



Meeting Minutes

3/12/19
6:30 PM

The Meeting was called to order by Michelle Shene at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Julie Wilson (absent)

- Thank you everyone for all the reports emailed ahead!

1st Vice President Report - Concessions

Mario Ellis (absent), Dominique Belcher (absent)

- Nothing to report.

2nd Vice President Report - Fundraising

Kenneth Hale (absent)

- Will be promoting the Mattress fundraiser and be present at the sale on Saturday, 4/13.

Treasurer Report

Jackie Friedman

- Nothing to report.

Band Rep and Volunteer Coordinator

Jennifer Rich Drasner

- Nothing to report.

Orchestra Representative

Karen McColl (absent)

- See Mr. MacDougall's report.

Starlettes Representative

Paulette Bais (absent)

- The Starlettes tryouts will be on 4/30 and 5/3.

Choir Representative

Rebecca Egolf (absent), Lauren Kinsell (absent)

- All the high school choirs performed a concert last week on March 7. This included all our barbershop quartets, some particularly difficult arrangements of Shakespeare and an original composition by Mark Mauldin.
- MIM has completed its competition season with this past weekend's event in Chicago (Wheaton). This is our most challenging group of competitors, with many nationally ranked show choirs. We placed 4th, a fantastic finish.

- MIM hosted the Solon Show Choir Invitational on March 3 with great results. We hosted 17 show choirs, with over 1000 participating students and over 1400 paid admission tickets.
- Findlay First Edition took the Grand Champion prize. We received much positive feedback from other directors, choirs and guests. Our competition is a favorite to attend and at least two groups have already committed to coming back next year. Next year's competition date will be February 22, 2020.

Directors' Reports

Mark Mauldin:

- Nothing to report.

Gary Lewis (absent):

- Nothing to report.

Rob Luce (absent):

- Chose percussion and sax students in 5th grade. Lots of students in the program.

Gerald MacDougall:

- Very pleased with the performances at the pasta dinner, band concert, and orchestra concert.
- On Friday March 1st, 47 members of the Solon High School Sinfonia traveled to Brunswick High School to participate in the Ohio Music Education Association NE Ohio State Orchestra Adjudicated Event. Our students earned Superior ratings from each of the three judges for their performance.
- Our HS was one of seven NE Ohio Schools to enter at the AA level, and one of only three to earn unanimous Superior ratings (Strongsville, Hudson).
- My plan is to postpone participation for next year in anticipation of our quadrennial trip. The following school year, my expectation is to take two groups to this event in February 2021 - Sinfonia in class AA and Concert Orchestra in class A.
- 3/13 - jazz festival - eager to see the progress our students and hear them in the Auditorium.
- Pit rehearsals for beauty and the beast have begun, very excited to be working on such wonderful music with our talented students;
- 3/18 - Venner clarinet choir performance at the Solon library. 3/20 freshman string quartet will perform at the senior recognition dinner at signature of Solon.
- 4/2 - contemporary youth orchestra will be making presentations about their group to band and orchestra students during their classes;
- Be sure to get your tickets for the musical 4/11 through 4/14.
- 4/24 - grades 7 and 8 have a phenomenal program to present. 4/25 - grades 4, 5, 6 concert. 5/1 - and 5/2 - band and orchestra concerts and Senior awards ceremonies.

Stephanie Bettinger (absent):

- SMS music students performed recently for the 6th grade orientation/creative connections night. These events were combined together for the first time. After attending the orientation meeting, OMS parents and students had the opportunity to walk around the specials wing to learn about all the various experiences they will have during their specials time.
- 8th Grade jazz band, strings and choir students performed in the band room to a steady stream of visitors and also devoured around two hundred cookies in between!

Bettyjeane Quimby (absent):

- Madison Bolden has been volunteering at Orchard assisting me with beginning 5th grade percussionists. They are working hard at their technique so they can be integrated back into full band again.
- Sixth grade band students are currently preparing their end of quarter rubric assessments in small group lessons. They have been making excellent progress!
- The seventh grade band members received two new pieces of music last week and were introduced to the D flat concert scale.
- The seventh grade jazz band students recently went on a field trip to the Cuyahoga county courthouse to perform for the investiture ceremony of Judge Wanda Jones, Myles Jones' mother. They sounded fantastic in such a large venue!

Committee Reports

Uniforms:

- We've started refitting kids for uniforms during band period. Will be ordering around 30 new uniforms this summer. Scholarship application deadline is March 13th at 3pm. If kids have questions they can see their guidance counselor.

New Business

- No new business was discussed.

The meeting was approved to adjourn at 7 PM.

Next Solon Music Parents Meeting

Tuesday, 4/2, 7 PM, in the SHS Band Room