



General Meeting March 2, 2020

Call to Order

Jody Halley

- Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Review/Approve Minutes

Emily Johnson

- Minutes from the February 2020 meeting were approved and posted on the SMP website.

President's Report

Jody Halley

- Thank you to Carol, Kathy and Suzi for chairing the Pasta Dinner. Thank you to all those who helped - those who donated, collected donations, helped with set up, clean up, decorations and much more. Thank you to the directors for having the students ready to perform.
- Big thank you to Concession chairs.
- Looking for volunteers for next year including coordinate concessions volunteers and tag-day co-chair
- Band Camp:
 - Student and parent forms are online as well as the information packet.
 - Fee is \$300 per student.
 - Looking for chaperones (approximately 4-6) and medical staff. Physicians/nurses should check with their malpractice/insurance about liability.
 - Contact Scott at bandcamp@solonmusicparents.org if interested.

Vice President of Purchasing

Dominique Belcher

- Wrapped up indoor concessions and sold most of the inventory. Preparing for outdoor concessions.
- Start outside March 21st for the lacrosse season. We are looking for volunteers. Training will be provided. There are 20 games in total to cover. All will be held on Home side.

Vice President of Communication

Suzi Castiglione

- No report.

Vice President Fundraising

Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy

- Thank you to everyone for making Pasta Dinner such a success! We have excellent feedback to incorporate for next year.
- Income was just over \$10,000.
- Every fundraiser has overperformed with the exception of mattress sale. We will not be doing another Spring fundraiser this year.
- Looking for volunteers for next year including chairing and committee spots.

Treasurer's Report

Michelle Williams

- Check out process feedback was too slow and complicated. We will rework that next year.
- Audit procedures were reworked. We will have an audit this summer.
- Income: above projected for the entire year at this point
 - Concessions will continue through the end of the year.
 - Our income to date is \$56,626.
- Expenses:
 - American Commodore has not sent a bill. We will reach out again for an invoice to wrap that up.
- Band Camp payments can be submitted online on the SMP website.
- Filed tax return for 2018.
- Starting to use Square in Concessions to use credit cards.
- Pizza parties for Band were funded through the car wash students ran at the beginning of the year.

- Raffle at Pasta Dinner: \$1000 for 5 items

Starlette Representative

Ann Wiser

- Dates are scheduled for April 27-April 30 for mandatory audition workshops and auditions on May 1. There will be an informational meeting on April 1 at 6:30pm as well.

Band Representative

Leanne Barron

- Nashville trip coming up in two weeks
- Band camp email went out about a week ago with links to the forms
- Looking for medical staff and chaperones for band camp
- Looking for designs for Band Bash t-shirts, students can submit designs.
- We need volunteers for outdoor concession slots

Choir Representative

Rebecca Egolf

- Wednesday, March 4th- Choir Concert 7pm
- Dresses and tuxes will be collected at the end of the concert.
- Choirs will start planning for Spring concert, and begin rehearsing Vivaldi for the Nashville recording session.
- MIM season concluded this past weekend in Twinsburg. Two grand champs this season. Last chance to see the Quest show is at Wednesday's choir concert.
- Scholarship committee - the readers will be getting to work soon once the guidance office distributes the scholarship applications to us in two weeks. The committee will receive all the applications in a Google folder and will use a Google form to complete the scoring rubric for each application. This will automatically track all the scores in a spreadsheet for easy tracking and sorting. They will have about a month to read all the applications and then we will know how many are worthy of being awarded scholarships. Deadline is March 11th. Families need to be a member of SMP.

Orchestra Representative

Karen McColl

- No report

Director Reports

- Orchard

○ Band

Betty Jean Quimby

- The sixth graders are eager to finish the red book (Standard of Excellence) and move into book two. This past week, their end of the month challenge was to beat Mrs. Quimby in a long tone competition on their instrument. Sixty out of 130 band members succeeded! We are now focusing on using all of the skills we have learned thus far, and applying it to sight reading new music.
- The fifth grade band just added seven new percussion members and four alto saxophone players. Ms. DeLine introduced a new app called flip grid where students can submit scale and rhythm chunk exercises electronically. The students are very motivated and will be able to track their progress on charts that are hung in the trailers.
- We are now looking through concert literature for our final performance. We are hoping to play a combined piece with the fifth and sixth grade band at the June concert.

○ Choir

- No report

○ Orchestra

- No report

- Middle School

○ Choir

Stephanie Bettinger

- No report.

○ Band

Rob Luce

- Five 8th grade students travelled to Mentor on Thursday to participate in the District 7 Honors Band. They met new friends and played a lot of music. Their Friday performance was cancelled due to snow but the experience was still very beneficial.
- The 7th and 8th grade bands and jazz bands had a successful concert last month. It was well attended and the kids played well.

- The next concert is April 28 followed the next evening by the SHS Band Concert. Both groups have some challenging literature that they are working on.
- The 7th grade flute players have benefitted from Vanessa Majewski coming in for some coaching sessions on tone and a specific soli section in a piece. She will be coming in a couple more times to work with the 7th graders and I have her coming in to work with the 8th graders on some acceleration materials.
- Will work on schedule uniform fitting for 8th graders for next year marching band season.
- Jazz Fest on March 11th 7:00-8:30 PM.
- Orchestra Mark Mauldin for Gerry MacDougall
 - Next concert is April 22.
 - 8th graders preparing for next year. Symphonia
 - 7th graders have 3 different chamber groups and are preparing for their concert.
- High School
 - Choir Rebecca for Gary Lewis
 - See report above.
 - Band Mark Mauldin
 - Nashville trip coming up. Students are signed up for buses. Tour company knows that we have alumni in Nashville and have invited the alumni to an evening.
 - We will have a brief trip meeting at 6:00 next Monday, March 9th for parents/students in the Band room. Information will be shared on Band App. We will review the itinerary and dress code.
 - Chaperone meeting will be following the trip meeting.
 - There are two students that have physical disabilities (play baritone). Idea to buy plastic baritone for those students. We may make a request for SMP to purchase an instrument to accommodate those students.
 - Orchestra Gerry MacDougal
 - No report.

Committee reports

- None.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Question about the amount that directors can spend. If you go over 10% of the allotted budget you need to see approval from membership.
- Perhaps next year we should have more conversations with directors about how they can use their budgets.
- “Band Package” idea to have a one time payment as a course fee to include all the items needed for marching band. It did not go as a course fee this year. May 5th there is a new high school band meeting and we will make it clear what items need to be purchased for the season.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM

Next meeting April 7, 2020 at 7pm