



February 2, 2021 Virtual Meeting

Call to order

Jody Halley

- Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Leah Stroom

- Meeting notes from the January 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 for attending tonight's meeting. Things are picking up behind the scenes at SMP. The local scholarships have been posted for seniors and SMP has scholarships available to seniors who have participated in the band, choir, orchestra or starlettes. Seniors going to college in any major may apply. One application requirement is that the family must join Friends of SMP to be eligible.
- The nominating committee is working to fill the officer slate for the next school year and will present it when they are ready. If you are interested or know someone that is interested in getting involved with SMP leadership, please contact Leah at secretary@solonmusicparents.org. We will also be looking to add committee chairs for various committees. We hope you want to get involved with this great organization and support our students. If you have any interest in getting involved in a committee, please reach out to me at president@solonmusicparents.org.

Vice President of Purchasing

Christy Mercer

- no report

Vice President of Communication

Emily Johnson

- No report

Vice President Fundraising

Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy

- We left a message for Gardner Pie to see if they are still interested and able to provide the pies for a spring fundraiser. In case they are not able, we will still be selling cookie dough. Details to come.

Treasurer's Report

Michelle Williams

- There have been a few minor expenses - mostly for the copier.
- We did receive a message Facebook will be matching a portion from the Give Butter fundraiser but we do not know the exact amount yet.
- If you have any questions, please email treasurer@solonmusicparents.org

Band Representative

Krista Carlozzi

- No report

Orchestra Representative

Karen McColl

- We are working on identifying volunteers for next year's orchestra rep.

Choir Representative

Dana Lewis

- No report

Starlette Representative

Paulette Bias

- No report

Director Reports

- Orchard

- Band

Stephanie DeLine

- no report

Bettyjeane Quimby

- With the 3-week rotation schedules, it is hard to keep the kids engaged during the off week. UpBeat has been approved for Orchard students and we hope to have a year end project. Thank you to Stephanie DeLine for her help in this. Thank you to SMP for purchasing some arrangements.

- Choir

Heather Kleman

- no report

- Orchestra

Gerry MacDougall

- no report

- Middle School

- Choir

Stephanie Bettinger

- no report

- Band

Rob Luce

- 7th grade is working on an UpBeat project and continues to work on rhythms and getting syncopation going. Working on getting to know the kids and the levels they are at.
- 8th grade - since it is our 4th straight year working together, our projects are easier. They have chosen the piece they are going to work on together - it is slow and lyrical which makes it a little harder to do on UpBeat. Hard to play in tune when we are not in the same room and we cannot hear each other. Intonation is difficult.
- We will be talking with the 8th graders more about Band in high school since they will be doing scheduling soon.

- Orchestra

Gerry MacDougall

- 7th and 8th graders are learning to play in parts like they do in sectionals. The HS orchestra kids are reviewing submissions and going back to help the kids fix their recordings and help them improve.

- High School

- Starlettes

Kelly Wilson

- No report

- Choir

Gary Lewis

- No report

- Band Mark Mauldin
 - In class we are coming along with the brass, woodwind, and percussion tutors coming in twice a week to accommodate the hybrid schedule.
 - It's really great to see the kids. WE are working on more UpBeat projects and some collaborative projects. We are trying to figure out changing the filming angles.
 - The band officers met to discuss the senior awards/recognition program. We need to run ideas past Ms. Short but we have some ideas. One possibility would be in the Spring in the stadium with the seniors on the field and the rest of the band in the bleachers. Another possibility would be in the Auditorium with the seniors only along with videos and presentations. The final idea would be seniors on the stage and in the pit and parents in the audience. This would be if vaccinations and spacing allowed for this.
 - Jazz band will start this week after school. Not as many kids but we will make it work!
 - Band camp is still not determined - as is marching band for next fall. Hard to plan for it when we don't know what will be allowed. Not sure how we will measure incoming 8th graders and current 9th graders who haven't been measured for the marching band uniforms.
 - We can use help with hanging up the band coats. Fridays are the best day when there are no students.
- Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
 - We are balancing the need to accomplish something versus not overwhelming the students so we are focusing on just playing and being excited about playing.
 - Sinfonia is working on a fugue. It is not their favorite but they will work on some more fun pieces later.
 - Thinking about how to recognize the seniors. We may schedule a zoom meeting where attendance is mandatory and have it live streamed for parents as well where we would showcase some completed pieces. It may be on April 29th.

Committee Reports

- Nominating Committee - We are still working on the proposed list of officers for next year. There is still time to contact Leah at secretary@solonmusicparents.org if you are interested in a position.
- Scholarships - The old application was up on the website prior to Sunday. The new, correct one is up now. Please use the correct one for this year. Also you do NOT need to be a music major to apply. If you want to be a reader for the scholarship applications, please contact Michelle Williams at treasurer@solonmusicparents.org.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None
- Dates for the year are posted on SMP
 - Next meeting will be on Monday, March 1st at 7:00 PM on zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM