

THUMB Board Minutes
April 14, 2021

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

The minutes from previous meeting held on February 10th were passed.

Spiro Update:

It was “awesome” having the students on campus this week. Everyone had great energy. Strings played together. Winds were still outside. No word on when they can come play inside in practice rooms. Most music students are coming in person. Only a handful of students across the classes are staying remote, which Spiro is happy about. Most students have received their mugs, but he will ask them and get a list together of those staying home so THUMB can get their goodies to them at home.

Guest artists have been Zooming in for classes. Some have had vaccines and want to come in person. No word on when that can happen. Spiro submitted the same guest artist grant and amount to THF for their spring grant consideration. Waiting for response.

The studio windows have been received. All other materials are ready to go. Spiro continues to check in with David at district with when items can be installed over the summer. Need some notice and to get John in to review project and materials.

Mosses is working on securing and repairing instruments and will contact Spiro as things are ready.

Scholarships

Spiro sent out Parent Square regarding scholarship auditions and applications. He’s been talking to students about the process as well. Applications are due Fri. April 15th. Videos are due May 14th. Students can turn in applications to box in music room, school office, or mail to school. Lisa, Spiro and possibly Jerry will determine who will pick up submissions, and how to scan and get PDF’s to the judges.

Patty will assist Spiro with uploading video submissions to YouTube for judges’ access.

Spiro will ask potential judges who would like to participate and offer them a \$150 remuneration for their work. They will be reviewing the student submissions rather than being in person. Spiro will ask them best way to collaborate and determine final winners. May have more student submissions due to the new format. Will need to have scholarship certificates printed quickly in order to announce winners at a potential spring concert in mid/late May. Suzy will look into archive files for past certificate template.

Spiro will let seniors know about new \$5K scholarship via parent Square, and determine most deserving senior. Spiro will speak with Board once chosen. This will be for dedicated senior who may be furthering their music passion in some fashion. David will look into how this should be communicated as the donor is anonymous.

Calendar

Seeing as SF has announced they will be having graduations and indoor concerts, Spiro is hoping to have 2 concerts in May. One would be a Live from the Student Center for the guitar percussion class and the other would combine orchestra, jazz and choir outdoor in Mead Theatre. He is waiting to ask permission from JC, when things have settled down a bit with the new school schedule. The larger groups have not learned many new songs, so the concert would be shorter than in the past. It was agreed that people would bring blankets and jackets and skip outdoor heating, due to rental hassles and issues of people gathering. THUMB will work out decorations to make the concert a special one, especially for the seniors.

Fundraising

All agreed that THUMB should have a mini fundraiser/click-a-thon. Patty suggested 2 email pushes vs 4-5 as last year. Messaging should center around the music program's successful spending on instrument procurement and repair, technology upgrade, scholarships and new music studio.

Spiro will get a list of highlights of THUMB spending to Patty to highlight. Lisa will come in next week and take photos of the various music classes to add to the email campaign.

Hopefully we can get campaign started the week of April 26th or early May.

Board Slate

The current Board slate will remain for next year. Hopefully we will add a member or 2 that can help transition THUMB leadership after 2021-2022, when many of current members "graduate". May want to recruit during fundraiser. If new members they can be added in Fall.

Next Meeting – Wed., May 12th, 7 p.m.

Submitted by Lisa Barnes