

SPRING GROVE MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
Zoom meeting
January 2, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Mascaro, Theresa Kramer, Autumn Tyson, Tracey Glace, Trista Glace, Rhonda Wastler, Barb Brenneman, Amy Buhrman

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS (Jerry Mascaro):

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm, and meeting participant introductions were completed. Meeting agenda topics and timeframes were reviewed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Amy Buhrman):

Minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting were reviewed with several changes noted. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Rhonda Wastler and seconded by Barb Brenneman. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Autumn Tyson):

SGMB Balance sheet was presented with the following balances:

	As of 12/27/2022
Checking Account	\$127,688.59
Capital Fund	\$24,297.55
Scholarship Fund	\$51,426.25
Student Fund	\$20,844.06
Total	\$224,256.45

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was offered by Tracey Glace and seconded by Theresa Kramer. Motion carried.

SGMB received two NSF checks for Disney payments. These will be followed up on once additional information is received. There is concern that additional NSF checks may be received following the recent holiday. Autumn will follow up with the high school directors to request receipt of checks for deposit within a week of students' payment due date (1/6). As well, there were additional service charges for the month. Autumn will be requesting a breakdown of charges from the bank.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Kyle Showalter: The High School Symphonic Band and Middle School Concert Band both had GREAT performances at their Winter Concerts! We are excited to begin working on our Spring Concert music following the winter break. On December 3rd, several of our students participated in the PMEA District 7 Band and Orchestra auditions at Eastern York High School. This year, TWO of our band students were accepted into this year's District 7 Band Festival - Eli Hoke (Grade 12, French Horn) and Bryan Myers (Grade 8, Alto Sax)! This is the first in nearly 25 years that we can recall having a middle school student audition and be accepted into the PMEA District 7 Band Festival. We are both excited and proud of both of these band students for their accomplishments. Thank you!

Abigail Kirkpatrick: There is a cast of about 70 students in Annie- one of SG's largest casts ever! This includes 11 4-6th graders cast as orphans. Rehearsals begin right after Winter Break. Come

see the show March 3, 4, or 5. Lucas Buhrman has been accepted into the 2023 PMEA District 7 Orchestra festival on violin. A handful of students will be submitting PMEA All-State Vocal Jazz auditions in the next few weeks- stay tuned for results in February.

Chamber Strings (a small, auditioned string group) performed before the MS Winter Concert and in the morning for the high school students and staff as they entered the building on 12/19.

Expressions and Mrs. K ran a sing-along for SGE Kindergarten classes on 12/21 to give them some holiday cheer and a mini music class experience before winter break.

Tim Bupp: 1. Holiday concert season is the books. Links to those recordings (for family and friend use) can be viewed here. Please note, these cannot be posted to social media due to copyright limitations.

- SGASD High School Winter Concert: <https://youtu.be/ungQSoqwJKg>
- 2022 SG Middle School Winter Concert: <https://youtu.be/~JSTs9iungc>.
- SGI Winter Concert 12/7/2022: <https://youtu.be/68hNY8iCMsk>
- Concert Band, Orchestra, and Choir Concerts will be streamed in the Spring.

2. For informational purposes, the Diversity Festival is scheduled for April 13th. More details to follow.

3. Indoor Percussion: There has been lots of chatter regarding indoor percussion. Indoor percussion MAY be returning later in the school year pending continuing discussions with Mr. Bupp and Mr. Showalter. The program will be returning to its original intent from many years ago as a training group for the upcoming outdoor marching band season. This will allow our percussionist who do not have one consistent instrument to perform on a chance to learn technique-specific applications to be successful during the marching band season. As information develops, it will be shared through Mr. Bupp and/or Mr. Showalter only.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PERFORMANCES:

50th Anniversary String Program: Jerry talked with Tim about grants; one grant application will be submitted. There is also a plan to follow up regarding sponsorships; suggestion was made that students could help deliver fliers to local businesses. SGMB also needs to know whether funds will be handled through SGMB or the district. Jerry will follow up with Sue Gross to offer information and suggestions.

Spring Musical: 3/3-3/5/2023. This year's show is "Annie."

Concert dates are posted on the website

Celebrate the Arts: 3/25/2023 (9am-3pm). SGMB will not be charged for a table, and our table will be in the same location as last year. Volunteers are still needed!

Diversity Festival: 4/13/2023

WAYS & MEANS (Tracey Glace/Barb Brenneman):

Grocery Cards: Barb Brenneman provide December grocery card purchase totals; grocery card sales for this school year currently total \$6400. Information for sales from 7/2022 through 12/2022 has been shared for student account deposits.

