Unit 5 Music Parents Meeting Minutes – November 27, 2018
Normal Community West High School – IMC

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

~~Present: Donna Gerig, President~~

~~Present: Cheri Lynn Oakley, Vice President~~

Present: Holly Johnson, Secretary

Present: Amy Randazzo, Treasurer

Mary Robinson, Asst. Treasurer

GENERAL ATTENDANCE:

- See end of minutes for full attendance list at the end of this report

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by the U5MP Treasurer Amy Randazzo

Approval of October 2018 Minutes: Jen S. motioned to approve, **Kelli H** seconded the motion. Minutes for October 2018 are approved with minor spelling changes.

TREASURER REPORTS:

- $9,835.74 in account. Bought more checks (necessary)

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

*****CHIDDIX JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL *****

Chiddix Junior High Band:

No reports, no representative present

Chiddix Junior High Orchestra:

Vicki Trimpe (Representative) – Kimberly Boehm (Director)

- **No Report Given, but Vicki was in attendance.**

Chiddix Junior High Choir:

Ashley Muirhead (Representative) - Julia Beer (Director)

Julia Emailed her report

- 13 students represented the EJHS Choir Department at the ILMEA District 3 Concert Festival, held at Olivet Nazarene University on Saturday, November 17th.
- The department recently participated in the "Shop and Share" fundraising program through Hy-Vee, earning $250 for the choir program. ***The next fundraiser will be a "Dine-to-Donate" at Jason's Deli on Friday, December 7th.***
- Students are currently preparing for their upcoming Holiday Concert, featuring the 6th, 7th & 8th grade choirs. The concert will be held in the NCHS Auditorium on **Thursday, December 20th** at **7:00 p.m**.

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*****EVANS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL *****

Evans Junior High Band:

Jessica Bliss (Representative) Beddings (Director)
Report emailed by Jessica Bliss

- We had a great fundraiser from Great American! Raising enough to buy some new equipment!
- Xmas concert for band is December 10th!
- Upcoming in the spring will be the 8th grade trip to six flags in Gurnee for the Trills and Thrills music festival :)

Evans Junior High Orchestra:

NO REPRESENTATIVE in attendance - Elizabeth Fontana (Director)
Elizabeth emailed her report

7th and 8th grade performed at the Spaghetti Supper and played very well! 5th-8th graders all perform on December 17 for our winter concert. ILMEA was on 11/17. The students seem to have had a fantastic time, and they sounded great at the concert. A small group of students will be performing at Barnes and Noble on Dec 8 at 10:40-10:55.

Evans Junior High Choir:

Karen Fryer (Representative) - Julia Beer (Director)
Julia Emailed her report

- 7 students represented the EJHS Choir Department at the ILMEA District 3 Concert Festival, held at Olivet Nazarene University on Saturday, November 17th.
- The department recently participated in the "Shop and Share" fundraising program through Hy-Vee, earning $90 for the choir program.
- Students are currently preparing for their upcoming Holiday Concert, featuring the 6th, 7th & 8th grade choirs. The concert will be held in the EJHS Cafeteria on **Tuesday, December 11th**, at **5:30 p.m**. The concert time has been moved a little earlier to accommodate families who may be attending the NCHS Band Concert, held the same evening.

*****KINGSLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL *****

Kingsley Junior High Band:

Lori Heggie (Representative) Becky Meadows (Director)

- Dec. 18 - Concert at 7:00, including 7th, 8th, and jazz bands.
- We have several small groups plus the jazz band who will be providing holiday music in the entryway before school and at the Barnes and Noble book fair on Saturday, Dec. 8.

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Kingsley Junior High Orchestra:

Roy Guzman (Representative) Chris Golick (Director)

The KJHS 5th and 6th graders had their first concert of the year on November 15th. It went very well. The 7th and 8th graders performed at the Spaghetti Supper, and are currently working on preparations for their Winter Concert on December 17th. The 16 KJHS orchestra students enjoyed the ILMEA festival at Olivet on November 17th.

Kingsley Junior High Choir:

Michelle Gilbert (Representative) Katie Bruton (Director)
Katie Bruton emailed her report.

- PJHS and KJHS choirs are preparing for our winter concerts. PJ is on December 11th, and KJ is on December 17th. PJ will also go caroling by invitation of a retirement home on December 5th.
- 37 students total attended ILMEA from PJHS and KJHS and it was a wonderful day.
- Both programs have started their honor choirs. Both programs will also start leadership teams this week.
- Parents from both programs have been offering to help with various tasks and I'm very grateful for the support!

