



January 3, 2021 Virtual Meeting

Call to order

Jody Halley

- Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Leah Stroom

- Meeting notes from the December 2020 virtual meeting were compiled via email from the SMP Board and posted on the SMP website. Meeting minutes were approved and seconded.

President's Report

Jody Halley

- Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holidays and time with your family.
- Thank You:
 - Thank you to Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy for coordinating the "Let the Music Play On" fundraiser in December. It was great to see the number of OMS and SMS families participate.
 - Thank you to Michelle Williams for chairing the scholarship committee.
 - Thank you in advance to the nominating committee for the work you will be doing over the next couple of months. It is that time of year to look ahead to next school year. If you are or someone you know is interested in getting involved with SMP please reach out to Leah Stroom, chair of the nominating committee. Her email is secretary@solonmusicparents.org.

Vice President of Purchasing

Christy Mercer

- no report

Vice President of Communication

Emily Johnson

- No report

Vice President Fundraising

Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Give Butter fundraiser. We are still thinking about selling pies in the spring as long as the vendor has supplies and employees in order to fulfill the order. We will continue to raise funds as we need them.

Treasurer's Report

Michelle Williams

- Copy of the current budget is posted.

- Usually we approve the budget in October but because we just finished the fundraiser, an amended budget will be voted on tonight. We will go over changes under new business.
- If you have any questions, please email treasurer@solonmusicparents.org

Band Representative

Krista Carlozzi

- No report

Orchestra Representative

Karen McColl

- No report

Choir Representative

Dana Lewis

- Mr. Lewis had some virtual performances for the holidays and they went well. Looking into using a different forum for concerts in the 3rd quarter. You can go over to his page to get to the links to the performances.

Starlette Representative

Paulette Bias

- No report

Director Reports

- Orchard

- Band

Stephanie DeLine

- The 3 week rotation brings challenges when working with 174 students. It is a short time to work with the kids. Thankfully we have amazing helpers for the beginners.

Bettyjeane Quimby

- no report

- Choir

Heather Kleman

- no report

- Orchestra

Gerry MacDougall

- no report

- Middle School

- Choir

Stephanie Bettinger

- no report

- Band

Rob Luce

- 7th grade is focusing on concepts in books and individual skills. For example the kids are starting work on syncopation.
- 8th grade are doing individual tasks and focusing on a performance for March where our goal is everyone playing together.
- We give the kids a lot of credit for working so hard. Also if parents have questions about their child's grade, please contact me via email or voice mail. If kids are not passing it is because the student is not turning in their work.
- For 8th grade parents, we are planning on putting some FAQs on my website and on the SMP page about HS band.

- Orchestra

Gerry MacDougall

- no report

- High School

- Starlettes

Kelly Wilson

- No report

- Choir Gary Lewis
 - No report
- Band Mark Mauldin
 - Scheduling is coming up at the HS. We want to reassure the current Freshmen that there is so much more to band than what they've experienced this year.
 - Jazz band will take place and auditions will be within the next couple of weeks. We still have to submit a plan for practice to the administration.
 - There are currently two plans for band camp next summer. Plan A will be at Solon but will be much more like the experience at Walsh. This will depend upon the distribution of vaccinations. Plan B is like what we did this year. We are looking at the last two weeks in July - first percussion comes back and then the rest of the band the last week. We will do a Senior night.
 - We are working with the current officers to plan something special for the end of this year for awards/recognition of seniors.
 - Mrs. DeLine continues to work with the all virtual band. Mr. MacDougall is working with the wind ensemble. Mr. Luce and I are working with the Periwinkle band (Blue and White.) Parents please notify the schools as to whether your student is virtual or hybrid this semester.
- Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
 - Thank you to Mr. Luce and Mr. Mauldin for handling attendance.
 - We are all getting a better grasp of the technology. Working on meeting the emotional needs of the students - learning and making things fun and making sure they aren't overwhelmed. For example I presented the kids with the music to the Mandalorian. They took the theme music and filmed themselves on Flipgrid. A few examples were shown.
 - As part of the HS wellness tasks, we've been sharing our love of music with the kids on Fridays. We've played different types of music. This past week, I shared how I got into music.
 - We will give some names of interested parents to be the orchestra rep to the nominating committee.

Committee Reports

- no report

Old Business

- The proposed Nominating committee is made up of Leah Stroom - chair, Carol Olszewski, Scott Gloger, Karen McColl, Ali Krueger, and Mark Mauldin - honorary member. Mr. MacDougall made a motion to approve and Mr. Luce seconded the motion. Committee members approved.

New Business

- Updated Budget
 - Adjustments were made to reflect the December fundraiser and the fact we haven't done concessions or any of our other larger fundraisers. We still have money but our goal is to end the year with at least \$5k to put towards scholarships in 21-22 school year. Some budgets have been reduced - such as awards and the HS band and orchestra - as they haven't had any large expenses this year. This can be changed again if needed. The HS choir budget remains as they asked for new stalls last year but didn't order them. The Board of Education will share in the cost with SMP. We also received refunds from the band trip which was cancelled last spring. Normally excess in funds are placed in the separate instrument and uniform funds. However it is not necessary to do that this year as those funds are in good shape.

- Mr. Luce motioned to approve the updated budget for 2020-21. Mr. Mauldin seconded the motion. The Budget adjustment was approved.
- Dates for the year are posted on SMP
 - Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM on zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM