

**SPRING GROVE MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MEETING HELD IN PERSON (SGAHS) December 13, 2021**

IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Mascaro, Theresa Kramer, Autumn Tyson, Barb Brenneman, Rhonda Wastler, Tim Bupp, Kyle Showalter, Dan Brenner, Crystal Byer, Nicole Matthews, Suzi Livelsberger

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm, and meeting participant introductions were completed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Rhonda Wastler):

Minutes from the November 8, 2021 meeting were reviewed with three changes noted. A motion to approve minutes was made by Dan Brenner and seconded by Theresa Kramer. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Autumn Tyson):

SGMB Balance sheet was presented with the following balances:

	As of 11/26/2021
Uniform Fund	\$24,294.93
Scholarship Fund	\$55,959.77
Checking Account	\$90,098.40
Student Account Fund	\$9,515.31
Total	\$179,868.41

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was offered by Kyle Showalter and seconded by Dan Brenner. Motion carried.

Several outstanding funds remain from various events, including \$507 from school dress down day, fundraisers, and the Spirit Store. Autumn and Theresa will be meeting at the end of December regarding Student Account fund transfers. This bi-annual deposit assists to minimize transfer challenges.

Marching Spectacular: SGMB is awaiting funds from Kona Ice; Suzi is working to resolve this, as well as problem-solving address inaccuracies. We are also awaiting ambulance crew donation information.

Spirit Store: SGMB earned \$2109 (minus final deposit) from the Spirit Store. Monies raised are attributed to theme nights, product visibility, the addition of PayPal as a payment option, increased foot traffic at well-populated games, clear displays, and pricing labels. Autumn and Rhonda will finish packing up the store and take inventory for next year, including assessment of well-sold items, requested items, and remaining inventory.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Dan Brenner: Modern Band II traveled to Messiah College to perform and then participate in a 45-minute clinic with the school's music education students. The event was well received. Students debuted their original piece with excellent reviews. Millersville University has

reached out to request a visit and clinic; Mr. Brenner will follow up on this request. Modern Band (named "Spirit Lane") will be holding a concert on Friday, 4/29/2022 at 7pm in order to showcase the Modern Band program. Modern Band have decided they will hold a concert on Friday, April 29th to showcase the Modern Band program. Mr. Mundy and other special guests will also participate in the event. SGAHS will host the first ever Modern Band District 7 Festival on 4/7/2022. Mr. Brenner is awaiting additional information on donations which may support funding the event. Students from across districts can audition for the festival and will comprise the band.

Four bands have registered for "Jump into Jazz," and six bands have registered for the "Swing into Spring" Jazz festival. Jazz bands at both the high school and middle school have begun, and the band sounds great. As well, Stage band is off to a great start. The Pep Band will perform at the 12/7/2021 basketball game. Information for additional Pep Band events can be found on Mr. Brenner's web page on the SGASD website.

Jerry shared that the new athletic director has shown interest in working with bands and pep band to support athletics. Directors shared that Mr. Laux has been very supportive and appreciative thus far of the band programs.

Kyle Showalter: A long and successful Marching Band Season, including ten regular season games and three post-season games, has come to a close. The annual Marching Band Banquet was held on 11/23/2021. All music ensembles have moved onto winter concert prep. The middle school concert will be held tomorrow (12/14/2021) at the middle school. High School music ensemble concerts will be held on 12/21/2021 in the high school auditorium.

Mr. Showalter was pleased to announce that PMEA auditions were submitted and Tanner Glace (tuba) was accepted. Tanner will have a chance to move onto Regional festival in January.

Abigail Kirkpatrick (as shared by Dan Brenner): All groups are in full performance preparation mode for our Winter Concert on the 21st! The concert will be streamed, and the link has been shared with students' families. Expressions and Tri-M recently performed solos and carols at the SG Tree Lighting. Annual performances at the local senior center did not take place due to COVID restrictions. Auditions for Grease- School Version were held last week with callbacks wrapping up today. The cast list will be posted this week, and the cast meeting is planned for Friday. Rehearsals will start after Winter Break. Ashlyn Bushey, who was the Choral Long-Term Substitute, will serve as vocal director, and Mrs. K will still be directing the pit orchestra. Show dates are March 4, 5, and 6.

Tim Bupp: SGI's winter concert took place last week (12/8) and was well attended. This was the first time current intermediate students have played in a concert setting. Mr. Bupp sported an amazing holiday jacket (Skiing Cats) as voted on by his students. The next concert will take place in March 2022. Final numbers are coming for the spring SGI trip. Mr. Bupp will be sharing more information with SGMB at an upcoming meeting.

