



PRINCETON MUSIC BOOSTERS

President: MATT GARDNER ~ Vice-President: TOM BENJAMIN ~ Secretary: KARIN BENJAMIN ~ Treasurer: WENDY LINDSEY

Music Boosters Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2020

Attendees: Matt Gardner, Tom Benjamin, Wendy Lindsey, Karin Benjamin, Kristen Brown, Jodi Kessler, Robin Gandert, Michelle Robenalt, Heather Hurley, Mary Stuever,

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 pm

*Due to the Stay at Home order from Governor Dewine, this meeting was held via Zoom.

2. Officer Report:

a. Secretary's Report:

- i. Motion made by Tom Benjamin to approve minutes from November 2, 2020 meeting. Jodi Kessler 2nd that motion. Minutes approved.
- ii. Membership count stands at 96 and 1 Corporate

b. Treasurer's Report:

- i. Financial Report was distributed and shared.

c. Vice President's Report:

- i. Tom will continue to push social media items.

d. Teacher's Report:

- i. **Department News:**
We have been approved for rehearsals and recording for the following:
December 2 Jazz Ensemble 6:30-8:30pm, Matthews Auditorium (Scarlet/Gray/Remote)
December 3 Symphonic Orchestra 6:30-8:30pm, Matthews Auditorium (Scarlet/Gray/Remote)
December 8 A Cappella Choir 6:30-8:30, PHS Band Room or other appropriate space (Scarlet/Gray/Remote)
December 10 Symphonic Band 6:30-8:30pm, Matthews Auditorium (Scarlet/Gray/Remote)
All Covid-19 protocols will be in place.
Directors will instruct students what to wear for rehearsal/recording.
No audience members.

We have been approved for virtual Senior Solo Recital (no audience). Tentative date: March 11, 7:00pm.
OMEA Spring Virtual S & E due March 20.

Princeton Music Booster Fundraiser (in lieu of Mattress Sale)

- 9-12 Performing Music Classes
- National Discount Card Program: Covid-Friendly, Hand-Free, Digital Fundraiser:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dXrvjvMpsGGuYdhUGFcgXXt00XYXsFKb/view?usp=sharing>
- Friday, November 13 Kick Off Fundraiser with Scarlet students
- Monday, November 16 Kick Off Fundraiser with Gray students
- Fundraiser closes 12/11 for all.

ii. Band:

PHS/PCMS Band Practice Partners update: there have been 45 Practice Partner sessions for 20-60 minutes logged. All Practice Partners are encouraged to meet one time in December (December 1-18).

Symphonic Band records Thursday, 12/10. Students are asked to wear “concert black,” meaning all black. Percussion Ensemble records at 5:30pm. Symphonic Band records 6:30-8:30pm.

PCMS Concert Band will be rehearsing in Matthews Thursday and Friday of this week and next to get the experience of playing on stage. We are going to be recording a Holiday Tune on Friday, 12/11, with Scarlet Concert Band students, and Thursday, 12/17, with Gray Concert Band students. Students are encouraged to wear festive Holiday “gear” as they wish.

iii. Jazz:

PCMS Jazz 7 and Jazz 8 are currently working through their books, developing their improvisation skills, and both grades are working on learning tunes “by ear” with no sheet music. Jazz 7 is learning C Jam Blues by Duke Ellington, and Jazz 8 is working on “Freddie Freeloader” by Miles Davis.

Jazz Studio and Jazz Lab have been rehearsing and working on developing repertoire, as well as Jazz fundamentals and history and theory knowledge.

Jazz Ensemble had a terrific recording session last Thursday in Matthews Auditorium, and look forward to debuting that recording at a time TBD.

iv. Orchestra:

The 6-12 orchestras are currently working on technique through our Essential Elements technique books, holiday songs, packets, and the occasional work-disguised-as-a-game scenario. We feel fortunate to see our kids - even if it is only every other week, or online, we love and miss our kids very much.

We play each day from bell to bell, and our kids seem to enjoy just being together and playing - it seems to serve as a balm for the stress of the day. If we do nothing more than that, we are so thankful.

The PHS Symphonic Orchestra rocked the house with a rehearsal performance on 12/3, and the students really enjoyed getting together to play together again. We miss it so much.

Thanks as always to the PMB for your support, kindness, and service. You are appreciated!! ♥□

v. Choir:

Choraliers, Scarlet Singers, 8th Grade Choir, and 7th Grade Choir have been working on the medley “‘Tis the Season” to put together for a virtual choir. Their submissions have been turned in and I’ve compiled and mixed the audio (it sounds great!). Now, I’m trying to navigate learning how to use the video editing software to put it all together. It may have to end up being more of a slide show than a true virtual choir, since I’m finding it a lot more complicated than expected (or maybe I’m not as smart as I thought □). Either way, the goal is to release it some time next week. -Mrs. Ballman

Concert Choir and 6th Grade choir have been focusing on all sorts of musical concepts! We are learning about mixed meter and triplets in 6th grade choir, and mixed meter and 8th-16th patterns and dotted notes in Concert Choir. The classes have also been learning how to conduct in 4/4 and this week we will begin $\frac{3}{4}$. They have also worked on showing a crescendo decrescendo and a cut off. We are using solfege to sight sing excerpts of holiday songs and also discussing/watching examples of a cappella singing groups. Each choir has two pieces that they are working on for this quarter.

A Cappella Choir is excited for our Holiday event tomorrow night, December 8! We have 33 out of 47 A Cappella Choir members coming to sing together for the first time this year! Can’t wait! They will be rehearsing and performing “Sing We Now of Christmas,” “We Wish You a Merry Christmas,” “Sleigh Ride,” “Mary Did You Know,” as well as “Silent Night.” Vocal Chamber

Ensemble will also be singing two songs: “Deck the Hall” and “Joy to the World.”

VCE uniforms are arriving this week and we will be scheduling their composite picture for February!

e. President’s Report:

- i. Matt thanked the Boosters and the PCSD for supporting the Music Boosters and our multiple, simultaneous fundraisers.

3. Committee Reports:

- a. Budget Committee: Will meet in April 2021
- b. Nominating Committee: Will meet in March 2021
- c. Audit Committee: nothing to report
- d. Concessions/Fundraising:
 - i. City BBQ was 11/18. Have not received the check as of 12-7.
 - ii. 2021 Spirit wear closed on 12/5 and went very well.
 - iii. 2020 Holiday Basket Raffle closes on 12/14. Rally up will send an email to both the winners and those who purchased tickets but did not win. Matt and Karin to set up details on pick-up.
 - iv. Music Discount cards closes on 12/11.
 - v. Marching band gear and old spirit wear sale is ongoing. There are still pillows available.
 - vi. Chipotle fundraiser will be set up at a later date.
 - vii. Sell Star Grams for virtual concerts.
 - viii. Tom looking into doing a pizza fundraiser with Rock-a-fellas in March.
- e. Membership
 - i. 96 members for 2020-2021 school year, 1 corporate
- f. Publicity: Nothing to report
- g. Advocacy: Nothing to report
- h. Senior Celebration:
 - i. Senior photos are hung and look amazing.

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjourn:

Motion made by Jodi Kessler to adjourn the meeting. Tom Benjamin 2nd that motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021