Upcoming fundraisers: Order forms for R&K Sandwiches and Country Meats will be available in the coming week and are due by 2/6/2023.

Sunrise Soaps: Another Sunrise Soaps sale is planned to begin at the end of February. Tracey is working with the company on a list of items to be sold and anticipates offering soaps and fizzies (bath bombs). Soaps will again be sold for \$5/each (\$1 per bar will go to student accounts), and fizzies will be sold at 3 for \$5 (\$1 will go to student accounts, and \$0.25 will go to SGMB). Pick-up for this fundraiser is scheduled for 5/9/2023.

Tracey was contacted by a parent who stated her recent Sunrise Soaps order was missing three soaps. Tracey purchased the soaps needed. Moving forward, SGMB will be asking those picking up orders to check them before leaving the high school to confirm order accuracy.

PUBLICITY/COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE (Jerry Mascaro):

Jerry corresponded with district administrators regarding a potential change in location for the 50th Anniversary Strings concert, as a result of some miscommunication. After some discussion, the concert will still be held at the middle school.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS (Theresa Kramer):

There was not much activity in Student Accounts in December. Several students requested money from their accounts for the Disney trip. A total of \$206.98 was added to accounts from Grocery Gift Card and RaiseRight participation. Letters will go out to any high school students going to Disney who have account balances to let them know the amount in their account and give instructions on how to request funds. In addition, December is the last month seniors can earn fundraising participation credits for scholarship consideration. The final totals will be sent to the scholarship chair in January. Letters for seniors with student account balances will not be sent out until after the final trip payment is due.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Amy Buhrman/Jerry Mascaro)

High School Scholarship: All scholarship materials were emailed to high school directors in December and should be shared with students this week. As well, a link to the updated application (as well as a printable copy of the paper application) should be active on the SGMB website this week. Applications are due by the end of the day on 2/28/2023. Amy will be seeking volunteers to assist with scoring.

Middle School Scholarship: After some discussion, it was agreed that Jerry and Amy will make a decision regarding options for electronic submission of this year's middle school scholarship application.

PROCEDURES/BY-LAWS (Jerry Mascaro / Rhonda Wastler / Dan Brenner):

There is nothing to report at this time.

WEBSITE (Kristen Henning):

The website is current at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro):

Winter Sports/Spirit Store: The small ticket/concessions booth is "officially ours" for music department use. The music department has not yet made plans for this space. A display case will be added but will not obstruct access to the now-vacant booth. The group will give some thought to how this space could be used.

Color Guard/Indoor Guard: Stored guard materials were inventoried, and flags have been pulled for this year's use. As well, flooring was pulled out, and New Year's Eve Day was spent painting mats. A budget sheet is now being used to track needs, expenses, and items ordered and received. As of the end of December, \$674 has been spent. Music costs (\$400) has not yet been paid. With anticipated additional purchases (including music, fabric, and paint), it is anticipated that Indoor Guard costs will exceed what is currently budgeted by approximately \$633. A final total should be available in February. It is also noted by Tim Bupp that funds budgeted for indoor percussion will likely not be utilized, as any costs will reportedly be costed by the school district. Jerry Mascaro made a motion from the chair to reallocate the \$1000 indoor percussion line item to indoor guard. Motion seconded by Autumn Tyson. After discussion, the motion failed. Theresa Kramer made a motion for up to \$700 of the indoor percussion budget line to be transferred to indoor guard for development of the 2023 show. The motion was seconded by Autumn Tyson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro)

Display case: There has previously been discussion about the purchase of a display case to house music department awards and trophies. It is not clear that SGMB could fund the entire project, and the cost is not yet known. Jerry reached out to directors to inquire about cost, with the idea that SGMB could make a donation toward this purchase. Once information is available, it is suggested that a donation come from the Capital Fund, as opposed to a budget line item.

Scheduling Changes: SGMB understands that SGI is getting 25% less instruction time, which may affect the NAMs application for Best Communities. It may be helpful for SGMB to better understand this and have additional insight from directors.

April 3rd meeting conflict: The April SGMB meeting conflicts with the Disney trip and may impact our ability to have a quorum. Suggestion was made that the meeting be moved back a week to 4/10; the meeting would be held via Zoom, as schools are closed that day. Theresa Kramer made a motion to reschedule the 4/3 SGMB to 4/10 to accommodate the music department trip. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Wastler. Jerry noted this meeting would be held via Zoom only. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT (Jerry Mascaro):

The next membership meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2023 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held in Room 51 at the high school; a Zoom option will also be available. A motion to close the meeting was made by Rhonda Wastler and seconded by Autumn Tyson at 8:53pm. Motion carried.