



Compiled Reports in lieu of April 7, 2020 Meeting

Committee reports and notes compiled by Emily Johnson via email in lieu of April 7, 2020 meeting:

Approval of Minutes

Emily Johnson

- Minutes from the March 2020 meeting were approved via email by the SMP Board and posted on the SMP website.

President's Report

Jody Halley

- Thank you to Emily Johnson and the Nominating Committee for working hard to fill the slate of officers for the 2020-21 SMP year.
- We are all disappointed that the Nashville trip was cancelled due to COVID-19. However, the health and well-being of the students, staff and chaperones was the priority. We thank the administration for the work they have been doing to work with Bob Rogers Travel on trip refunds. We ask that you are patient. This process will take several weeks and as you can imagine Solon was just one of the groups on a similar trip that Bob Rogers was working with.
- Plans are being made for the 2020-21 SMP year. We are looking for you to get involved in all aspects of SMP – Committee chairs, volunteer coordinators, fundraising and concession, etc. Email president@solonmusicparents.org and we will get you connected with a committee.

Vice President of Purchasing

Dominique Belcher

- no report

Vice President of Communication

Suzi Castiglione

- At a previous meeting It was decided that an SMP newsletter would go out quarterly. Newsletter is currently in draft form.
- SMP President has been keeping everyone up to date on the SMP Facebook page.

Vice President Fundraising

Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy

- Special thanks to all who assisted throughout the year. It's been a great fundraising year.
- We are seeking a co-chair for the winter music event - previously known as the pasta dinner. This role would work with the VPs and co-chair of solicitations, organizing the food, ensembles, and decorations and those volunteers.
- We are welcoming ideas for 2 additional fundraisers for next school year. We are replacing the mattress sale and would like to have an additional spring opportunity. We would welcome chairs for these ideas, also.

Treasurer's Report

Michelle Williams

- If you would like to see the updated budget please email treasurer@solonmusicparents.org

Starlette Representative

Ann Wiser

- With everything going on, we will be having virtual auditions this year. They will still be the week of April 27-May 1.

Band Representative

Leanne Barron

- No report.

Choir Representative

Rebecca Egolf

- no report

Orchestra Representative

Karen McColl

- No report.

Director Reports

- Orchard

- Band

Stephanie DeLine

- The 5th grade band students have been very active online. I've listened to over 600 videos submitted through Flipgrid so far. We also have 93 signed up for Smartmusic, with hopefully more to join soon. We've been working on ways to keep our youngest students engaged and will continue to explore ways to keep them excited about playing their instruments

Bettyjeane Quimby

- Currently the 6th graders are working on learning to submit their work electronically through Smartmusic and Flipgrid thanks to Ms. DeLine and Mr. Luce for coaching me on both platforms.
- We are about to continue our unit on recognizing and understanding key signatures virtually. I am playing around with several different online tools to give students many resources to practice concepts such as; Quizizz, Page Marker, Loom, Google Hang Out and whatever other resources I find along the way. So far some students are very active, but I'm working on motivating everyone from afar!
- I'm also in the process of assigning exercises for the 7th grade jazz band members through Smartmusic to keep them going.
- Composition Club has not been on the front burner at this time but I plan on posting dictation exercises for students to try and write down on their own as an aural challenge.

- Choir

Heather Kleman

- no report

- Orchestra

Tracy Matras

- no report

- Middle School

- Choir

Stephanie Bettinger

- no report

- Band

Rob Luce

- 7th Band will be finishing the blue, Standard of Excellence book. I will be giving a mixture of playing tests and rhythm exercises to keep them playing and their minds engaged in reading music. The expectation is 20-minutes playing their instruments every day that we have school.
- 8th Grade Band: Mr. Mauldin and I are focusing on getting them ready for marching. Since our concerts are cancelled, the next time they perform publicly will be as a member of the SHS Marching Band!!
- Solon Middle School Band Camp: I am waiting to hear what our status is in the lockdown period. Not sure if I should still have people sign-up and just not collect money until I get the green light.

- Orchestra

Gerry MacDougall

- no report

- High School

- Starlettes

Kelly Wilson

- With everything going on, we will be having virtual auditions this year. I just got the ok on this so I am trying to regroup and change a few things around. They will still be the week of April 27-May 1. I will have finalized info out this week as well as a date for a virtual informational meeting sometime next week.

- Choir

Gary Lewis

- no report

- Band

Mark Mauldin

- We are making preparations for online band officer elections and percussion auditions. We have asked the kids to chime in with suggestions for an all out

“Party” show for next year. The ideas are streaming in like mad!! I just want the kids and parents to know how much they are missed. The entire reason for our teaching existence is to bring folks TOGETHER! We will get through this. And we will be as strong as EVER.

- Orchestra Gerry MacDougal
 - no report

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Nominating Committee Emily Johnson
The Nominating Committee would like to present the following nominations for the Solon Music Parents Board for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - President: Jody Halley
 - Vice President of Purchasing: Chrissy Mercer
 - Vice President of Fundraising: Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy
 - Vice President of Communications: Emily Johnson
 - Secretary: Leah Stream
 - Treasurer: Michelle Williams
 - Vice Treasurer: Rhonda Lockett
 - Band Representative: OPEN
 - Choir Representative: Rebecca Egolf
 - Orchestra Representative: Karen McColl
 - Starlette Representative: TBD
- Voting on the slate will occur at the May SMP meeting and will start their position at the June SMP meeting. The position of Band Representative is currently open and must be filled. If you are interested in this position please contact president@solonmusicparents.org or secretary@solonmusicparents.org