

Garfield Jazz Foundation Monthly Meeting October 7, 2019

Welcome – Caroline Platt (GJF President)

Overview of Garfield Jazz Foundation (GJF)

- GJF is a parent-run booster organization that supports the Garfield Jazz program. Its mission is to offset the costs of running the program and to make it accessible to as many students as possible.
- Curricular, programming and festival participation are decided by the Garfield Jazz Director.
- GJF raises funds to offset travel and other costs for every family (including scholarships) and to ensure Directors have access to clinicians and other musical necessities to keep the program running year after year.
- GJF fundraising efforts cover 50% of the costs for student participation; the remaining 50% is covered by registration fees paid by the families. Scholarships are available to ensure that every student can participate.
- 2019-2020 GJF objectives:
 - Enable a successful transition with new director.
 - Assess and rebuild the structure of the organization.
 - Begin planning for the future.
- Opportunities for improvement:
 - Rewriting the GJF bylaws (current bylaws are from 2002).
 - Restructuring Board roles to include President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications, Fundraising Band Rep, At-Large.
 - Improving operating procedures.

Directors Update – Mr. Sessink

- Jazz Up Jackson Street concert on October 10th at Town Hall.
- Jazz 2 performing at the Royal Room on October 20th.
- Jazz 3 is going well. Attendance is good so far, is being tracked. Students need to communicate with Mr. Sundt if they can't make it.
- All bands are discussing culture and expectations.
- Mr. Sessink will be using an app to communicate with students.
- There are recordings available to listen to on Spotify.
- There will be coaching sessions during rehearsals for all bands.
- Band 1 is preparing for their Essentially Ellington recording.

Seabeck retreat – Caroline and Mr. Sessink

- This is an all-bands retreat on Nov. 22-24 at the Seabeck Conference Center.
- There will be clinicians, an improvising session, and time for students to get to know each other.
- GJF is paying 100% for the retreat so there is no cost to the students.

Volunteering – Nancy Woodland (acting Communications Lead)

- Nancy discussed ways that people can get involved in the GJF and she passed around a sign up sheet to gauge interest. There is a volunteer job for every level of interest.
- We are still looking for someone to volunteer for the Fundraising role on the Board.

Band Fees – Caroline

- GJF covers 50% of the costs of student participation. We want everyone to participate in the program, scholarships are available.
- We got feedback from last year, so changes have been made. Students will not be attending the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival this year, as it's not well attended anymore and is expensive. Also, Band 3 needs to have more performance opportunities.
- Bands 2 and 3 will attend the Reno Jazz Festival, Bands 1 and 2 to Clark College Festival, all Bands to Bellevue High School Festival, and all bands will attend regional and local festivals.
- Band 1: Essentially Ellington and the summer Europe trip will be charges in addition to the fall band fee.
- Band fee information will be coming out soon.

Next meeting: Monday, November 4th, 2019