



## September 1, 2020 Virtual Meeting

Call to order

Jody Halley

- Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Leah Stroom

- Meeting notes from the August 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

- Thank you's:
  - To Laura Cohen for coordinating the instrument covers for the bands. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to cut and sew. The fabric is in and they are ready to get to work!
  - To Jennifer Farthing, Becky Prelog and Jennie Daniels for getting the spirit wear store up and running. It's open on the website and anyone can order.
  - To the directors for all you have to do to adjust to virtual learning of our students.
  - To the middle school reps - SMS choir Dana Lewis, SMS band Anju Agarwal, SMS orchestra Jessica Liao, OMS band Debra Klein, and we are looking for an Orchard orchestra and choir rep. If interested, please let me know.
- We have created a google form for each HS group and one for SMS and Orchard. They were sent out with this meeting notice and does appear on our website. Please complete the information - it will help us stay connected with you.

Vice President of Purchasing

Christy Mercer

- Right now there are no indoor or outdoor concessions this fall. We will adjust if things open up later this fall or in winter.

Vice President of Communication

Emily Johnson

- We are planning on sending out a 2 page monthly newsletter to SMP families by the 15th. Direct links will be included and it will be posted on SMP's facebook page. Due date will be the 10th if you have information that needs to be included.

Vice President Fundraising

Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy

- We will postpone the "Musical Spectacle," a name change from Tag Day, until Spring since all musical groups are virtual. We considered a virtual tag day but we want to feature the students. We will revisit a virtual tag day if we remain virtual.

- We are doing the Pie Sale this fall with the Akron based pie company. Lisa Koski will be in charge of Pie sales again. All ordering will be online. Hoping to really sell a lot as this is normally a popular fundraiser. We will look into incentives for students selling the most - may have gift cards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd top sellers.

#### Treasurer's Report

Michelle Williams

- 2019 Taxes are done.
- All committee chairs have reviewed the proposed budget. The good news is that we are in a good financial position even though our fundraising will be different this year. We didn't lose a ton of money from last year's cancelled trip.
- To see proposed budget for if you have any questions, please email [treasurer@solonmusicparents.org](mailto:treasurer@solonmusicparents.org)

#### Band Representative

Krista Carlozzi

- We are making covers for all instrument bells for OMS, SMS, and SHS bands. We have 4-5 volunteers cutting but we could use sewers. Email me at [bandrep@solonmusicparents.org](mailto:bandrep@solonmusicparents.org) if you can help.

#### Orchestra Representative

Karen McColl

- No report

#### Choir Representative

Rebecca Egolf

- New stoles were selected and are beautiful. Mr. Lewis will move forward with ordering soon. He had to follow certain protocol since he was working with SMP but Jody Halley has sent all the necessary information for ordering. Thank you to SMP for sharing in covering the expense.
- Thank you SMP for also helping to cover the cost of the choir robe cleaning.
- The choirs will be learning as much of the Mozart Requiem as possible given the constraints of online rehearsals. Mr. Lewis is excited to use breakout rooms for sectional rehearsals.
- FIS - Much more information on auditions for Madrigals, Quartets, Comettes, and other valuable info can be found on Mr. Lewis' [solonschools.com](http://solonschools.com) page. All auditions will be submitted online.

#### Starlette Representative

Paulette Bias

- Have started virtual practices until the students can do it in person.

#### Director Reports

- Orchard

- Band

Stephanie DeLine

- No report

Bettyjeane Quimby

- Teaming up with Mrs. DeLine and Mrs. Kleman and working to make sure everyone is in the correct specials classes for band, orchestra, and general music.
- The 5th graders are in the "getting to know you phase" of class and the focus is on making the students feel comfortable with us, and music and mindfulness. First quarter will be general music skills and our goal is to get students playing by Second quarter.
- The 6th graders had fun sharing "band mascot" ideas using padlet. We are voting this week and the winner will become the background photo of Google classroom. Instruments are coming back this week and we'll

get back into great playing habits starting where we left off in the spring.

- Introduced Flipgrid and we are trying to figure out how to assess the students. It is hard with the technological barriers.
- Choir Heather Kleman
  - no report
- Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
  - no report
- Middle School
  - Choir Stephanie Bettinger
    - Dana Lewis - SMS choir rep - spoke for Mrs. Bettinger.
    - Students are working on music appreciation and theory and sight reading until they can sing together. Video recordings are sent in.
    - Working on a conglomeration virtual choir - One piece and all the choirs together.
    - Ensemble auditions will be held soon and then they hope to have a December concert to feature them.
  - Band Rob Luce
    - Curriculum will be shared Thursday night at curriculum night. There are 114 7th graders and 92 8th graders.
    - You should hear your students playing.
  - Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
    - Curriculum night video will be posted Thursday.
    - If students can record parts, there may be a way to have a virtual concert with the help of Solon TV. Still working on the logistics of this.
- High School
  - Starlettes Kelly Wilson
    - No report
  - Choir Gary Lewis
    - no report
  - Band Mark Mauldin
    - Well wishes to Trevor Halley. He's practicing at the HS auditorium to prepare for his final audition tomorrow with the United States Marine Band.
    - Thank you for Mrs. DeLine, Mr. Luce, and Mr. McDougall. We've been depending on each other and helping each other manage the band class.
    - We have 305 band members so I had to get a single account in Zoom that could accommodate up to 500 people.
    - Administration is trying to arrange one home game. If we have one, it would be Senior Night with the seniors on the field and the other band members split on each end zone. Not sure when it will be. If there is no home game, then the administration will work on how to honor the seniors (Football, band, cheerleaders and their parents only. )
    - Any live performance will have limited spaces for parents - and probably reserved first for parents of seniors. However all will be live streamed on SCTV thanks to Joe Ferencie.
    - We ordered 5 new base drums as we have a large percussion group.

- More t-shirts are coming in soon for those students who didn't receive one at band camp.
  - We've divided band class for attendance purposes. Playing tests will start using flip grid soon and it's easier to watch them play and manage the 305 band members virtually if they are split.
  - We hope to use the four blocks we had at band camp and start evening practices soon. We are also working on a play for picture day. We may need 6 volunteers to do temp checks and cover the COVID form checks.
- Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
    - Working on technique exercises and learning fiddle tunes.
    - Continuing to work on using flipgrid.
    - Sinfonia started on a piece and it may be ready to put together in person during 2nd quarter.

#### Committee Reports

- no reports

#### Old Business

- none

#### New Business

- Budget is presented and will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Dates for the year are posted on SMP
  - Next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM