

Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/9/25

I. Announcements & Updates:

- **May Events:** May is a busy month with concerts, Memorial Day parade, commencement band, and auditions.
- **Orlando Trip:** Planning is ongoing; awaiting final sign-ups from Rockettes and Choir for a clearer picture.
- **Percussion Section:** Increased number of percussionists requiring additional support and planning.

II. Recent Events & Performances:

- **High School Musical:** Successful completion; thanks to all who helped.
- **Middle School Honors Festival:** Successful participation; kids had a positive experience.
- **Solen Ensemble:** Successfully concluded; increased participation this year.
- **Middle School Jazz Band:** Upcoming performances at Rocky River Jazz Festival (Monday, the 14th, 7:00 PM) and school assembly. Further performances at Barnes & Noble in May and the Spring Jazz Concert.
- **Middle School Band:** Performance at Junior High Contest.
- **High School Orchestra Concert:** May 1st at 7:00 PM.
- **Middle School Orchestra Concert:** May 6th at 7:00 PM. Also participating in Large Group Contest on May 9th/10th.
- **Princess Superhero Concert:** May 29th at 4:30 PM – end-of-year concert.
- **Day for Strings 2025:** Theme will be video game music; clinician will be Christopher Moran.

III. Upcoming Events & Planning

- **Membership Drive/Spring Sign-Ups:** Distribution of sign-up sheets for new freshman memberships. **Decision:** Sign-up sheets to be available soon after spring break, ideally mid-May. **Action Item:** Post sign-up sheets and map
- **Bay Sign-Up/Route Sheets:** Encourage student participation. **Action Item:** Promote sign-ups to students immediately following spring break.
- **Ballroom Bliss:** Catering, MC, and decorations are finalized. **Action Item:** share volunteer sign-up information and ticket details on Remind and email. Set-up is Friday at 3:30 PM
- **Uniform Cleanup:** Inventory of uniforms and necessary orders for Orlando trip.

IV. Fundraising & Finances:

- **Blitz Fundraising Promotion:** Ongoing efforts using digital newsletters, posters, and outreach to West Life. **Action Item:** Continue promotion, but scale back until closer to the event. Program is finalized, but needs print review to ensure alignment and correct names.
- **Treasury Report:** All accounts reconciled and up to date.
- **Hospitality:** Dinner on the 15th is arranged.
- **Budget:** \$60,000 of the \$80,000 budget used. Future budget will depend on membership numbers.

V. Other Items:

- **Ben Kitchen's Dad Donation:** Donated over 100 charts (music) – valuable contribution. A few to be played at the end-of-year concert. **Action Item:** explore scheduling Ben's dad for a performance on a Monday during spring concert week.
- **Room Update:** Room renovations, including new sound-dampening tiles, are expected this summer.
- **Cabinet Replacement/Digitization:** Need to address outdated cabinets and library digitization as a future project.
- **Summer Fundraiser (Orlando Trip):** Funds to be distributed based on investment gains, with additional scholarships given on an individual basis. **Action Item:** determine how to apply funds to student accounts for trip expenses.

VI. Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will likely focus on solidifying positions for next year. A list of positions will be updated.