

SPRING GROVE MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
SGAHS, Room 51 and Zoom meeting
February 6, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Mascaro, Theresa Kramer, Autumn Tyson, Tracey Glace, Rhonda Wastler, Barb Brenneman, Lucas Buhrman, Tim Bupp, Kyle Showalter, Abigail Kirkpatrick, David Dietrich, Amy Buhrman

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm, and meeting participant introductions were completed. Meeting agenda topics and timeframes were reviewed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Amy Buhrman):

Minutes from the January 2, 2023 meeting were reviewed with several changes noted. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Autumn Tyson and seconded by Rhonda Wastler. Motion carried.

Minutes from the January 19, 2023 meeting were reviewed with one change noted. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Theresa Kramer and seconded by Rhonda Wastler. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Autumn Tyson):

SGMB Balance sheet was presented with the following balances:

	As of 1/26/2023
Checking Account	\$145,858.18
Capital Fund	\$24,297.75
Scholarship Fund	\$51,426.67
Student Fund	\$19,471.21
Total	\$241,053.81

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was offered by Barb Brenneman and seconded by Rhonda Wastler. Motion carried.

All NSF service charges accumulated this year have been covered to date. All checks are cleared from events to date. A check has been mailed to Brian Balmages.

The "Amazon Smiles" program is ending in February 2023. An additional one-time check will be issued to all organizations participating in the program.

SGMB has received approval as a PA sales tax-exempt organization. Autumn will maintain the tax-exempt number and can provide that information for purchases; those who regularly make purchases will also have the information. It was noted that if purchasing items for resale, it may be more beneficial to pay tax up front so as not to have to pay tax on resale. Autumn will contact Jennifer Leppo or Mark Czapp for additional information.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Abigail Kirkpatrick: PMEA: Lucas Buhrman and Ashlyn Tyson have qualified to advance to Region V Chorus in February. Lucas Buhrman participated in the District 7 Orchestra. Lucas Buhrman and Leland Klinedinst have been accepted into the All-State Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Levi Altland participated in the York County Choral Festival on 2/3 along with SGAMS director Dan Fake and selected SGAMS students. The cast and crew are working hard on Annie! There are 4 students, 7 alumni, and 3 staff members in the Pit. Tickets are available for performances on March 3, 4, and 5. The choral and string departments are planning multi-grade level events in March (Music in Our Schools Month). Choral

students in grades 5-12 will spend the day together at SGAHS on 3/23. String students in grades 3-12 will spend the day together at SGAMS on 3/27 in preparation for the 50th anniversary concert. University-level directors are being sought for these events.

Dan Brenner: 1st-4th grade Essential Music kiddos are prepping for their Night of Music Concert. SGE's Night of Music will take place at SGAHS on 3/23. Grade level performances will be staggered in order to alleviate parking issues. High School jazz bands are currently working toward Jazz Weekend performances. (5/5–Evening of Jazz, 5/6–Swing Into Spring Jazz Festival). SGMB assistance is needed for the Jazz Festivals on 5/6 (MS in the afternoon, HS in the evening). It would be helpful to have a chair or point person for these events; please contact Jerry Mascaro or Mr. Brenner if interested. (Mr. Showalter, Mr. Bupp and Mr. Brenner will take care of everything behind the front curtain/stage. SGMB volunteers are needed for ticket sales, concessions, etc.). The Select Modern Band will be performing at the upcoming SG Mini Thon on 3/18. SGAHS will be hosting the 2nd Annual PMEA District 7 Modern Band Festival on 4/14-15. (Twelve SG students auditioned for the festival... those students will be notified in late February if their audition was successful.) The concert will be held at 3pm on 4/15. SG's Modern Band Concert will take place at the HS on 4/28, 7pm. It will feature 4 Modern Bands from the program. The next day, the Select Modern Band is sharing a performance at Taqueria El Camino in Dover with Millersville University's Modern Band Ensemble (4pm start). Lastly, the Select Modern Band will be performing at the Scholarship Banquet on 5/16.

