fuel, and that keeping the tank full might remedy the problem.

We need to identify people who are able and willing to serve as truck drivers.

Uniforms – Maureen Ryan

Many thanks to Dawn Hunsdorfer for doing such a great job making the Indoor Percussion uniforms.

Food – Cindy Golden

Preparations are underway for the Jazz show on Feb 19. Cindy has some help already, but additional kitchen help is needed, especially for the early shift. Cathie and Harry Chamberlain volunteered to be available at 3pm help unload drinks.

Hospitality – Cindy Golden

Help is needed for judge hospitality, especially for the early shift. Harry can help with tickets. We also need a person at the entrance, judge runners, and someone to sell “grams”. Barb Schang can help with some of this.

Old Business

Maureen asked when medical forms must be in prior to the Williamsburg trip. Dave said all the forms were due in at initial trip registration, but final updates can be made at the pre-trip parents’ meeting. In response to additional trip-related questions, students and directors will travel in 2 buses. Chaperones will drive separately, possibly in a rented van. The second payment for the Williamsburg trip has been collected and is now due in to the trip organizers.

In reply to a question, it was clarified that 50 cents will be credited to a student’s account for each Wawa certificate sold. If we are unable to determine who sold the certificate, then the 50 cents will go into the general fund.

New Business

Steve Brook received an email from student Sam Lurch requesting permission to sell her “*Save the Music*” items (related to her graduation project) at the Jazz show. Approved.

Brittany Huston (PV staff - grad project coordinator) requested a donation towards emergency personnel volunteer appreciation for the *Shattered Dreams* (program to prevent unsafe driving) event on April 23rd. She estimates \$300 will be needed. Steve B. made a motion for PVMB to donate \$100; Harry seconded; motion carried.

A request was also received from student Chandler Geiss to donate money toward “*Change for Haiti*”, her fundraising graduation project. Since many students’ grad projects involve fundraising for a variety of worthy causes and it is not possible to give to all, an alternate suggestion was made by Dave to allow Chandler to set up a collection table at our concerts. All were agreeable to this suggestion.

Thanks to Barb Schang, Sue Kelly, and Janet Caruso for their recent efforts in cleaning out, organizing, and labeling many boxes in the band room.

Adjourned: 8:15 1st motion – Harry Chamberlain 2nd motion – Maureen Ryan

Post meeting: Drew Mantey reconvened the officers to vote on contributing towards the commemorative plaque presented to Frank’s Pizza at our holiday show in December. Total cost was \$450; the Hunsdorfer Foundation will fund \$250 and Drew motioned for PVMB to donate \$200. Steve B. seconded; motion carried. Check to be made out to Schang-Hai Gallery.

