**Garfield Jazz Foundation Meeting**

**October 4, 2021**

**Welcome - Caroline Platt, GJF President**

**Director updates - Jared Sessink, Band 1 and 2 Director**

* There are three ensembles this year. Band 3 meets after school and Band 1 and 2 meet during the school day. Band 3 is led by Mr. Mike Sundt who is also the Director of Bands and Jazz at Washington Middle School.
* Most of the 9th grade students are in Concert/Marching band this year. They’ve played at the last two football games. Some older students who are no longer in that band have joined the group to play at the football games which has been great!
* Mr. Sessink offered to write letters of recommendation for seniors who are applying to college. Please see him for more information.
* The Seattle School District is currently not allowing any indoor live audience performances, such as our traditional concerts that are held in the Quincy Jones Auditorium. No travel is allowed unless the performances are held outdoors. SPS will review this policy in October. These restrictions impact performances, travel, coaching and workshops. Mr. Sessink is looking for more student-centered performance opportunities where students can be together to play music. He’s hoping that the bands will make it to one or two performances/trips this year. He will keep families updated on information that he learns from SPS.
* Please check out our website www.garfieldjazz.org where you can find the most updated information and a calendar of events.
* The annual Kick-off concert will be held on Nov. 4th. Most likely it will be students only and the performance will be broadcast or recorded.
* The all-jazz band retreat that was scheduled for November has been postponed due to SPS restrictions. Mr. Sessink is hoping that it can happen at a future date.
* Band 1 discussed the Essentially Ellington competition in class. They are planning on entering the competition and will record their submission in January. It is unknown at this time if SPS will allow the band to travel even if they are selected to participate.
* Next school year there will be numerous open board and volunteer positions. All board members except for one person have a graduating senior this year so we will need several new people to help fill these roles. Please get involved this year as volunteer opportunities arise. Contact Caroline, Mr. Sessink, or anyone on the board for more information.

**Treasurer Updates – Doug and Tasha Irvine, Co-Treasurers**

* The 2021-22 budget was discussed. It is based on what we’ve traditionally spent in the past. The board worked with Mr. Sessink to adjust the budget to reflect the needs of this year. We’re trying to be optimistic and realistic.
* Highlights of expenses:
  + Admin $6K (website, PO Box rental, etc.), potential events $4300 (retreat, end of year picnic, outreach events), teacher support – approx. $9K, classroom materials and equipment approx. $30K
  + Trips – Mr. Sessink is hoping to have performances and trips (Clark College, Reno Jazz, Essentially Ellington) so there will be associated expenses.
  + Clarence Acox Jazz Endowment (CAJE) scholarships - The endowment provides for instruction for students who are interested in after school lessons. It is not tied to socio-economic status, so it’s open to all jazz students. Please let Mr. Sessink know if your child is interested in the scholarship.
  + Misc. fundraising – We have done a variety of fundraising in the past (Gala, citrus/poinsettia sale) but we’re currently not planning on doing them this year due to covid restrictions. Those have expenses but we won’t incur any this year.
  + Expenses total approx. $140K
* Highlights of Income:
  + Concerts – revenue from bake sales and ticket sales
  + Hot Java Cool Jazz concert $18K
  + General donations $15K
  + Gigs $5K
  + Trips – A separate surcharge will be assessed for festivals and trips if they happen so no trip fees at this time.
  + Total income $134K
* Net loss of $4,355. We have reserves that will absorb this shortfall.
* There will be a $100 registration fee assessed for each student this year. We’re going to be piloting a sliding-scale for fees this year, a pay what you can model. We’ll assess how this worked at the end of the school year. More information will be coming soon.

**Open board positions and vote - Caroline Platt**

* Dina Craemer has been nominated to join the board as the new Communications Chair. There was a motion from the Board, and a second. A vote of the Board was taken, and the motion was approved. Welcome Dina!

**2020-2021 GF Board:**

Caroline Platt – President

Ari Olsen – Vice President

Co-Treasurers – Doug and Tasha Irvine

Secretary – Elise Kim

Communications Chair – Dina Craemer

Band-Rep, At-Large – Mark Craemer

Fundraising Chair – **OPEN**