All winter concerts are being live-streamed; information can be found on the district Facebook page and website, and directors are also able to share the link. It is expected that all concerts will be live-streamed for the remainder of the year.

SGMB members and parents were thanked by the music department for their ongoing support and positive feedback. SGMB and music families are encouraged to share feedback with district leaders and building administrators, as such feedback and support further encourages the district to continue its support of music programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PERFORMANCES:

Jerry is working to maintain the “Two Ways to Communicate” method by adding district music concerts and events to the calendar on the SGMB Facebook page and District link. Those in attendance at today’s meeting received a printed color copy of the schedule. Yellow highlighted items indicate events being planned by directors; these may not be fully implemented and are noted to be a “work in progress” for this year and next year.

SGMB will be looking for coordinators /chairpersons for the Jazz and Modern Band Festivals. Volunteers will be needed will assist with coordinating concessions, snacks, tickets, etc. for each of these events. Directors will follow up on the potential for food/baked good items to sell at these events.

Volunteers will be needed for the following events:

- Evening of Jazz, 4/23/2022 (Free event, volunteers will be collecting donations)
- Jump in Jazz, 5/6/2022 (2 Coordinators needed for tickets & concessions)
- Swing in Spring, 5/7/2022 (2 Coordinators needed for tickets & concessions)
- PMEA District 7 Modern Band Festival, 4/1/2022-4/2/2022 (may ask for booster support in volunteers; if profitable, then 50% of the profits will return to the booster organization).

There is a goal is to increase awareness of and participation in Modern Band. Mr. Brenner shared that he may be working to have “Spirit Lane” band perform at various events and lunches during the spring of 2022. Additionally, students in Modern Band I will earn a free ticket to the District 7 Festival and will be encouraged to bring others with them.

The Middle School County Band festival is scheduled to take place the same day as the Jazz Festival. It takes place during the day, and students should return in time to participate in the Jazz Festival.

WAYS & MEANS (Tracey Glace submitted to Jerry):

Meat Stick Fundraiser: Fifty of the seventy Country Meats orders had backordered Hot BBQ and Sunrise Stick meat sticks. Tracey was able to bundle and sort those per school, with SGI distribution by Mr. Robinson and Megan Rogers, distribution to classrooms at the middle school, and high school distribution of bundled orders through music directors (parents/families were contacted to pick up remaining orders).

R & K Sandwiches: Twenty-five students sold sandwiches, including five orders that were missed.

Tervis: While sorting Tervis cup orders, there was an extra 16 oz Air Force cup and a 24 oz Purple Galaxy design water bottle. A missing 17 oz. stainless slim water bottle was subsequently delivered to the high school office.

The following students assisted to sort fundraiser orders: Amberle Meckley, Amber Britcher, Tanner Glace, Kayden Riffin, Katelyn Wastler, Hunter Ellis, Hans Livelsberger, Edie Rumbaugh, Juliana Weaver, Laci Miller, Allie Wastler, and Jesse.

Upcoming Fundraisers include R&K Sandwich sales (January, for pickup on 2/22) and March (for pickup on 4/26) and Country Meats (March, for pickup on 4/26).

A concern was shared around too much passing of order forms and monies through directors, office staff, different turn-in locations in each building, etc. Suggestion was made to establish a consistent order submission box/location where all SGMB fundraisers would be turned in. Directors agreed with the idea of removing the “middle man” with order submissions. It was suggested that SGMB could work with building administrator to obtain lockable drop boxes placed in each building’s music wing for student fundraiser order drop off.

Some frustration around fundraising was also expressed; it appears that interest in fundraising has decreased. There appears to be some potential correlation between participation and monies earned (student accounts)/time spent. Jerry shared that lack of interest may not be the cause, but perhaps there is a correlation with the success of the fundraiser with the percentage of funds going into student accounts. For example: 45% of the cost of each meat stick went to 70 student accts, 20% of the cost of Tervis cups went to 30 student accounts, and about \$1 per item sold for each R&K sandwich went to 25 student accounts. It is possible that fundraiser costs per item and funds recouped by the seller may have a direct impact on sales and participation.

Directors note a preference to have fundraising information and forms a week ahead of distribution dates. This would allow a window of time for directors to alert students and families of upcoming fundraisers and provide information in a timelier manner. Additionally, directors are encouraged to send the SGMB Remind codes to students and families to encourage signup for reminders. This would assist with information flow.

