



Meeting Minutes

12/3/18
7 PM

The Meeting was called to order by Michelle Shene at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Julie Wilson (absent)

- Michelle led the approval of minutes. Thank you everyone for the reports emailed ahead! Also thanks to Rebecca Egolf for taking notes tonight.

1st Vice President Report - Concessions

Mario Ellis (absent), Dominique Belcher (absent)

- More volunteers needed in general. Training session will be offered this Saturday at 12:30 PM, if people need to learn how to run everything.

2nd Vice President Report - Fundraising

Kenneth Hale

- The Mattress Sale will be on 4/13.
- Shoe Fundraiser pays per pound for used shoes, refurbished and sent to third world countries. Plan to have as a competition different groups plus middle school against each other. Michelle will set a spring date.
- Always looking for new fundraising ideas.
- Ken has a plan in place to identify and write a few grant sources for artists in residence. Also, a marching/percussion advisor grant to have someone work with percussion corps for summertime teaching support. They will be writing grant proposals.

Treasurer Report

Jackie Friedman

- Budget report was shared.
- Pie Sale \$10,300, sold almost 1,000 pies.
- Probably will need to order 30-50 new band uniforms, at almost \$500 each.

Band Rep and Volunteer Coordinator

Jennifer Rich Drasner

- Wednesday Night Lights was a success.
- Band concert this week.

Orchestra Representative

Karen McColl (absent)

- Looking forward to our winter concert on Tuesday, 12/4. Concerto Competition is coming up on Tuesday 1/22 at the Solon Center for the Arts. We'll be including juniors this year.
- Orchestra will play Hallelujah Chorus at Choir Concert in December.
- Informal Chamber Music recital on 12/22 with middle schoolers being planned.
- Orchestra needs to get access to orchestra email list that exists.

Starlettes Representative

Paulette Bais (absent)

- The Starlette Awards Banquet is scheduled for 12/14. There is a tryout for basketball season next Wednesday to find a few more girls.

Choir Representative

Rebecca Egolf, Lauren Kinsell

- The Madrigals have begun a full calendar of holiday concerts at community and civic events around the area. Catch them on Fox 8 Morning News on Tuesday, 12/4 from 7:30-9 AM.
- The next event for the high school choirs is the holiday concert on 12/13.
- Music in Motion begins its competition season in January with events in Piqua and Findlay.
- Acapella choir is singing this Friday at Tower City at 12:15 PM.

Directors' Reports

Mark Mauldin (absent):

- The middle school concert was a great success last Wednesday. Parents and students (and directors!) were very happy with the concert being in the high school auditorium rather than the middle school gym. Special thanks to Rob Luce for all of his help during the concert.
- The pigskin review held in the high school gym was really great! Parents loved it. The idea to eliminate that concert is now eliminated!
- There were about 80 students who participated in the tree lighting ceremony. Mayor Kraus gave the band a special shout out declaring it "The best damn band in the land!"
- High school band holiday concert will be on Wednesday this week at 7 PM in the high school auditorium. All three concert bands will perform holiday music and the kids will be dressed in festive attire!

Gary Lewis (absent):

- Nothing to report.

Rob Luce:

- Veteran's Day Concert went well. Thank you to the parents who donated cookies. People were very pleased, and kids sounded great.
- Next concert is 1/23 in the SHS Auditorium. It will feature the 5th and 6th grade bands.
- We will be selecting percussionists before break. Saxophone will be chosen after the January concert. Chamber groups for advanced students start soon.

Gerald MacDougall:

- Looking forward to our winter concert on Tuesday, 12/4.

Stephanie Bettinger (absent):

- Nothing to report.

Bettyjeane Quimby (absent):

- 7th grade band just finished a very successful first concert. Six students were nominated for district 7 honor's band.
- 6th grade band members are diligently completing exercises to complete the red book. Chamber groups for advanced students start soon.
- 7th grade jazz band is excited for their first concert on 2/12!

Committee Reports

Pie Sale

- Pie Sale \$10,300, sold almost 1,000 pies.

New Business

- Nominations for new board members will be in Jan/Feb. Julie coordinates.
- Lengthy discussion about pasta dinner on 2/14. Kickoff meeting will be announced. Major logistical decisions need to be made.

- Need a chair for the auction, making baskets, coordinating donations. Past years' chairs cannot do it again but will advise. (No one at meeting volunteered.)
- If events remain on the same night, cross promote Drama Club One-Acts and Pasta Dinner ticket sales, so people see info about both events. Need to sell tickets separately, using two different ticket sales systems.
- We should consider moving to online bidding for baskets to increase profits. Joe Ferencie knows how to do it, but he is busy with one-acts that night. Someone would need to learn it from him. Need to have baskets donated and baskets made well in advance of event to do online bidding. Concerns shared about poor internet access in cafeteria.
- Ideas discussed to get marketing/business students from CSU or John Carroll to plan and market events. Someone would need to supervise. Colleges need more lead time to get a student to fill a project need, think ahead for next year.
- How to get parents to donate? Problem is same parents who donate will then attend dinner and purchase baskets, not reaching new supporters. MIM requires a minimum \$25 donation per student for our auction, parents can get a donation or buy gift cards, helps ensure large response for auction items. If even a percentage of parents in choirs, bands, and orchestras participated, we would have more than enough, even if people only donated \$5. Request for items needs to go out before winter break. Directors can have a collection basket in their offices. Directors can still have music sections responsible for creating baskets, plus ask for donations.
- Should we even do the auction? If we ask people to donate money, we could make more than the auction would have made for less work.
- Idea to invite other local jazz bands, do it as a festival. Sell tickets to a jazz band festival, light refreshments. Can't do jazz band performance in auditorium because of One Acts. Might have to move the date to have more time.

The meeting was approved to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Next Solon Music Parents Meeting

Tuesday, 1/8/2019, 7 PM, in the SHS Band Room