*****PARKSIDE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL *****

Parkside Junior High Band

Mary Robinson (Representative)
Jennifer Bolton (Director)
Emailed by Jennifer Bolton

- We had a very successful time at ILMEA. We had 17 students selected to perform and they an outstanding job!
- We have had 6 students selected for All-Illinois Junior Band which is like Junior High All-State. That will take place in February.
- We have Holiday Greenery available for sale. If interested please contact
- ***We have dine to donate night at Avanti's on Wednesday, December 5th. 11:00 AM – Close.***
- The 5th Grade Band will give its first performance on Tuesday, Dec. 4th at the Normal West Holiday concert. 5th Graders will begin their performance at 6:30 PM.
- The 6th graders are busy preparing to make their Holiday Music to stream to family & friends.
- The 7th & 8th graders are working in small groups to get ready for Christmas caroling. We will carol through the school, at Breakfast and the beginning of the day.
- Jazz Band is up and running. We have a big band this year and are looking forward to the year.
- PJHS Band will have group Band Picture Day tomorrow beginning at 8:00 AM. All students will be photographed in uniform. It will be an exciting day!

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Parkside Junior High Orchestra:

Dawn Holliger (Representative) Angie Stalter (Director)

NO REPRESENTATIVE in attendance / NO REPORT SENT

Parkside Junior High Choir:

Michelle Gilbert (Representative). Katie Bruton (Director)
Katie Bruton emailed her report.

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*****NORMAL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL *****

Normal Community High School Band:

Holly Johnson (Representative) Lance Meadows (Director)

- Spaghetti Supper went well, a few glitches that did not impact the evening, so overall it went very well.
- Craft and Vendor show seemed to go well. There was a lot of traffic but there were also a lot of other events going on in the building so that helped traffic and concessions.
- 14 Students went to ILMEA – unsure of the All State status yet
- Next concert is the Holiday one on December 11th at NCHS
- Our trivia night is coming up in February
- We have a Dine to Donate at Jason's Deli on December 14th (5:00 PM to 10:00 PM)
- We have a Dine to Donate at Flat Top Grill on February 20th (all day event)
- There will be a recording day in February with the Wind Ensemble to get ready for Carnegie . Wind Ensemble will preform at all state next year 2019-2020
- Spring Band Concert will be on May 8th at NCHS

Normal Community High School Orchestra:

Roy Guzman (Representative) Melissa Seibenthal (Director)

- About all I can think of is that we are getting ready for Winter Concert next Thurs (Dec 6) and just completed our Butter Braid sale today. Sale was pretty successful!!!

Normal Community High School Choir:

Jill Enchelmayer (Representative) – NOT IN ATTENDANCE IN NOVEMBER
Ben Luginbuhl (Director)
Report Emailed by Ben and also Jill

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We had a great day at the two ILMEA festivals (Jazz and Concert). Our participating students learned from excellent clinicians and had great performances!

Our spaghetti supper performance of opera choruses went very well, despite the very warm conditions in the auditorium! Thanks to all who helped put on this huge event, especially Melinda Breach!

The Madrigal Dinners are this weekend (Nov. 30 and Dec. 1). We are nearly sold out for the shows. We have 58 students in the two singing ensembles, a brass quintet, and a string ensemble. This performance is truly a departmental event, and we're looking forward to it! There are still tickets available, and can be reserved by visiting www.nchschoirs.org

The Choir Holiday Concert will be Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 pm in the Auditorium. We will be performing a wide variety of pieces, and will also feature the Court Singers and Madrigal Singers with music from their show. The concert will end with all of the choirs combined, which is truly a wonderful experience.

- Musical auditions will start up at the end of January. We are doing Shrek the musical.
- Next semester, we are looking forward to several big events for the choral program!
- Feb. 9: Chamber Singers at the inaugural U of I Choral Invitational
- Feb. 21: Chamber Singers in concert with Augustana College at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomington
- Feb. 22: A Cappella Night at the Normal Theatre! :)
- March 8: Chamber Chorale & Women's Chorale performance at the first annual ILMEA Large Group Festival, EIU in Charleston
- April 23: The return of the Chapel Concert! Time and location TBA

Thanks for all you do for us - it is much appreciated!

*****NORMAL COMMUNITY WEST HIGH SCHOOL *****

Normal Community West High School Band:

Kelli Halsey (Representative) Lisa Preston (Director)

The bands were busy on Nov. 17th. With 21 students at ILMEA district festival and the 24th annual Craft Show at Normal West. It was a great day for both. The Wind Ensemble shared a concert with ISU Symphonic Winds in November. Each band played their own pieces and then combined for one piece. The other bands played at the Spaghetti Supper. The Jazz bands start this week. Holiday Chamber groups have also started. The Holiday groups will be playing in places around the community. The annual Children's Christmas concert is next Tuesday and will feature the all of the bands as well as the 5th grade band from Parkside Junior High.

Normal Community West High School Orchestra:

_____ (Representative) – NOT IN ATTENDANCE IN NOVEMBER

Kimberly Martin-Boyd (Director)

Email sent from Karin Nowers 11/26/18

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- **ILMEA:** 12 students were selected for ILMEA. They had a really good experience with retired orchestra teacher Frank Lestina and played *Academic Festival* by Brahms and *Holst Jupiter* from The Planets. There are pictures on our Instagram!
- **Fundraisers:** We are planning to have more Dine to Donate fundraisers in the spring. Also planning a chocolate tasting and a paint night – more to come. The next fundraiser are discount cards which will be on sale in the next week or so. These will sell for $10 and offer discounts to many local businesses and are great because you can recover your $10 investment rather quickly, and best of all is that students will make $6.50 per card they sell!
- **LA Trip:** We have about 10 spots left on our trip to LA in June and will welcome any travelers who would like to take the trip as guests with us. Please contact Mrs. Boyd if interested.
- **Winter Concert:** December 13th at 7pm. All orchestras will perform as well as a combined symphonic orchestra featuring Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble students.

