

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.
- The minutes stand for the previous meeting on January 7, 2025
- Ms. Short was welcomed and informed us of the new 2025 band camp plans. The College of Wooster will host our band camp this year. Another new procedure for this year will be most of the information and operations will be brought in the house and run by administration, rather than my parents, as was done in the past. The price will likely go to \$425, and the campus is equipped with air-conditioned dorms and many of them will have suites and a lot of space and buildings for our usage. The dates and final details are being worked out currently and we should have a final decision in the next few days. Currently it looks like the dates will be July 18 to the 23rd. While this is a different timeframe for band camp, it is still close to our initial dates and allows for all activities that were done in the past to still be completed, with the culmination of a parent show to be held at our field at the completion.
- Carol shared that scholarship applications are out and asked that parents report their hours to support their students through our SMP website. Students were directed to log hours in Google classroom as SMP does not keep track of those hours. We will check in with Mr. Luce for that list.
- More volunteer opportunities are available, including Jazz Fest donations, and volunteer opportunities that evening. Concessions will also be posting the spring schedule for outdoor activities, including track and the crust sometime later this month to begin in March.
- Joanna mentioned that jazz fest is still exist affecting donations in the form of gift baskets or gift cards and other donations. These can be viewed in the sign-up genius. They will also be a new activity at jazz fest with a “human spin to win”. The price will be eight dollars at the door for entrance, and with the sign-up genius being live, we really need volunteers for donations, as well as help for that night.
- MIM reported on their success as they have won grand champions for the past two competitions of the year. They will be performing in Twinsburg best week and if anyone wants to attend it will definitely be a shorter day. They also wanted to thank SMP Uniform Contact and nation of cookies and water to these travel events. Mr. Lewis wanted to thank SMP for purchasing the remainder of the piano as they are enjoying using it.
- A special ask was brought to the meeting by Dana on behalf of MIM. Currently they do not have buses for their next overnight trip to Indiana for the competition scheduled on February 22 because the district only permit one out-of-state events per year, this was already used when ma’am traveled to Hurricane, WV last weekend. The cost for the buses for that trip is \$8000 and there was a motion made in favor of helping subsidize that trip on behalf of SMP.

- Tony also discussed the option of reaching out to John Heckman on the board to determine if there was any other opportunity for the board to cover these expenses.
- March 1 Solon will host the MIM invitational and will need volunteers, so the ask was put out to band parents as well.
- Orchestra is going well and they were for Solon students sent to the orchestra competition
- Seventh and eighth grade orchestra concert it is tomorrow
- Students are also being sent to the OMEA conference today for fiddle and 4 Solon students qualified for the state orchestra competition
- Very proud of the middle school band students for their concentration and preparation for a very entertaining concert. The performances were good and their etiquette as an audience showed marked improvement.
- Mr. Luce is taking 5 students to Mentor at the end of the month to participate in the OMEA District 7 Middle School Honors Band. This is a great opportunity for some of our top players to play alongside other top players from 24 other school districts.
- Our next MS concert is not until April. The 7th grade band will be working in the blue book on rhythm and meter concepts as well as increasing their usable range on their instruments. The 8th grade band is going to be increasing their technique and range through scale work and some very challenging literature.
- High school band winter concert is on 2/20 and because this is Black History Month, there will be African American composer pieces included in each of the sets
- Wind Ensemble will be performing Rising Dragons
- AJ Huang will be the guest performer at jazz fest and working with the students during the day.
- April 8 will be uniform fittings for a pre-band parents
- March 3 is our next meeting with a Band Camp meeting at 6 PM followed by the SMP meeting at 7 PM
- March 1st - MIM invitational
- March 5th - Jazz Fest