



## Meeting Minutes

10/2/18  
7 PM

The Meeting was called to order by Michelle Shene at 7:05 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

Julie Wilson

- The board members were reminded of the need to read emails of unapproved minutes and make any changes at least the week before the present meeting. The minutes from the prior month are approved for posting on website, so the present meeting is not the time for edits.

### 1st Vice President Report - Concessions

Mario Ellis, Dominique Belcher (absent)

- Concessions are set for this week. Getting used to the flow of activities.
- Thank you for all the help. Orchestra parent volunteer hours count fully toward their students' hours.
- Discussed how to get more freshmen parents involved.

### 2nd Vice President Report - Fundraising

Kenneth Hale (absent)

- Regarding the grant writing initiative, I have attempted to connect with Mr. Mark Mauldin and Mr. Rob Luce to prioritize the music program needs, but I have been unable to connect with them, during their busy season.

### Treasurer Report

Jackie Friedman

- Showed income/expense statements. So far, our revenue is doing well (Tag Day, Band Bash). We are about the same as last year this time. Still haven't paid Band Camp.

### Band Rep and Volunteer Coordinator

Jennifer Rich Drasner

- Nothing to report at this point.

### Orchestra Representative

Karen McColl

- All students have been measured and we're waiting for the uniform alterations to come back from American Commodore. In the meantime we're collecting uniform payments and signed contracts. We should have everything back in plenty of time for

Sinfonia to play at the choir concert on Wed, 10/17 and for our orchestra concert on Thurs, 10/18.

- We've decided to move the Concerto Competition to 1/22/19 (the day after MLK Jr. holiday) and include juniors. This later date should help the seniors participate with less stress and including juniors will increase the participation. It will be at the Solon Center for the Arts. I have a freshman mom who is helping Mr. Mac with all of the logistics.
- We'll be taking the high school kids to a concert after the first of the year. Probably in March. It will be at the Univ of Akron as part of their Tuesday musical series. Tickets are free for kids, and they reimburse the school for the buses if you have a certain number of kids coming. We took a group last year and it was superb.

### Starlettes Representative

Paulette Bais

- Starlettes are learning, and nothing much else going on. Kids will have pink bows on their shoulders this weekend. Roses were donated for Senior Night.
- Discussed Senior Night - time constraints of starting 6:20 PM before the 7 PM game time.

### Choir Representative

Rebecca Egolf, Lauren Kinsell (absent)

- MIM Cabaret Night was held on 9/15. Most successful event we have had since we've been doing this. Lavish dessert reception, huge auction with online bidding, all the kids performed. Great ticket sales.
- Fall choir concert with all the high school choirs (Mens', Womens', Acapella, Madrigals, MIM, Comettes, barbershop quartets) on 10/17. MIM, Acapella and Sinfonia are doing Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, an extremely difficult large choral work all in Hebrew.
- 10/12 and 10/13, we will host our second Middle School Show Choir camp. 88 5th-8th grade students will spend two days learning the vocals and choreography of numbers choreographed and taught by MIM kids. This is a great fundraiser and also builds our fan base and excitement for these kids to want to be in MIM when they get to high school. 10/13 MIM Presents performance features MIM and the middle school camp performers. Tickets on sale at [solon.es/mimshow](http://solon.es/mimshow).

### Directors' Reports

#### **Mark Mauldin:**

- Doing a lot of jazz this year. Online audition submissions and others will be live. Jazz band is getting started, and jazz vocal auditions will be soon. Homecoming is this week. Bon Jovi show is on schedule.
- 7 PM Wednesday night lights for middle school kids on 10/24. Need donated treats for that. Fred will be chairing the event.

- Wed, 10/10 at 6:45 PM - preschoolers are coming. Pig skin review - Joe Ferencie says we are too big for the stage, so may use the gym.
- Florida trip for the entire music program maybe at Disney's Epcot center, but the Universal has venue for every performance group we have. It will be right before the Spring break for 2019-2020. Will get a travel agent to look into it.
- Large fundraiser is not enough make a big enough difference for each individual student ticket.

**Gary Lewis (absent):**

- Nothing to report.

**Rob Luce (absent):**

- Everything is going well.

**Gerald MacDougall (absent):**

- High school preparations for concerts 10/17 and 10/18 are yielding great results - please come. Finishing up paperwork and payments for uniforms. Distribution as soon as uniforms come back from American Commodore.
- 8th grade concert on 10/9 with 8th chorus - students learn so much from this experience.
- 7th & 8th grades concert on 11/29- looking forward to hearing sixth and seventh graders.
- Concerto competition- new date is 1/22 at SCA- more students, better location for auditions, later date helps seniors participate. Judges already secured - same as last year. Thank you, Karen. Tag Day sign up on paper and then online.

**Stephanie Bettinger (absent):**

- 8th grade choir and orchestra are performing together next week on Tuesday, 7pm. I am creating programs this week and would like to place SMP information with contacts in the program. I am open to any suggestions to help get the word out to choir parents.

**Bettyjeane Quimby (absent):**

- Next week 7th & 8th graders performance with the orchestra. Testing every student in the middle school.

## Committee Reports

### **Band Bash:**

- It is over, and we made money. May need someone else for graphic design. Sold out all the t-shirts. Everything went well.

### **Tag Day:**

- Lots of money still coming in - great job everyone! Ken and Amy helping out next year, but need 2 more people at least to train now.

### **Cabaret Night:**

- MIM on 9/15 was the most successful ever! Full house, tickets sold out, lots of talent. Everything on the auction went well.

## New Business

- Pie Sales - Lori Pitzer and Lisa Koski will take over. 7th & 8th graders will help also. 11/17 frozen pie pick up date.
- SMS Choir - Asking to hire a choreographer for their end-of-the year show. The SMP board voted yes. In turn, Mr. Hatteberg will also mention volunteering for SMP and maybe the pie sale also.
- MIM Update - Due to financial intricacies of both SMP and MIM, per Joe Regano will not allow MIM to merge with us. They can ask us to support them and we can decide as a board to do it, but finances will not be converged and kept separate instead. SMP supports all choir grades, because they are part of the music program, but MIM is separate from them.
- Hawker boxes - They are like the ones you see at stadiums used to sell beer and snacks. Michele has been in continued talks with Erin Short. It is a no for football but ok for soccer, but still in deliberation stage. There are things that need to be worked out before we start to use them, such as financial & inventory control issues, as well as liability issues. Not a firm no yet but not a yes yet.
- Bylaws - Discussed and approved tonight. The bylaws were posted last month.
- Facebook pages - People are on our pages who should not be. They should have a student at school to be on our facebook. We need to discuss how to handle it. Public info should be posted on public page. New VIP of communications will be handling it.

**The meeting was approved to adjourn at 8:50 PM.**

## Next Solon Music Parents Meeting

Tuesday, 11/6/2018, 7 PM, in the SHS Band Room