Tim Bupp: The SGI Jazz Band and 6th Grade strings will be headed to Washington DC on 4/21 to perform on the National Mall and tour the jazz and music exhibits of the Smithsonian African American Museum of History and Culture. Lunch will be provided. The grant request for the 50th Anniversary Concert will be submitted later this week to the Warehime Foundation. It was written for \$4000 and would cover just under half of the total event cost (\$9225). A decision is expected by the end of March. Requests for sponsorships have also gone out. Elementary Nights of Music are coming up for each school; these are listed on the music department events schedule. As well, directors are looking to bring high school and middle school together, as well as middle/intermediate and elementary/intermediate.

Kyle Showalter: Eli Hoke (Horn, Grade 12) and Bryan Myers (Alto Sax, Grade 8) will participate in the PMEA District 7 Band Festival at Warwick High School. Several high school and middle school students have been selected for this year's York County Honors Band Festivals. High School County Honors Band: Tanner Glace (Tuba, Grade 11), Hunter Ellis (Tenor Sax, Grade 10), Jenna Meyering (Bari Sax, Grade 12), Alyssa Beyer (Clarinet, Grade 10), Eli Hoke (Horn, Grade 12), Micah Weaver (Trumpet, Grade 10), and Katelyn Wastler (Euphonium, Grade 10). Middle School County Honors Band: Ben Thatcher (Trumpet, Grade 8), Tori Herr (Alto Sax, Grade 8), Bryan Myers (Alto Sax, Grade 8), Julia Tackett (Flute, Grade 8), and Carolina Richards (Trumpet, Grade 8). The High School Music Department is gearing up for the April Florida trip, and high school student musicians are continuing to prepare for our Spring Concert performances!

UPCOMING EVENTS/PERFORMANCES:

50th Anniversary String Program: 5/20/2023 at SGAMS.

Spring Musical (Annie): 3/3-3/5/2023.

Celebrate the Arts Craft Show and Showcase: 3/25/2023 (9am-3pm). Tracey, Amy, Rhonda, and Jerry are available to cover at least part of this event. Suggestion was made that Tri-M students may also be able to provide support (two-hour time blocks) throughout the event. SGMB will sell Gertrude Hawk candy, yard signs, and perhaps a few other leftover items from the Spirit Store.

Concert performance dates are posted on the website. Rhonda will obtain information on indoor guard performances.

Diversity Festival: 4/13/2023 Mr. Bupp is seeking additional information regarding the format for performances this year so that directors can plan for performance groups.

Marching Spectacular: 9/30/2023 Approval has been received for facilities use. Band night will take place the prior evening (9/29). The first planning meeting will take place following the end of the school year.

WAYS & MEANS (Tracey Glace/Barb Brenneman):

Grocery Cards: Sales totaled \$200 for the last month.

RaiseRight: Student account deposits for January totaled \$113.17.

Orders for Country Meats and R&K were due today and will be accepted through the end of the school day on 2/10. Order pickup will be 2/28 from 4-7pm in the SGAHS cafeteria. Tri-M opps are available on 2/23 to sort/count Country Meats sticks (in Room 51) and 2/28 for pick up/delivery. Only those students who have signed up (as well as invited, cleared volunteers) will be sorting and assisting with pick up.

Order forms for R&K, Gertrude Hawk, and Sunrise Soaps will be dropped off when Tracey picks up current fundraising orders on Friday, 2/10. These are due 3/14 with final pick up of orders at the end of the school day on Friday, 3/17. The upcoming Sunrise Soaps fundraiser will include fizzies (6 for \$12, random selection), shower tablets (4 for \$12), and lip balm. Students will receive \$1 per item sold, and profits to SGMB will vary per item (from \$0 -\$3.50) Order pickup will be on 5/9, 4-7pm, in the SGAHS cafeteria. Order pick up for Gertrude Hawk and R&K will take place on 3/28 from 4-7pm in the SGAHS cafeteria.

Tracey has obtained a proposal for Hillbilly's Beef products and has obtained clearance from Steph Kennedy for SGMB to proceed with this. Options include beef jerky, a variety of beef sticks, bologna, and dog bones. Some of the product needs to be refrigerated; Tracey will inquire as to whether the order form can be modified to remove those items. Profit percentage is 20%. Items are sold in bundled packages. Hillbilly's Beef provides order forms and delivers the product; SGMB would only need to order items as sold. Suggestion was made to try this as a fundraiser in Fall 2023 in place of Country Meats (after Marching Spectacular). Any leftover meat sticks can be sold at Marching Spectacular; this will be a future discussion topic.

