

December 2nd, 2024 Meeting



Call to order

Carol Olszewski

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

Recording Secretary

Lori Toth

Minutes were approved for November 2024

President's Report

Carol Olszewski

Huge thanks to everyone for a great fall season.

Jazz Fest is next big event, we will need assistance with this.

If anyone is interested in participating in the scholarship committee let us know. Jill Neifach, Lori Toth and Debbie Klein all stated they were interested. The scholarships will be read around spring break. We usually get around 25 applicants.

Nominating committee will also be forming. Jill Neifach, Lori Toth, and Joanne Innes are starting this process. If you are interested please reach out. We are trying to have the presentation of officers at the March meeting, so we can approve them at the April or May meeting.

Vice President of Purchasing

Jill Neifach

Concessions numbers are not in yet, Nitin wrapping up the receipts and we should know numbers soon.

Vice President of Communication

Debbie Klein

Jazz Fest advertisements will be coming out soon.

Vice President Fundraising

Joanna Innes

Thank you to all who volunteered for the pie fundraiser.

There were 48 pumpkin pies donated before Thanksgiving.

Treasurer's Report

Nitin Yoshi

Finishing up numbers from concessions and other Fall items.

We don't need to move from current bank account as Nitin negotiated the savings percentage increased.

Band Representative No report Reena Polien

Orchestra Representative No report Gloria Liu

Choir Representative Gary Lewis

- Shining stars check was presented and the funds are going towards a new digital piano. The cost of the piano is \$8500. With the funds from the winnings of \$2500.00 that leaves a balance of \$6000.00. SMP will pay towards this. The piano will be called "Ellie" in honor of the award winner.
- MIM invitational will be in March, please sign up to help.

Dance Team Report No report

Director Reports:

Orchard Bands-

Fifth grade band has begun rehearsing their first two pieces for the first concert of the school year is Wednesday Jan. 22, 2025.

Sign up for saxophones auditions are now open to 5th grade clarinet players and percussion auditions are now open to all 5th grade band members. Auditions will take place after winter break and students who are selected will officially switch to those instruments after our January concert.

Sixth grade band now has four pieces in the works for their upcoming performance, with a fifth piece waiting in the wings.

Middle School-

7th grade jazz began earlier this month and they are already hard at work on their first two charts. They will preview one of their charts at the SMS band concert on January 23, 2025.

8th grade- They are playing very well.

HS Band-

Next event is the tree lighting on 11/27/24

Orchestra-

12/4/24 Concert- Enjoy some classic holiday tunes from the orchestras. Start time is 7pm.

12/17/24 - Tentatively planning to accompany choirs with hallelujah chorus.

2/6/25 Scottish Fiddle presentation at OMEA State Conference in Cleveland.

2/19/25 Winter Concert

3/1/25 State Orchestra Contest

Things are going well at SMS. Excited to have new colleagues, Sara Behal working with the students.

2/4/25 Winter Concert at 7pm.

Committee Reports:

New Business:

Next meeting is 1/7/24 7:00pm.

List of meetings: 2/3/25, 3/3/25 (this will be the band camp info meeting) 4/7/25, 5/5/25, 6/2/25

3/1/25 Solon Show Choir Invitational

3/5/25 Jazz Fest

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm