



### August 3, 2020 Virtual Meeting

Call to order

Jody Halley

- Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Leah Stroom

- Meeting notes from June 2020 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

- Thank you's:
  - To the 2020-2021 officers for the giving of their time and talent to SMP and to our music students.
  - To Scott Gloger for coordinating band camp and all the volunteers for helping with health screenings and making for a smooth start each block of band camp last week.
  - To Susan Ma, our website officer, for keeping it up to date.
- Calendar updates : Band bash has been canceled. Tag Day may look different or be at a different time of year. With the changes to the school year 1st quarter, we will need support from all SMP families. These changes now and possibly beyond the first quarter will affect the way we fundraise. Thank you to the Fundraising Team for their creative approach as we start the new year.
- We have created a google form for each HS group and Middle/Orchard groups to complete so we can keep you up to date on things and help you get involved with SMP. These forms are found on the SMP website under "stay connected."
- Uniform Fees - due to unknown marching season, there will be no pre-paying of the band uniform cleaning as in years past.

Vice President of Purchasing

Christy Mercer

- no report

Vice President of Communication

Emily Johnson

- We are planning on sending out a monthly newsletter to SMP families. It will be one page for quick reference.

Vice President Fundraising

Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy

- We revisited over the summer what works for fundraising. Band Bash and Tag Day are our most successful not sure if we will move Tag Day to spring and what it would look like logistically.

- Lisa Koski will be in charge of Pie sales again this fall. Looking to do all ordering online and do pick ups at the school 2nd quarter.
- Might do gift card sales around the holidays and hope to do Pasta dinner again.

#### Treasurer's Report

Michelle Williams

- We have reduced fundraising and some expenses on the proposed 2020-21 budget due to how our year is projected.
- The cleaning expense is still on the budget because we still do not have an invoice from last fall. It may be freed up if I get confirmation there will be no invoice from the company that purchased American Commodore.
- To see proposed budget for if you have any questions, please email [treasurer@solonmusicparents.org](mailto:treasurer@solonmusicparents.org)

#### Band Representative

Krista Carlozzi

- We have been asked to make covers for the instrument bells for SHS, SMS, and OMS. Thank you to Laura Cohen for chairing this committee. So far we have 9 people that offered to help. We will need people to cut material, pin, and sew. If you can help in any way, please send me an email at [bandrep@solonmusicparents.org](mailto:bandrep@solonmusicparents.org).

#### Orchestra Representative

Karen McColl

- Since there won't be orchestra concerts until further notice, Mr. MacDougall has made the decision to store our orchestra uniforms for now. If we have students in person, he'd like to order matching polo shirts for the kids to wear when they videotape during class in lieu of concerts.
- When we do go back to wearing uniforms, we'll need someone to do our measurements and alterations. I will follow up with leads when we come to it.

#### Choir Representative

Rebecca Egolf

- New stoles were ordered. Thank you to SMP for sharing in covering the expense.
- MIM had an abbreviated, virtual 3 day camp where they learned choreography.

#### Starlette Representative

Paulette Bias

- no report

#### Director Reports

- Orchard

- Band

Stephanie DeLine

- No report

Bettyjeane Quimby

- In 6th grade we will have an oboe, bass clarinet, and tuba switched over to fill sound.
- Staff and administration are researching and meeting to discuss safety protocols for operating the band program in the school setting.
- Looking into purchasing a virtual band software with the hopes of having a performance product in lieu of a concert. Budget, time, and resources for learning the new software are high factors. We are talking with the administration about cost and may need to dip into our SMP budget.

- Choir

Heather Kleman

- no report

- Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
  - New strings and bows for OMS cellos. Thank you SMP!
  - Thinking about how to get students started at OMS. The 4th grade violin program is suspended so starting to think about how to recruit students. Perhaps a summer strings camp to start to get instruments into the kids hands. Also thinking about using HS sinfonia students as a core of virtual tutors to younger students.
- Middle School
  - Choir Stephanie Bettinger
    - no report
  - Band Rob Luce
    - Staff is working on putting together a meaningful online curriculum for the first part of the school year while researching best practices with social distancing when we do return to in-person school. There is research out of Colorado about aerosols and wind instruments that I'm studying.
    - 7th grade will be in the Blue book. 8th grade will backtrack a little from where they were last spring to get everyone on the same page.
    - It will be mandatory for students to play their instruments at home. Most of the grades will be through performance assessment via video submission.
  - Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
    - Will work on getting to know the 7th grade students. We need Flip grid to create a virtual community and practice playing together.
- High School
  - Starlettes Kelly Wilson
    - No report
  - Choir Gary Lewis
    - no report
  - Band Mark Mauldin
    - Thank you to Scott and Jody. We had a successful band clinic. We passed out t-shirts to everyone who attended in person. We'll arrange pick up for Starlettes and the virtual students.
    - The Senior/Freshman ceremony at the end of band camp was good with heartfelt speeches from the Seniors.
    - Thank you to the team of directors, parents, and administrators for band camp and Thank you to Erin for letting us finish the week.
    - Don't know what to expect this year but starting out virtually gives us time to figure out what will happen once we do get together again. There is talk about flipping football season to the spring and having a marching season then.
  - Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
    - Uniforms were cleaned by DO Summers. Very happy with the results and they are now in storage.
    - With the assumption of no concerts and doing virtual and/or in class recordings, we'd like a polo shirt with the logo instead of the uniform..

Committee Reports

- Spirit Wear

- Spirit wear will be available online soon from ABL. Signs and magnets pickups will wait until the week before school starts. Orchestra signs will be picked up at a separate time. Thinking about adding choir signs? SMP signs?

#### Old Business

- none

#### New Business

- Need to purchase more Large band tshirts 30-40 in total
- Question regarding donations to SMP and student recognition. Grandparents and other family members can donate to Solon Music Parents. We will look into making certificates and/or notifying the student if a donation is given in honor of a particular student. Some employers will match but need to check with the company's policies. We will check the SMP website to see about adding a place where notes can be added when giving a donation.
- Dates for next year will be posted on SMP
  - Next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00 PM due to Labor Day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM