

Friends of Rockville Music
November 11, 2019 meeting

In Attendance: Alison Moser, Jennifer Fields, Catherine Byrne, Carrie Shershanovich, J.P. Marple, Jennifer Pesanelli, Laura Myers, Mike Stahl, Deb Stahl, Isabelle Olivos-Glander, Mike Byrne, Nicole Sherlock,

Mike Byrne, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Discussion of budget for the year (since conversation did not happen earlier as usually done)

Key points- Transportation (renting trucks) for Marching Band is a lot of money and will be more next year for 5 competitions (vs. 4 this year). Mike will convene an adhoc committee to look into purchasing a trailer which could pay for itself in approx. 2 years. Mike Stahl and Mr. Jordan will be invited to join committee.

A trip is planned for all students in music program December, 2020 to Florida. Directors were told by school they need to have scholarship money available- 4K is written in this year's budget in order to begin saving up. This will need to be cut if fundraising goals are not met.

\$2552 shortfall from trip to NYC last spring. Treasurer will add a separate line item for this to budget.

Chocolate fundraiser and Mattress sale are new this year. Jan 18 for mattresses. Buy nothing fundraiser suggested for December- Laura Myers said she'd develop flyer.

Alison Moser moved to approve budget, second by Catherine Byrne. Approved.

Director's Report: Nicole Sherlock

- Asked for help to organize Yankee candle distribution when order arrives
- School won a 5K grant from Wolf Trap to have a studio orchestra piece written by musician Nii Akwei and performed by students. School will receive \$1500 worth of recording mics and equipment
- On-site lessons happening- during the day and after school- by Nii Akwei. Checks paid to FORM, monthly spreadsheet to Treasurer for pass-through and payment to Community Use Public Facilities (CUPF)- approx. \$140 when FORM billed.
- Charms continues to be updated by Elana Mintz- still working to get everyone's correct info. Officers were given access to system (need training or info how to use)
- Many students auditioned for County Honors bands-- more than in previous years
- Sat. Dec. 14- Big Band Jazz assessment at Sherwood HS
- J.P. Marple is updating the website- is looking into finding access to emails for officers

-Bylaws handed out so can be reviewed.

-Reminder about sending out notice of meeting several days before-- to membership and Ramsnet- to be done by Secretary.

Submitted by Alison Moser/Secretary