

August 12, 2024 Meeting



Call to order

Carol Olszewski

- Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Recording Secretary

Lori Toth

President's Report

Carol Olszewski

Solon Music Parents are an independent non profit organization. Any Solon family that has children in any program grades 5-12 are able to participate. This includes Band, Choral and Orchestra. Membership and fundraising are comprised of a great deal of band families but we would like to have more members from other areas of the music programs. The funds that are raised from membership as well as fundraising efforts are used to assist with instrument repairs as well as purchasing new instruments. Funds are also used for orchestra and choir robes and uniforms. MIM primarily does their own fundraising but we do assist if they have requests. We do request a volunteer hour commitment. Students are required to complete 10 hours of volunteer service per school year. Parents are also required to complete service hours and ½ of parents hours can be used towards students hours. Membership to SMP can be a minimal donation. SMP also contributes to the Music Scholarships that are given out each year to Music seniors.

This year SMP purchased 150 new marching band uniforms. These are approximately \$1100 per uniform. The school district kindly assists us with these costs and pay for ½ or the costs. We are lucky. We do not have uniform cleaning fees, rental fees or anything like that for our students due to our efforts with SMP.

There are QR codes on the SMP website that we will be utilizing for people to become involved. The QR codes will be for concessions help, Band Bash, and Tag Day. These events are all in the Fall. Volunteer hours should be logged by students using a QR code and there is a separate QR code available for parents to log their hours.

If you are not able to volunteer, we are also going to have a volunteer buyout program. More information will come regarding this but we believe it will be a monetary donation to be determined.

Special Thank You to Leah Stroom for all her HARD work for Band Camp. She did an amazing job. Also special thanks to Abby, Patty and Tony for chaperoning band camp. This week cannot go on and be successful without their help and hard work.

Vice President of Purchasing

Jill Neifach

If any committee needs anything contact Jill and she can make purchases for you. A sign up genius for concessions is already set up so please check this out. Several people are tasked with making sure that we are staffed for all the concessions. There are 6 home football games, Boys and Girls JV and Varsity Soccer and Freshman Football.

Vice President of Communication

Debbie Klein

Information will flow through Debby and directors to Ms. Short who will continue to send the emails out to parents each week. Please make sure that you check these emails for important information. You can also join the facebook page for SMP, Band Facebook page and Band App.

Vice President Fundraising

Joanna Innes

There will be more information to come about fundraising items.
Thanks to everyone who participated in Moe's as this was a successful new fundraiser.

Treasurer's Report

Nitin Yoshi

This is Nitin's last year as he has a senior so we need someone that is interested in shadowing him to take over this position.
Reimbursement forms are available online on SMP website.

Band Representative

No report

Reena Polien

Orchestra Representative

No report

Gloria Liu

Choir Representative

Dana Lewis

- MIM tryouts are complete. Results will be posted on 5/10/24
- Tuxedo pants and coats are ready for dry cleaning
- The choirs and orchestra will combine to perform the Mozart Requiem in the entirety this fall. What an exciting and ambitious project.
- Mr. Lewis would like to ask again about a joint purchase of Yamaha avantgrande upright piano with SMP and BOE sharing the cost. He will re-submit the proposal he put together last year if this is a possibility.

Dance Team Report

- So far season is going extremely well.

Director Reports:

Orchard Bands- Band is rolling. 6th graders are site reading. Preparing for recruiting for 5th grade band. Two weeks 8/27/24 is curriculum night, SMP Rep will be there.

Middle School- Kids should bring instruments so they can be shown where to store them. Both bands will need the blue standard of excellence book..

7th grade there are 76 kids 7th period/ 64 kids 8th period

8th grade 140 kids

HS Band- Finished 4 weeks of camps.

Band camps all went well. Band and Dance team look fantastic.

Wednesday is picture day by the pool lobby. Arrive timely.

Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights through marching band season. Practice starts 6:30pm-8:30pm.

8/23/24 First Football Game

Each week Ms. Short will send an information email pertaining to all things band related.

Posed question about band attending a Monsters game and playing. Possible date of 1/11/25.

MS Orchestra- Sara Rehol is the new orchestra teacher at SMS.

There are 90 7th graders.

There are over 70 8th graders.

HS Orchestra- Starting off strong

Committee Reports:

Band Bash- QR code for tickets and QR for volunteers. Committee in good shape. Just waiting for 1 band to confirm information. You need a ticket for band bash, the sports pass does not permit entrance to the band bash. There will be 8 bands, 2 new one's this year.

Tag Day- QR code for volunteers. Tag Day is 9/28/24. All music students go door to door for tag day leaving tags of all music performances for this school year. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. We usually raise over \$25,000.

Chaperoning:

Sign up genius to all away FB games and Hudson Parade of Bands. Sign kids in on the bus, make sure they are all back on the bus at the end of the game. Need about 16 people per game.

Old Business:

Next meeting is 9/3/24 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm