

Forest Lake Area Music Boosters

September 14th, 2017 – Meeting Minutes

Call to order – 6:35

2017 Levy/Bond Referendum – Dr Massey

- A general election will be held on Nov 7th for the 2017 Levy/Bond Referendum.
- The Levy - Would provide for a \$750 per student increase over the course of eight years in the district's operating levy.
 - This would equate to \$4.9 million for eight years – which means a monthly tax impact of \$9.37 per \$100,000 average value home.
 - The levy would benefit existing academic programs, expand education opportunities, and improve resources.
- The Bond – Would provide funding in two areas – Music/Performing Arts and Athletics
 - Would provide a \$9 million bond to upgrade the district's performing arts facilities including the auditorium and music facilities. It also would make improvements to activities-related facilities, including the high school track and athletic field and tennis courts which are in great need of repair.
 - The bond would have a monthly tax impact of \$0.92 per \$250,000 average value home.
- Why – Compared to other metro districts the FL district is at the bottom of the list. We have an average of \$2100 per student / per year deficit.
- Complete information can be found at: <https://www.flaschools.org/Page/2025>
- Laura Livermore – Levy/Bond supporter – also spoke and indicated that it's critical that we get this passed for our students and community.
 - Asked that everyone talk to 8 people about the levy and passing it – Asked for Yes Committee volunteers.
 - Should ask “of age” students to vote.

Officer Elections

- Exiting President, Rachael Gould, spoke about the primary mission of FLAMB and gave an overview of each of the officer position responsibilities.
- President – Run meetings, primary communicator for directors, works with board to get things done.
 - Laura Livermore volunteered
 - Rachael Gould made a motion to elect Laura Livermore as President
 - Jeff Urmann seconded
- Vice President – Authors inserts for programs and helps with communications, helps with Gig committee.

- Existing VP, Holly Wojciechowski, will remain as VP for a second term.
- Secretary – Takes notes, organizes meetings, reviews bi-laws, maintains FLAMB web site: <http://flambpresident.wixsite.com/flamb>
 - Existing Secretary, Lois Janke, will remain as Secretary for a second term.
- Treasurer – Tracks funds, files taxes, manages student accounts, handles bank transactions.
 - Julie Corcoran volunteered to be Treasurer
 - Rachael Gould made a motion to elect Julie Corcoran as Treasurer
 - Rhona Findell seconded
- Fundraising Coordinator – Coordinate monthly fundraising opportunities.
 - Vickie Rucka and Melanie Ross have volunteered
 - Vickie Rucka will be the primary coordinator on the FLAMB Board
 - Rachael Gould made a motion to elect Vickie Rucka as Fundraising Coordinator
 - Elizabeth Potry seconded

All positions were filled! A huge THANK YOU to all who volunteered!

Nashville Trip Information

- Dave Livermore introduced Good News Tour and Travel – Gary Miller – goes with on the tour.
 - FLAMB has partnered with Good New for many years.
- John Guidry – Choir Director – Covered the Nashville 2018 Info sheet
 - Covered trip dates = March 9-14, 2018 (Spring Break 2018)
 - Cost = approximately \$1000
 - Students in Cantorei, Sinfonia Orchestra, Symphonic Winds and all music juniors and seniors
 - Payment schedule - Registration form – sent with first \$250 down payment to FLAMB PO Box by 10/1/17
- Barry Zumwalde – Covered Nashville itinerary.
- Complete the pink Interest to Chaperone packet if you are interested in being a chaperone – See teachers if not at meeting.
- Q&A:
 - Roomates – 4 to a room – kids get to pick
 - How do you protect the string instruments and the weather? They are taken care of and will be carried in the overhead area in the bus.
 - If I am a Chaperon, can I room with my child? Yes, it can be worked out
 - Trip Insurance – You can check it out on the Good News Travel web site
 - What happens if there's bad weather and the busses – Gary – we'll make it work.
 - If more people go, does the cost go down? It will probably remain the same
 - How long of a drive is it? 15 hours

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:23