

THUMB Board Meeting Minutes 12/3/2020

In attendance: Spiro Tsingaris, Lisa Barnes, Suzy Reich, Deb Miller, David Lawrence, Patty Ginnebaugh

New email system within the school but have now been able to send out a notice. Will go live soon on Winter music virtual event.

Recording studio grant from Tam High Foundation approved. \$12,500
Can't go over on grant spend.
Not all items covered on grant. Some items had to be cut to meet budget.
Also, tax and shipping has been unpredictable.
One of the vendors--Pro audio LA--will not deal with purchase orders.
Perhaps THUMB can cover items from that vendor?
\$788.15 would cover the items from pro audio LA and cover some of the items that were removed to get under budget.
\$850 would cover all this plus additional cables needed.
Other item that was cut: \$2500 to cover wall speaker and headphones. This is something that could be added later or included now with money from THUMB.

Planning for the future. \$52K in account currently.
Factors: Concerts, New York trip. Fundraising
\$16K ahead of where we were at this time last year.
Plan is for NY trip ASAP. We will be re-starting the department.
Max NY trip is usually \$9-10K but plan might be to send all students instead of staggered. Would be good to set aside \$16-17K for NY.
Learning cohorts (after school) of 2-3 but not wind players.
Large scale performances are not likely to happen this school year.
Possibility of small ensemble performances.
Should set aside \$2500 for venue rental in case needed. May not be needed.
Perhaps venues will be outdoors at Tam or behind MV Library or MV Lumber Yard.
Tents at school are not moveable.

Choir solo event on campus—school was very excited to get kids back on campus. Curtailed by bad weather. Recording session: 21 signed up. Some cancelled others did not get recorded because of weather. 13 got recorded. Started raining/hail!

Videos. Pat doing some of the work was really helpful. Spiro lined them up and did initial work so that there was less for Pat to do. Would have been impossible without Pat's help.

What else could we be doing? So far, no guest artists allowed on campus. When we are allowed on campus, would be great to flood the department with guest artists to get everyone excited about playing again. There is new terminology for guest artists (professional experts?)—these now have lot of paperwork, finger printing, etc.

Guest speakers come less often and they are easier. Not sure how many times is max for guest speaker. Rough costs are \$100/hr.

Strings, singers, guitar guest artists have been used so far this year. Zoom guest artists are less exciting for the kids than in person.

Guest artists would be great to kick start things once allowed in person. Approximate costs for Guest Artists: in addition to current ones, approximately 10 additional artists to support the program. 5 visits would be ideal. \$5000 total.

In addition to choir solo with backing combo, also have Pink Panther and Jazz band piece. These will appear on the Tam High web page. Can we post to YouTube— seems to be least problems with playback quality and glitching. Are there privacy issues with posting on YouTube? Tam TV will be another possibility when it gets up and running. Spiro will discuss options and needed consents with admin.

List of students in the program? Spiro has this list and gave to Lisa and Patty.

Student auditioning for honor bands.

California honor band., Northern California honor band.

Some fees associated with keeping membership up to date in these organizations and application fees from school.

Decision to approve \$800 for Pro Audio LA and \$3000 to cover additional items. Approved fees for honor band applications and fees to keep up memberships to relevant organizations. Earmark \$5000 for guest artists.