



January 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes
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Call to order

Joanna Innes

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

Recording Secretary

Lori Toth

November Meeting minutes were posted to SMP website and facebook page. A motion to approve them was made and approved.

President's Report

Joanna Innes

There are open Board positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

Vice President of Communication which is currently held by Debbie Klein. This position along with the president shall approve all communications on behalf of the Solon Music Parents Club, written or electronic. This position serves as administrator on all social media sites. They are responsible for updating the SMP calendar on the website with all SMP events. The Vice President also creates a newsletter with information about all music programs in Solon Schools.

Vice President of Purchasing which is currently held by Jill Neifach. This position shall assume all duties of the president in their absence. The VP of Purchasing will oversee the concession stand manager, trainer and volunteer coordinators. This position oversees all purchasing for and operations of the concession stands for all regular and special events.

Recording Secretary which is currently held by Lori Toth. This position records monthly meeting minutes, has them approved and posted on SMP website. Sends correspondence as needed for Thank You or other events as needed. This position is also chair for the nominating committee.

If anyone is NOT interested in staying in their committee, please email Joanna at President@SolonMusicParents.org

The nominating committee will be working in the next few months in search of some new candidates to fill positions so please reach out if you are interested or just would like more information.

The SMP Scholarship will be posted on January 30th at 3:15pm. This will become available online through the SHS Counseling website. Applications will be accepted through March 13th at 3:15pm and will be submitted to the Counseling Department. We will be in need of scholarship readers in April. Send

emails if you are interested to president@solonmusicparents.org. Please consider if you are NOT a senior parent.

Important Dates to keep in mind:

SHS Band Camp for next school year will be at Wooster College. It will be 7/26/26 -7/31/26.

The Home Days parade is potentially on the Saturday the day before Band Camp 7/25/26.

January 18th 6pm is 8th Grade Orientation.

Information on Volunteer opportunities is available on the SMP Website.

Vice President of Purchasing

Jill Neifach

Not a lot to report. Concessions will begin in late March. Spring is a slower concession season as it entails Lacrosse, and track.

We are in need of some parents to shadow concessions. This will be very helpful as senior parents are not going to be available after this season.

We are interested in having multiple families or “teams” to run concessions so that it is not solely on one person. Goes back to our theory of “Many Hands Make Light Work”. We would like to make it easy, welcoming for newer families to show how fun volunteering in concessions really is. Please if interested reach out to Jill Neifach or Joanna Innes.

Vice President or Fundraising

Ishani Ticinelli

Zeppes on Miles is interested in partnering with SMP for a month long Dine and Donate. More details to come on the dates of this event as well as how much they will donate back to SMP.

Jazz Fest planning is well underway. Jazz Fest is March 11th, 2026. We are still in need of donations for the baskets as well as actual baskets or items to put the donations in for the event. If you have items to donate you can contact Joanna Innes, and you can also drop them off at the Parkside Elementary Office.

The headliner for the event is Steve Kortyka, a saxophone player most recently playing alongside Lady Gaga. He is also the Tri C Jazz Academy teacher. He is very happy to be asked to play with our kids.

Treasurer’s Report

Brian Innes

Recent Dine in Donate at Burgers 2 Beer yielded \$179.00.

Band Representative

No report

Reena Polien

Orchestra Representative

No report

Gloria Liu

Choir Representative

No report

Amanda Geneva

Dance Team Report

Tina Uhl

Basketball Season underway as well as competition season. There are 3 games left and then Regional competition. If the team qualifies for state they will be held on 1/25/26.

Director Reports:

Orchard Band-

Trent Seibert

- 5th and 6th grade bands are diligently preparing their pieces for the upcoming concert this month on Wednesday January 21, 2026. The 5th grade will perform at 6:45pm and 6th grade will perform at 8:00pm.
- In 5th grade Band auditions for the saxophone and percussion will be starting soon. Students who are selected to switch to those instruments will do so after the concert.

7th Grade Jazz Band-

The 7th grade jazz band is back to working hard on their charts for Jazz Fest and have begun learning how to improvise solos. They will be playing a chart or two at the SMS Band Concert on Thursday January 22nd.

PEP Band-

Pep Band has been bringing the hype to both the girls and boys basketball games. There are three remaining games left: Tuesday January 13, Friday January 23 (Girls/Boys doubleheader) and Friday January 30.

HS Band-

Mark Mauldin

- The next concert is 2/25/26. This is also Black History Month. Mr. Mauldin will be performing a piece with all of the bands.
- High School Jazz is getting ready for Jazz Fest.
- Pep Band is really cool and is going on now.
- Hockey has reached out about having the Pep Band come for their senior night which will be on 1/25/26.
- Tuba Christmas was the Saturday before Christmas. Solon had 9 students and 3 parents attend. It went very well. Mr. Mauldin knows a University of Akron professor who commended him on the nice turnout.
- Senior Chris Wang has been selected for the 3rd year as All State Oboe. This is a fantastic achievement. We believe we have 7 kids selected.

Middle school-

Robert Luce

- Concert is January 22, 2026.
- District 7 Honors Band nominations have been made and we nominated 5 students. The district band entails Lake, Geauga, Eastern Cuyahoga Counties and each school can nominate students. This is on a Thursday all schools practice together for a concert on Friday of that same week. This is held in Mentor.

Orchestra-

No Report

Gerry McDougal

HS Choir-

No Report

Gary Lewis

Committee Reports:

Uniform-

The first batch of uniforms was sent out for clearing to be returned mid December or early January. The rest will go out when the first batch returns.

If you expressed an interest in assisting the uniform committee please fill out the form on the SMP website. There will be an experiential meeting where you can learn the uniform system while helping to organize uniforms. Keep an eye out for when this will be, most likely in January after school or evening depending on the calendar and Director schedule.

Band Bash committee will be working shortly on a theme for the September event. No date and time yet for this meeting but if you are interested please complete the interest form on the website.

New Business:

Two New Members added to the Lifetime SMP Memberships. Thank you for your generous support Geneva and Campazini families. There were also a number of new additions to the " Friends of "SMP.

Next meeting is 2/2/25 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm