

Call to order

Joanna Innes

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Recording Secretary

Joanne Innes for Lori Toth

Meeting minutes were posted to SMP website for September meeting. A motion to approve them was made and approved.

President's Report

Joanna Innes

Music Representative of the Month, Rocco Zito, was in attendance, along with Band President Elliot Neifach. Rocco said that students always love hearing from family, friends, and visiting bands how well the Solon band performed.

Reminder to family volunteers to log hours on the SMP website.

Thank you to:

Band Bash Committee and Leanne Barron. The stands were full, and 1200 programs were gone. Next year Band Bash will be on August 29.

Tag Day Committee and Melissa Ridler. So much went into preparing for the day, including a focus on student safety. \$28,632 was raised as of the meeting date. Next year Tag Day will be on October 3.

Barb Anthony and Uniform Committee, Gloria Liu for Orchestra uniforms

Thanks to Directors for the amazing music.

Vice President of Purchasing

Jill Neifach

There are over 300 music families, and a small percentage volunteer. Please encourage 8th-10th grade parents to get involved with concessions and in main chair positions.

Vice President of Communication

Debbie Klein

If you have anything that you want advertised for SMP contact Debbie at communications@solonmusicparents.org

Vice President Fundraising

Ishani Ticinelli (not in attendance)

Pies are now on sale on the SMP website for \$15 each. The sale is open until October 25, and pie pick-up will be November 8 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Volunteers will be needed - sign-up coming soon.

Treasurer's Report

Brian Innes

First reading of the budget tonight. Second reading and approval at the next meeting.

The budget is dynamic, and we need flexibility (one night of rain can wipe out concession sales, etc.). There are only four football games this year. We are taking into account future unexpected expenses. The budget includes senior scholarships and scholarships for the Orlando trip. Taking into account all expected income and expenses, we should have \$11,166 to allocate to future purchases at the end of the year.

The band will grow over the next several years, but we already have 500 uniforms available. SMP and the school will likely share costs of some instruments in the future.

Band Representative

Rena Polien

We will have roses for seniors on Senior Night.

Orchestra Representative

Gloria Liu

Uniforms were taken care of.

Choir Representative

Amanda Geneva

The choir concert is October 15 and will feature three choirs performing together with Sinfonia. Gary is grateful for the collaboration between music directors. Orlando trip registration date has been extended until 10/10.

Dance Team Report

No report

Director Reports:

Dance Team

Tina Uhl

- The Dance Team is working on the Senior Show. The captain met with the committee to look at charts.
- Basketball pep squad and competition team will begin in November.

Orchestra

Gerry McDougal (not in attendance)

- First concert was last week- earliest ever. The next concert is 12/4.
- Sinfonia will play with high school choirs. 8th grade chamber orchestra will play with 8th grade choir.
- OMEA Middle School Honor Orchestra - six students.
- Concert orchestra going to Baldwin Wallace String Festival.

Orchard Band

Trent Seibert

- 5th grade band is working on 5 notes.
- 6th grade now had 4 tubas and 4 baritone.

Middle School Band

Rob Luce

- 7th grade jazz band started; 8th grade jazz band starting soon
- 7th grade band is working on 6/8 time.
- 8th grade band is working on a more mature sound.
- Concert 11/5

High School Band

Mark Mauldin

- Concert band auditions are due 10/24.
- Seniors are writing drills for the Senior Show.
- The student teacher is great.
- The Pigskin Review is scheduled for 10/29. Plaques will be ordered for leaders.
- Snare drum students will travel to a competition 11/12-11/15. Thanks to SMP for helping to pay for this trip.
- Looking at ways for the football team to support the marching band in the future.
- Senior Night is 10/24. Shirts are available for purchase on the website and will be distributed on 10/22. Families will go on the field for photos.

Lifetime Friends of SMP - \$1,000 donation. The plaque is ready and has four names so far. Lifetime members get two lifetime tickets to Band Bash and two half-zip shirts which were shown.

Check out the SMP Calendar for future SMP Meetings, Marching Band rehearsals, school concerts, and special events.

New Business:

Next meeting is 11/3/25 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM