

Unit 5 Music Parents Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2022

Normal Community West High School – IMC

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Present: Josh Jensen, President

Present: Emily Miller, Vice President

Present: Angela DeJaynes, Secretary

Present: Logan Geigner, Treasurer

Present: Robyn Wenzel, Asst. Treasurer

GENERAL ATTENDANCE:

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by the U5MP President Josh Jensen.

TREASURER REPORTS:

- U5MP operating balance as of 10/24/2022 = \$11,366.31
- Testing a Google Form for expenses, but currently only working for one category
 - Coming highly encouraged and good feedback from directors
 - Suggestion to have an email confirmation be sent to director of programs, as many directors have added support submitting for reimbursements
 - Maybe a drop down to select the program?
 - Encouragement for parents to send confirmation back to directors

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

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

Chiddix Junior High Band:

Tricia Ogdon (Director) **NO REPORT**

Chiddix Junior High Orchestra:

Jillian Meszar (Director) **NO REPORT**

Chiddix Junior High Choir:

Julia Beer (Director) **NO REPORT**

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

Evans Junior High Band:

Krista Beddigs (Director) **NO REPORT**

Evans Junior High Orchestra:

Elizabeth Fontana (Director)

- EJ Orchestras has 9 students selected for the ILMEA Festival. I'm very proud of all of the students who challenged themselves by auditioning!! They all did great work!

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- Our 5th grade informance was a couple of weeks ago. The students did a great job showing what they've learned this year.
- The 8th grade orchestra went on Spooky Tour last Wednesday. The students loved performing for all of the elementary school students!
- 6th and 7th grade will be performing at the Music Extravaganza on Nov 14.
- All EJ orchestras perform at our winter concert on Dec 15

Evans Junior High Choir:

Julia Beer (Director) **NO REPORT**

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

Kingsley Junior High Band:

Tyler Harr (Director) **NO REPORT**

Kingsley Junior High Orchestra:

Daria VanDeLoo (Director) **NO REPORT**

Kingsley Junior High Choir:

Katie Winchester (Director) **NO REPORT**

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

Parkside Junior High Band

Jennifer Bolton (Director) **NO REPORT**

Parkside Junior High Orchestra:

Angie Stalter (Director)

- PJHS Orchestras have had a busy fall orchestra season already. Ten students auditioned for District 3 ILMEA and five students were selected to perform for the festival in November. We are now spending our time preparing the remainder of the music for that concert.
- PJHS 6th grade and 7th grade Orchestras will perform at the 2022 "Un-Sketti Concert" also known as the Unit 5 Musical Arts Extravaganza in November. This will be the first performance for both ensembles.
- PJHS Orchestras also finished a successful Fannie May Fundraiser during the first week of October. Chocolate for that fundraiser will be delivered to the school in early November.

Parkside Junior High Choir:

Katie Winchester (Director) **NO REPORT**

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

Normal Community High School Band:

Paul Carter (Director)

- October has been going well for NCHS Bands. We have been preparing for our first concert on Thursday, November 3rd which will feature all of our Bands. The NCHS Wind Ensemble was invited to perform a side by side concert with the University of Illinois Bands which will take place on Thursday, November 10th. We are also preparing for our upcoming Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, November 12th.
- We had 9 students selected for ILMEA District Band, 2 students selected for ILMEA District Orchestra, and 5 students selected for ILMEA District Jazz Bands.
- We had several successful fundraisers both for our program at large as well as in preparation for the Wind Ensemble's trip to Chicago in March of 2023.

Normal Community High School Orchestra:

Melissa Siebenthal (Director) **NO REPORT**

Normal Community High School Choir:

Ben Luginbuhl (Director)

- Our fall concert on Sept. 26 went extremely well, especially for it being so early in the year. The students had wonderful performances! Thanks to all the U5MP reps who helped with U5MP and referendum info in the lobby.
- Our ILMEA auditions also went extremely well...we have 5 students selected for the All-District Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and 33 for the All-District Senior Chorus! These are record numbers of students for both ensembles from NCHS, and I couldn't be prouder of the students' hard work!
- Our theme for the MP Extravaganza is Oscar-winning original movie songs. We're having fun learning the music and are excited to perform at the event
- The 22nd annual Madrigal Dessert performances will be Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 pm and Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm. Both the Court Singers and Madrigal Singers are working on some beautiful music - it should be a great show! Tickets will be \$10 (plus a handling fee of \$1.50) and will be sold online. Public sales will begin sometime in early November.
- We'll be closing out the semester with our annual Holiday Concert on December 8 at 7 pm.

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

Normal Community West High School Band:

Ryan Budzinski (Director)

- All five bands at Normal West are preparing for fall concerts and looking forward to hosting Kingsley and Parkside Eighth Grades at our concerts!

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Normal Community West High School Orchestra:

Kim Boehm (Director) **NO REPORT**

Normal Community West High School Choir:

Sara Williams (Director) **NO REPORT**

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

Normal Marching Band (NMB)

Multiple Directors (Ryan Budzinski, Paul Carter)

this weekend...First in Class 6A, all caption awards: music, visual, general effect, and crowd appeal, 2nd overall in finals. First performance in Finals for the NMB and highest placement for Unit 5 ever.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Musical Extravaganza

- Emily Miller is lead for West's Night on November 10, Karen Fryer will lead for Community's Night on November 14
- Sign-Up Geniuses have been made
- Fundrazr is up and live!
 - Currently accepting donations, will stay live until 11/28
- Welcome letter has been sent to directors, but will be sent a second time, with added ask for program details to spotlight programs on Facebook
- Link to Sign-Up Genius will be sent to parent reps as well as directors to share with families
- Signage at both schools with QR codes linked to the Fundrazr for electronic donations
- Buckets for cash donations will be set up at both events as well
- Emily's original email to directors went as spam email, will re-send from the U5MP account in hopes it won't go to spam folders
- Performance schedule has been created at both locations, will post so families can compare when signing up to ensure they are available to attend their student's performance

NEW BUSINESS:

- Thank you to parents who have been able to help staff tables at recent concerts to promote U5MP and "Vote Yes for Unit 5" referendum campaign
 - Lots of good questions and engagement, an opportunity to speak in front of parent group during performance as well
 - HUGE NEED is both Hauntcerts 6:00 & 7:30
 - will need a table at both locations for both performances

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- 2-3 volunteers per concert
- Committee members will attempt to be there as well to talk with families
- Yard signs will be available
- Paper materials will also be available for families to take
- Josh will send out a Sign-Up Genius
- November 3 is an NCHS and NWHS band concert at each location
 - Looking for volunteers to staff a table to represent U5MP
- Looking to have a table presence at all performances for remaining concerts to represent/promote U5MP (even after referendum!)

Monica Bana motioned to adjourn the meeting; Karen Fryer seconded. Meeting adjourned @ 7:55 PM
The next meeting will be on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Normal West High School IMC.

ATTENDANCE:

- Robyn Wenzel – PJHS Band/Board Member
- Kelli Halsey – NMB
- Tanya Waninger – NWHS Orchestra
- Kara Heuer – NWHS Choir
- Monica Baca – NCHS Band
- Tricia Ogdon – CJHS Band Director
- Ashly Muirhead – CJHS Choir/CJHS Orchestra
- Susan Hara – KJHS Choir
- Krista Gaff – KJHS Orchestra
- Laura Roethle – PJHS Orchestra
- Karen Fryer – NCHS Choir
- Heather Blumhardt – NCHS Choir
- Natasha Syed – EJHS Choir
- Roy Guzman – NCHS Orchestra