



## April 6, 2021 Virtual Meeting

Call to order

Jody Halley

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

Approval of Minutes

Leah Stroom

- Meeting notes from the March 2021 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 to Laura Cohen and Ava Farivar for working on some last-minute requests for instrument covers and thank you to Jane Dobriynski and Naomi Kall for sewing.
- Thank you to our scholarship readers for their time in scoring the SMP scholarships. Thank you to Michelle Williams for coordinating it all.
- We are looking for volunteers to get involved with SMP - specifically Band Bash, fundraising, Tag Day, concessions, and band uniforms. If you are interested in chairing a committee, please reach out to me at [president@solonmusicparents.org](mailto:president@solonmusicparents.org). We will be looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming Pie Sale and Band Camp this summer. More information will be available later this month on both of those.

Vice President of Purchasing

Christy Mercer

- No report

Vice President of Communication

Emily Johnson

- No report

Vice President Fundraising

Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy

- Gardner pie sales are on from now thru the 18th of April. Pick up date will be May 1st from 11-1pm. We will need volunteers for running the pies to cars in the drive thru pick up line. All sales are online through the SMP website. Emails are going out to all music families. There may be some extra but we don't know what kind yet.

Treasurer's Report

Michelle Williams

- We've made some small deposits - \$517 from the Giving Tuesday Fund and \$100 from corporate matching.
- If the directors have any questions about their budgets, please email [treasurer@solonmusicparents.org](mailto:treasurer@solonmusicparents.org)

Band Representative

Krista Carlozzi

- No report

Orchestra Representative

Karen McColl

- Working on getting back the uniforms from the senior girls before they go off to do senior projects.

Choir Representative

Dana Lewis

- Mr. Lewis is working on getting the winter concert on his page.
- Choirs are working on spring projects. MIM is hosting a live event with 2 guests per student. It will be May 7 at 7pm in the Auditorium. They will present their 20/21 competition show and honor the seniors.
- MIM now meets in the auditorium because they exceed the choir room space for safe spacing this quarter.

Starlette Representative

Paulette Bias

- No report

Director Reports

- Orchard

- Band

Stephanie DeLine

- No report

Bettyjeane Quimby

- As we finish our final week of A-Day rotation, the 5th grade students are working on their final band assignments for Flipgrid. They will be recording "Playing Around" and "Start Chase". The 6th graders are working on "High Hopes" by Panic At the Disco and "Star Wars". We hope to have a great turnout to participate in the final virtual performance of these songs. Parent communication will be sent out by rotation asking for parent permission to use their student's Flipgrid video in the final virtual video. It will be shown on SETV with a password to access.
    - Thank you SMP for the extra covers for the kids who returned to in person this quarter.
    - 7th grade jazz band is coming to a close. The final few students who continued to participate are wrapping up their final videos with multiple parts for "25 or 6 to 4" by Chicago. I had to fill in the sax parts and my husband did an audio cameo on electric guitar to enhance their stellar work! Can't wait to share it with their parents. Truly exceptional work by those who decided to take on the challenge!
    - I will be taking a personal leave of absence next year.

- Choir

Heather Kleman

- no report

- Orchestra

Gerry MacDougall

- no report

- Middle School

- Choir

Stephanie Bettinger

- 20 kids submitted solo recordings and are awaiting adjudication.
    - We are singing in person in class but it is in small groups at a time, six feet apart. We hope to go outside soon to sing.

- Band

Rob Luce

- 7th grade students have submitted their Upbeat performances for Rio Grande Overture. I am fusing them into a "finished" product to share.

8th grade students have one final part to perform on Upbeat , then I have to start putting that together. Each grade will have a couple of pieces for a virtual performance.

- For the last quarter, grade 7 is focusing back into the book. Grade 8 will be learning marching fundamentals and getting a head start on the fight song and Alma Mater Music. Grade 8 will need to be measured for band uniforms for next year.

- Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
  - No report

- High School

- Starlettes Kelly Wilson
  - May 21st is the Starlettes audition. There will be many clinics to prepare for auditions starting April 21st. More details to come.

- Choir Gary Lewis
  - No report

- Band Mark Mauldin
  - Solon was named a 2021 Best Community in Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM Foundation.) They were interested in how we adapted to both virtual and in person students. Thank you to Solon Staff and SMP!
  - We have the normal amount of students staying in band from 6th to 7th grades and 7th to 8th grades. 74 students in 8th grade are moving to the HS band. We lost a few current Freshman students thus we will have about 270 HS band students next year.
  - We are planning for a final end of year show/honoring of seniors on Sunday, April 25th outside in the Stadium. Still waiting on approval from Mr. Bolden as to who can attend. Current seniors, please send your band pictures and videos from when you were younger (5th through 8th grades) to Nicole Jackman at [nicolejackman21@solonschools.net](mailto:nicolejackman21@solonschools.net).
  - We are hoping to have filmed performances from all the bands to show at the end of the year.
  - This summer the HVAC will be replaced in all the music rooms so we aren't sure if band camp will be at the high school. Walsh called and offered their location but spacing is an issue for overnight camp still. We may have to use SMS but SMS is also used by Solon Rec. We hope to have band camp all day for everyone that last week in July so that we can do marching drills with everyone. Percussion will be the 19th - 23rd and the full band will be July 26-30.

- Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
  - We are working on getting projects in a shareable format - hope to have something by the end of 3rd quarter.
  - HS concert will be April 29th. Senior parents will be able to be in person and we can safely get all 30 members on stage. We will honor the seniors and are awaiting final approval from Mr. Bolden.

#### Committee Reports

- Membership - We have 8 new members since the last meeting. We have 178 members - 83 renewing and 95 new in 2020.

#### Old Business

- Nominating Committee - Anyone may still run for a position and if interested, we will add his/her name to the voting ballot in May. Contact Leah at [secretary@solonmusicparents.org](mailto:secretary@solonmusicparents.org) if you are interested in a position.
  - The Proposed Slate for the 2021-22 School Year
    - President - Jody Halley
    - VPres Purchasing - Hope Gloger
    - VPres Fundraising - Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy
    - VPres Communications - Emily Johnson
    - Treasurer - Michelle Williams
    - Asst. Treasurer - Yafan Li
    - Secretary - Lori Toth
    - Band Rep - Debbie Klein
    - Orchestra Rep - Gloria Liu
    - Choir Rep - Dana Lewis
    - Starlettes Rep - TBA after auditions

#### New Business

- None
- Dates for the year are posted on SMP
  - Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00 PM on zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM