

THUMB Meeting Wednesday 3/10/21 7pm

Attendees

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

Spiro's Update and Discussion

String Instrument repairs: Cellos, violins, violas, bows. Getting a quote tomorrow.

Mugs and gifts to students. Students are really appreciative and enjoying. Some students have opted to be fully remote so we need to figure out how to get them their Tam High Music mugs.

In person classes going well. Choir met outside. Jazz and orchestra—rhythm and string instruments in practice rooms. Has been too cold outdoors for winds.

HS has not heard back from district or county regarding use of practice rooms for winds. Singing OK with mask and window open.

Plan for guest artists. Will be used for students at home and work with students individually. Spiro can interact directly with students in the classroom.

Class is going well. Teaching station has worked out well. Orchestra can do ensembles but have not done so yet. In general, students are more quiet and reserved than usual.

District plans for 2 cohorts after spring break.

Calendar for performances. Still not clear if/when we will be able to do performances. Likely to be on campus and outdoors. Likely to be mid to late May. Too early for details.

Some students have signed up for music tech class. Awaiting more info from admin.

Studio windows are last component for studio to arrive and should be arriving soon. Facilities director for district says earliest for installation will be this summer. Spiro is in frequent contact with him.

Would like to get tech guest artist. School year is pretty much 35 useable weeks. Payment is \$100/90 min class. 2 days a week for 25 weeks and 10 weeks only once a week. Eventually would be good to apply to Tam High Foundation for this in the future.

Next academic year. Not sure what enrollment will look like, likely to be decreased due to pandemic. Would like to plan a trip, hopefully with all of music performing

artists rather than staggering groups. NY festivals are being tentatively planned. Trip is usually in March. Not clear what district policy will be.

Very rare for students to drop music half way through the year but 6-7 students have dropped. Spiro has had individual meetings with them. Reasons given were that they had too much work for other classes and music was harder and more time consuming remotely. Some were very upset to be dropping music class.

Virtual open house next week. As many teachers are doing, will have video links available rather than live program.

Hoping to do some after school cohorts for rehearsals. Jazz band would be a priority as very hard for some students to play at home so early in the morning.

School instruments are being assigned to individual students. There is no sharing of school instruments, even string instruments.

Scholarship auditions. Need to plan for this. Deadline for application in April. Video submission in May. Accompanist vs no accompanist. Very difficult for some singers to work without. Audio vs video. Video assures player identification. Will find and update past applications and review scholarships and amounts. May need to eliminate a past top scholarship, given new one added in memoriam. Spiro will also contact past judges and is open to suggestion of others.

Treasurer report from David and discussion

Approx \$45K available for use. Money set aside for some expenses--\$31K. Approx \$14K available for spending this year, not including any fund raising.

Need name for new \$5K scholarship. Plan for David and Spiro to work on application and documents for new \$5K scholarship, with help from other THUMB board members as needed.

Can look into getting wind instruments repaired or tuned as well once string instruments are taken care of.

Motion for \$6K to be earmarked for Music Tech Guest Artist. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Events/Calendar

None at this time.

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of 2/10/21 meeting. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting

April 14, 2021 at 7pm