Normal Community West High School Choir:

Cheri Lynn Oakley (Representative) – **NOT IN ATTENDANCE IN NOVEMBER**
Sara Williams (Director)
Report Emailed by Cheri

The Unit 5 Spaghetti Supper was a success. The choirs did an outstanding job with the Les Miserables medley. We heard many compliments on both the dinner and the performances. The choirs are working on preparing for the upcoming Winter Concert. The concert is on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 pm. The students are continuing to strengthen their sight reading skills and their musicianship. The Jazz Voices group has designed a t-shirt and they are in. We will be working on a shirt for Colla Voce and for Fully Diminished.

Colla Voce, Fully Diminished, and Jazz Voices groups performed on the NCWHS Annual Veteran's Day dinner on Tuesday, November 13th. They performed the National Anthem at the flag ceremony followed by patriotic selections during dinner It was a wonderful night of honoring those who served our country. We were honored to be asked to be part of this event.

*****NORMAL MARCHING BAND *****

Normal Marching Band (NMB)

Kelli Halsey (Representative) Multiple Directors (Lance, Lisa and Ryan)

The NMB finished its season at Grand Nationals in Indy in November. There is a Chipotle Dine to Donate tonight and a Dine to Donate at Portillo's next Tuesday. The end of the season banquet is on Dec. 15 at the Doubletree Hotel and we have over 400 attending.

OLD BUSINESS:

Prep Freeze Cook brought in $229.00

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Report for NCWHS Spaghetti Support (Mary Robinson): Thank you very much for supporting the 2018 U5MP Spaghetti Supper at Normal West. Through the music director's efforts there were 915 pre-sold tickets, 132 tickets sold at the door, and approximately 80 volunteers throughout the night.

Report for NCHS Spaghetti Supper (Melinda Breach): Thank you very much for supporting the 2018 Unit 5 Music Parents Spaghetti Supper at Normal Community. Through the music director's efforts there were 1,268 pre-sold tickets, 87 tickets sold at the door and approximately 75 volunteers throughout the night.

Distribution of Funds: We have approved the motion to distribute $600.00 to each music program. Mary R. motioned and Amy R. seconded the motion.

The collective efforts of ticket sales through the music directors and at the door sales reached a ticket total of 2,402 which provided $18,844.50 in ticket revenue. The information tables added an additional $392 in donations and car cling sales. After expenses, the Spaghetti Supper fundraiser raised $12,414.10. The fundraising goal of $12,000 was met and enables the music programs to be allocated $600 each ($10,800 in total) as of December 1, 2018. $1,200 of the fundraiser funds are budgeted to be reserved for allocations to the junior high programs that meet the attendance requirement by the end of May, 2019. The funds are made available as long as all other operating expenses of the association are paid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spaghetti Supper Feedback: A few ideas were suggested by parents/directors about "changing things up a bit" on the Spaghetti Fundraiser. An idea was given as: Maybe something with cookies and desserts with juice/water and a lower ticket price of $4 or $5 each ticket.

Pubic Unit 5 Music Fundraising Calendar:
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=6bn1rrrcjoic198djsf1mduhr8%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FChicago This idea was well received and has begun being used. A embedded calendar is also on the U5MP website: https://unit5musicparents.wordpress.com/unit-5-music-public-fundraisers/ We agreed that the position of the U5MP Secretary will manage and organize this in conjunction with the creation of Facebook Events and Website posts. It was suggested that Ryan, Jenn and Ben be added as additional admins. Right now Ryan B. IS an administrator. The other two will be invited to admin in the near future. A U5MP website post and FB post will be sent out to announce this new calendar and invite those interested and part of fundraising to subscribe to it. It will be suggested that Holly Johnson at HollyJohnson2357@Gmail.com be included in the final communications about any upcoming fundraising events so it can be added to the PUBLIC calendar, a FB event can be created and also added to the U5MP website with links to any flyers needed or required. **If any person or department ALSO wants to continue using their own calendar for any PUBLIC fundraising opportunities, please continue to do so and just let Holly know. The other calendars can be duplicated to the PUBLIC one and only a small fraction will be witness to duplicates, and that way the SAME information will continued to be offered.**

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Amy R. motioned to adjourn the meeting. **Karen F.** seconded. Meeting adjourned @7:24 PM

LIST OF ATTENDEES:

John Memmer
Laura Memmer
Roy Guzman
Melinda Breach
Jessica Bliss
Vicki Trimpe
Laurie Heggie
Mary Robinson
Michelle Gilbert
Karen Fryer
Holly Johnson
Kelli Halsey
Amy Randazzo
Ashley Muirhead