Tracey is going to gather information for our January meeting on chocolate covered pretzels that could be sold for a dollar a piece. It is thought that this type of fundraiser may result in a different outcome (lower priced item for sale).

Tri-M students who assist with fundraisers are responsible for taking a picture and submitting service hours.

Barb Brenneman provided an update on Gift Cards sales. Gift cards are advertised on the SGMB website, through Directors, and via SGMB announcements. All are encouraged to continue sharing gift card sale information. As well, it is noted that online apparel orders have closed, with delivery planned for next week.

Clarification on the policy for families making donations directly into student accounts was requested. It was shared that this is not permitted due to non-profit status.

PUBLICITY/COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE (Jerry Mascaro):

Jerry discussed a need for a better way to connect with families in SGI, MS and HS. It was requested that all directors continue pushing the Remind app to their families via email.

Directors requested that event information shared by SGMB be presented as short, concise messages that can be added to the end of weekly/monthly messages to families. As well, it was suggested that the same information be sent via Remind. There is also a request to provide a QR code to support a quick and easy way to sign up for Remind.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS (Theresa Kramer):

We had 3 fundraising opportunities in November resulting in \$4,058.25 added to student account balances (R&K \$483, Meat Sticks \$3,496.50, Grocery Cards \$78.75). This included 38 first-time participants. There was one request for reimbursement. We have 35 seniors with accounts and will start sending out communication to them in late January. The updated balances were sent to the Intermediate, Middle and High School Directors. If any student or parent needs their current balance, they can ask their directors or e-mail me at sgmbstudentaccts@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Amy Buhrman / Jerry Mascaro):

High School Scholarship: Amy is working on final edits for the high school application and accompanying information. Information will be sent out to directors and the high school guidance office in the near future.

Middle School Scholarship: The application has been updated to reflect this year's dates and will be sent out later this month. There are no changes to the process. All middle school music students are eligible to apply.

PROCEDURES/BY-LAWS (Jerry Mascaro / Suzi Livelsberger / Dan Brenner):

There is no new information at this time.

WEBSITE (Dan Brenner):

Information to be posted on the website should be provided to Mr. Brenner in PDF format. As well, please provide a "post by" date. Emailed information should be sent before 2:30 on any given weekday in order to receive the promptest attention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro):

Capital Fund for Trailer and Vehicle: We are still investigating the designated Uniform Funds. Mr. Bupp shared that he hasn't received information as to how those funds can be used. We could search back through previous meeting minutes or seeking out information on the outgoing Music Board President. Mr. Bupp is trying to get the affirmative answer from the District representatives on who should/will be paying for new uniforms when the date is decided upon. In previous years, the uniform cost were split evenly between SGMB and the district. If the district confirms that they will cover full costs, SGMB could potentially use funds for such things as a band trailer and vehicle. Mr. Showalter and Mr. Bupp will continue to follow up on funding for band uniforms and when the possibility of new uniforms will be on the agenda for the music dept/District.

Celebrate the Arts outreach- We are gathering interest in participating both as publicity and fundraiser entities. Jerry and Mr. Showalter have been working with Sarah Caplan to establish the need for small group ensembles, Tri-M, Soloists, etc. The goal of the activity is

student empowerment. Jerry suggested the boosters might complete a possible video slide deck to share Music Boosters and Music organization information.

Candy Grams: Middle School & High School are all set up and ready to roll. Profits were already made at the SGI concert.

NEW BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro):

If inclement weather strikes on the given meeting date, the booster meeting will be virtual. Jerry will post this information on the Website and send out links via Remind app.

Indoor Percussion: There is not an operating group this school year. Indoor Guard: There is an indoor guard for 2021-2022. The Indoor guard requested to use the \$1,000 for each of the groups (totaling \$2,000) for purchasing new Indoor Guard materials (including a new performance mat).

Motion: Dan Brenner makes a motion that any monies budgeted for the 2021-2022 Indoor Percussion may be utilized for the Indoor Guard for the 2021-2022 season. Second: Tim Bupp. Motion Carries.

ADJOURNMENT (Jerry Mascaro): The next membership meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2022 7:00pm. This meeting will take place in person at SGAHS (choral room) or via Zoom (if an in-person meeting is not permitted or there is a weather impact). A motion to close the meeting was made by Dan Brenner and seconded by Tim Bupp at 8:51pm. Motion carried.