



Ingham Performing Arts Booster Meeting October 7, 2020 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Minutes

- Come to Order; discussion of new format of Agenda with links to documents; Minutes approved and adopted.
- Fundraising Letter: we need AFE to print out a journal entry in order to receive financial information; Jason will email AFE, and copy Rachel, Davida and Deanna; goal for this year's letter is to raise \$5,000; Heidi will check the mailbox at Ingham to see if we have received any money there; Rachel will ask Davida to confirm the final number and distribute the final budget to all; Rachel will make upload the final budget to Google docs.
 - Discussion about the difficulty of teachers asking parents to donate when a connection hasn't been established; Deanna offered for the teachers to send her examples of what is working and how connections are happening (feel good stories; examples of real things); looking towards the future, the Performing Arts at Ingham needs to be here and ready for when we are finally able to get back together again; we can also soft pedal now, but hit it harder when we see the light at the end of the tunnel; when parents can see that light, they may be more willing to give.
- Teacher Updates: Upbeat Music (upbeatmusicapp.com) is an online app the teachers could use with Orchestra, Choir and Band; we could showcase this as an example of why funds are needed during this time of remote learning; it has built in features where students can record themselves separately; great self-assessment tool and to use at rehearsal, but not to create a product; the District said they would provide audio software, but there's a lot of red tape and the district is slow to move; preferable if the Boosters purchase Upbeat Music for use now; cost is \$10-20/month for teachers and \$15/student each year.
- February Student Showcase: instead of regular Student Showcase, we would like to create a telethon type of experience, possibly renting a venue where the students can prerecord their performances in January; Rachel created a Google doc for tracking our research of possible venues; Jason reported on pricing from Dimitrios Jazz Alley (normally rents for \$3,000 but is amenable to accept less, could provide an audio engineer and could find a videographer, which would be extra), STG for Neptune and Moore (\$5,000 just for room for the day); Jason will update the Google docs with this info; however, teachers reported that the District announced no wind instruments nor singing is allowed, not even outside (string instruments are ok) which means we cannot use a venue; we still need a performance goal, something that the students can work towards and will share; since we can't get people into a room, discussed some different formats, such as visual elements to keep audience engaged.
- Back to School Night: no one has heard anything further about it, except that possibly teachers will be preparing individual videos for parents to view.
- FOI Update: Rachel attended the September FOI meeting; they were impressed (and disappointed) that IPAB had already sent out a fundraising letter; Rachel was impressed with the number of people they had in attendance (50+); Debbie and Rachel will confirm if they are receiving the FOI newsletter and forward to Deanna so she can see if IPAB information is included; Deanna confirmed IPAB dates are not listed on the school calendar - Rachel will follow up to get them included; Rachel will ask Gayle Clemens to regularly attend the FOI meetings since they are held on Mondays and Gayle can no longer attend Wednesday IPAB meetings.
- Recruitment: we need to be actively recruiting; Rachel will make sure Deanna has the open board positions (Communications Chair, all Liaisons, VP, Treasurer Assistant); Deanna to provide Shane with brief descriptions of the open positions so Shane can send recruiting email to parents; Jason to contact Mark Richards about Vanessa, the person he said was interested in the Choir Liaison position.

Upcoming IPAB Meetings: November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5

Upcoming Events: possible virtual Showcase on February 6, 2021

“The purpose of this organization is to support the performing arts at Ingham High School by providing volunteer efforts and financial support to the programs, staff, instructors, and students.”

Meeting Norms: start on time; adhere to agenda; adhere to speaking order; come prepared; assume positive intent; stay true to organization's purpose.