PUBLICITY/COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE (Jerry Mascaro):

There is no correspondence to report at this time. Jerry will reach out to Steph Kennedy to request that the Remind code and SGMB website information be included in all concert programs.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS (Theresa Kramer):

It was a light month for Student Account activity. A total of \$119.17 was added to accounts from participation in the ongoing Raise Right and Grocery Gift Card programs. A transfer of \$1,660 was made from Student Accounts to the General Fund for the Disney Trip. Updated account balances, by building, were sent to all directors the first week of February. Letters went out in early January to all high school students going on the trip with current account balances and instructions to request the use of funds. There have been several inquiries in the Student Account e-mail for middle school and high school balances coinciding with upcoming trip payments. Credit for R&K and Meat Stick sales will be added to accounts in February. These fundraisers, along with February Raise Right and Grocery Card activity, will be the last opportunities for high school students to add money to their accounts before the final Disney payment is made. Any trip related requests after that will need to be reimbursements rather than transfers. Once the final trip payments are made, focus will shift to senior balances to give ample opportunity for seniors to use any money they have remaining in their accounts. At this point, we have 28 seniors with close to \$2,000 in total but expect that number to go down with additional trip requests.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Amy Buhrman/Jerry Mascaro)

High School Scholarship: Scholarship applications are due by the end of the day on 2/28/2023.

Autumn, Theresa, Rhonda, Jerry, and Kyle will assist with application scoring.

Middle School Scholarship: The scholarship application was released at the end of January, and responses are due by 2/28/2023. Autumn, Amy, Lucas, and Kyle will assist with review of applications.

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

There is nothing to report at this time.

WEBSITE (Kristen Henning):

Kristen worked with Steph Kennedy to ensure the SGMB site is ADA-compliant. All meeting-related documents are combined on one page, and the site is now aligned with other district sites. Thank you to Kristen for this work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro):

Music Department Spirit Store: Athletic concessions have officially moved, and SGMB can use the space as needed. Kyle and Dave Dietrich will connect on Tuesday to confirm the space is ready for use.

Donation to SGASD for Music Department Display case: On 10/26, Kyle and Abby met with Bill Styles to discuss designs for a music department display case. Kyle will forward details for the display case to David Dietrich. To date, no formal estimates have been received; Kyle will follow up with Bill and will copy Dr. Dietrich. Construction would not start until June, at the earliest. Once estimates are available, directors will look at how the project can be funded. SGMB would like to sponsor this project.

Scheduling changes (-25% instruction time at SGI) possibly affecting NAMM BCfME application: Per Mr. Bupp, this has been taken care of and is not a concern at this time.

Uniforms: Work related to new marching band uniforms has been paused due to district rebranding. Once this is complete, and uniforms are selected and ordered, it will take 4-6 months to receive. This will most likely now be a Fall 2024 change. Remove from agenda. Autumn will follow up with Steph Kennedy around a target date for completion of district rebranding.

NEW BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro)

Donation toward PMEA District 7 Modern Band Festival: Last year, SGMB sponsored the festival (\$500). Sponsorship covers cost of guest conductor, food, and other costs associated with the event. Rhonda Wastler made a motion for SGMB to donate \$500 in support of the District 7 Modern Band Festival. Motion was seconded by Barb Brenneman. Motion carried.

Choir Day (3/23) and Orchestra Day (3/27) – honorarium for collegiate instructors: Two guest clinicians are interested in being a part of these events. An honorarium of around \$200 per director is being requested. This would free directors to directly support students and will also expose students to different directors. SGMB's budget contains a \$400 miscellaneous line item associated with high school ensembles. Mr. Showalter noted no other plans for those funds. High school directors will discuss plans for available funds. If additional funds are needed, the request can be discussed and approved at the March SGMB meeting. Payment via check would need to be provided by the district, and SGMB would then receive a bill.

In and Out fund for SGI trip in April: This request is approved.

ADJOURNMENT (Jerry Mascaro):

The next membership meeting is scheduled for March 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 Autumn Tyson and seconded by Rhonda Wastler at 8:48pm. Motion carried.