



Compiled Reports in lieu of May 5, 2020 Meeting

Committee reports and notes compiled by Emily Johnson via email in lieu of May 5, 2020 meeting:

Approval of Minutes

Emily Johnson

- Meeting notes from April 2020 were compiled via email from the SMP Board and posted on the SMP website.

President's Report

Jody Halley

- Thank you to Rebecca Egolf for chairing the Scholarship Committee.
- Thank you to those who accepted SMP nominations to the board for the next school year. Your support of our music students is appreciated.
- The final meeting for the current board will be on June 2nd at 7pm. Thank you to the current officers for giving of your time and talent this past year. As we wrap up one year and get started with another This is a great time to get involved with SMP – whether it is at Orchard, Middle or High School, with your child's group or the overall SMP organization.
- We are looking for the following immediately:
 - Volunteer coordinator to work with the concession team- Person creates sign ups for each game where concessions will be available.
 - Co-chair for Tag Day- Other co-chair is has been involved in the past
 - Get involved with concessions, fundraising and other roles with SMP.
 - If interested in any of the above, please email president@solonmusicparents.org

Vice President of Purchasing

Dominique Belcher

- no report

Vice President of Communication

Suzi Castiglione

- All communications have come through music directors and SMP President, Jody Halley.

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

- Outstanding Financial Issues
 - American Commodore in Ohio is closed. Unsure when they will re-open. Waiting for invoice information for Band, Orchestra and Choir 2019-20 school year.
 - Band Camp - Walsh deposit \$1000 – status unknown
 - Early band camp payments in excess of \$100 have been returned.

- Reimbursements – please submit any requests for reimbursements by June 5th. Financial records are closed on June 30th.
- SMP is not requesting the \$10,000 refund from Bob Rogers Travel so that more funds can be refunded to Solon families.
- Upcoming financial actions in June
 - Allocating funds for 2020-21 scholarship fund
 - Allocating funds for uniform fund
 - Audit? Who? and When?
- To see updated budget, please email treasurer@solonmusicparents.org

Starlette Representative

Ann Wiser

- Audition Clinics & Interviews - held via Zoom 4/27-4/30
- Auditions - held virtually 5/1 beginning at 4:00pm
- Results - Students will be notified via email by 2:00pm on Saturday, May 2

Band Representative

Leanne Barron

- No report.

Choir Representative

Rebecca Egolf

- Gary Lewis will be making an announcement on Friday with all of the necessary info for 2020-21 MIM auditions. MIM auditions will be submitted online via google classroom. Current MIM Singer/Dancers will only be required to submit a video of the dance portion. Band and crew positions will also be filled using the online process. Lots more details to come on Friday.
- Gary was given authorization to order the new choir robe stoles, but the company we are using is closed due to Covid-19. Gary has been in touch with them by email and will place the order once that is possible.
- Scholarship Committee report :
- The review committee, composed of alumni parents, reviewed and rated all the scholarship applications and made their recommendations. The exec board met and decided how many awards to give and in what amounts. Students will be notified of their awards on May 20 by the counseling office.
- I had some great feedback from the new members of the scholarship review team:
 "I loved reading about these young students with their whole futures ahead of them. Each one had a great story to tell. I hope the directors are allowed to read the essays to be reminded just how much impact music has on these young minds. Thank you for giving me this opportunity."
 AND
 "I must say as I read through each essay I began to realize how very much I miss the wonderful times at SHS and how very much these seniors in high school must be struggling through this last semester at home. One thing is for sure: these seniors will always have a passion for what they do because of the wonderful experience they had at SHS. They will get through because of their strong foundation. Seeing experiences through the eyes of kids I don't even know and I had tears. Tears of joy for their love of music and the arts. I hope these essays are shared with our music, theatre, MIM, band and orchestra teachers. They truly have given our children a gift that will be with them forever. This untimely "task" was a gift and has brought me unexpected joy and I will be forever grateful. Thanks for including me in on such a wonderful experience."

Orchestra Representative

Karen McColl

- We are waiting on info from Erin Short about how and when the students will return their uniforms. We also need to contact a Solon-based dry cleaner about cleaning our tuxes instead of using American Commodore as we did in the past.

Director Reports

- Orchard
 - Band

Stephanie DeLine

The 5th-grade band members are mastering how to use the Google Classroom, Smartmusic, Google Meet, Edpuzzle, and Flipgrid. They are keeping me very busy with over 1,200 videos sent to me through Flipgrid so far!

This week we had a “silly instrument” picture contest and our first online “hangout” through Google Meet. It was great to “see” them virtually. Like all of the teachers, I miss them and I can’t wait until we can play our instruments together again IRL.

Bettyjeane Quimby

OMS bands have been getting acclimated to distance learning. Flipgrid has been a huge success with student submissions and creative ways of showing off their progress at home.

Our first 6th grade band Google Meet was such a success last week, we will continue with instrument specific sectionals to be recorded and posted for those who could not make it.

Moving forward we are brainstorming fun ways to keep students motivated and engaged through the end of the year.

- Choir
no report
Heather Kleman
- Orchestra
no report
Tracy Matras
- Middle School
 - Choir
no report
Stephanie Bettinger
 - Band
Rob Luce
The focus of the online instruction has been to encourage kids to play their instruments every day. The 7th grade band has the goal of finishing the blue book by the end of the year.
Once our concert was cancelled, the 8th grade staff decided that we should focus on getting ready for the next step: marching band?
Families that have students continuing in the band program AND have a school issued instrument, will be receiving an email from me about what to do with the instrument until we get a chance to meet again.
SMS Families that have their student “retiring” from band, will be required to bring the school issued instrument to SMS when they go back in to clean out their items for the year.
I have not heard back from administration about the Middle School Band Camp. I can’t send anything out until I get approval. Save the date is the best that I can do: August 3-7.
- Orchestra
no report
Gerry MacDougall
- High School
 - Starlettes
Kelly Wilson
 - Choir
no report
Gary Lewis
 - Band
Mark Mauldin
 - Orchestra
Gerry MacDougall

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 Strem
 - Treasurer: Michelle Williams
 - Vice Treasurer: Rhonda Lockett
 - Band Representative: Krista Carlozzi
 - Choir Representative: Rebecca Egolf
 - Orchestra Representative: Karen McColl
 - Starlette Representative: Paulette Bias
- Voting on the slate will be done electronically. A google ballot will be emailed and posted on the SMP FaceBook page. Elected officers will be “installed” in May and will start their position at the June SMP meeting.
- Nominations were taken from the “floor” via FB page. There were none.
- Electronic voting via Google form was open for 4 days.
- Slate of nominees passed unanimously.