**FOGM Meeting Minutes**

**Monday-December 4, 2023**

**7pm-8pm**

**Zoom**

1. **Music Directors Update–Jared**

* December concerts coming up
  + Post-pandemic student behavior–how to guide students towards positive behavior during concerts, etc.
  + Mike will be directing the Waltz, and Jared will be there mostly for admin and event flow.
  + Many Messiahs-optional
* Spring Trips
  + Both band and orchestra were told that the festivals were full–no room, even though they had applied within the correct time period.
    - Most of the festival info is “word of mouth” and not much info can be found; seems like a capacity issue.
  + Recruitment needed for trip help in the future still
    - District implemented today new process for field trips, etc.
* Hiring Process for Orchestra Director
  + Complex and ongoing

1. **Merchandise For Sale- Vivan Geri, student lead**

* Pricing, using pre-orders, ordering extra merch, merch at events
* Adding an order form to the website in addition to sheets being passed around in classes?
* Elizabeth Geri provided some additional merch input from adult perspective (additional input from GJF as well?)
* Timing for merch orders? We can put in an order soon–this year.

1. **Budget Update– Nancy**

* One time expense with GJF (Jazz Foundation): school’s piano needs to be replaced–possibly $3-4K shared expense.

1. **Winter Waltz– Kara**

* Donations are coming in–lots of exciting, new items; looking for more local, food-based procurement items.
* Tickets are going on sale Friday morning, Dec 8 at 9am.
* Sign-up genius set up.
* If you are a creative person who likes to work with kids–come on board to help!
* Kara & Bala–selling ads for Winter Waltz programs as well as our concert programs! Karen L. doing great with programs.
* Poster and/or something to promote Waltz at the concert on Wednesday–perhaps near or at the bake sale so people get a sense of what’s coming and what’s needed (volunteer-wise, etc.)?

1. **Meeting adjourned**

**Respectfully Submitted by Keren Kang, Secretary**