

SPRING GROVE MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MEETING HELD IN PERSON (SGAHS) AND VIA ZOOM
February 14, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Mascaro, Theresa Kramer, Autumn Tyson, Tracey Glace, Barb Brenneman, Abigail Kirkpatrick, Suzi Livelsberger, Amy Buhrman

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm, and meeting participant introductions were completed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Sue Gross: 2022-2023 is the 50th anniversary of the String program at Spring Grove; Bev Mohat started the program in 1973. Mrs. Gross would like to plan a celebratory concert, to potentially include a commissioned piece and an orchestra comprised of students from grades 3-12. Each school/level would play something, with the commissioned piece performed at the end of the concert. Guest artists may be included, as well as alumni and past directors. Mrs. Gross is working with a group of students to locate photos from the program across the past 50 years, including reviews of yearbook photos. It has been challenging to find anything from the 70's. Suggestion was made to reach out to Steph Kennedy for assistance. Other considerations include refreshments, a workshop for students ahead of the performance, t-shirts, a group photo, and a recording of the concert. A date for this event is not yet set; it is noted that potential conflicts would need to be considered. As well, it was noted that alumni might be better able to participate if the event is held on a weekend. There is an opportunity to add this event to the upcoming year's budget; information would need to be available by April 2022. SGMB would like to assist in any way we can; a subcommittee could be formed to help with event planning, to include parents of string students with a point person/guide from SGMB. Sponsors could be sought for the event. Suggestion was made to contact Jim Martini regarding recording; consideration would need to be given to cost, including copyright.

Abigail Kirkpatrick: Five students auditioned and were selected for PMEA district jazz festival (Lucas Buhrman, Tyler Crushong, Christian Eyster, Edie Rumbaugh, Gracie Shaub). Grease (school version) rehearsals are in full swing. The pit will be joining rehearsals next week, and tech week is scheduled for the following week. Shows are scheduled for March 4-6. The "Celebrate the Arts" festival will feature solo artists from the music department. The Diversity festival is in April and will also feature ensemble performances.

Kyle Showalter: The following students were selected for the York County High School Honors band festival: Jenna Meyering, Eli Hoke, Taryn Wallen, Tanner Glace, and Nathaniel Hamme. Tanner Glace (tuba) was selected for the PMEA district 7 band. The Middle School County Band performance is scheduled to take place in April; participants include Rebecca Berkheimer, Hannah Kramer, Tori Herr, Caiden Keeney, and Benjamin Thatcher. Mr. Showalter is preparing for the fall Marching Band seasons. The summer schedule has not yet been released; dates cannot be finalized until next year's school calendar is determined. Symphonic Band has been asked to perform at the upcoming Diversity festival; it is noted that both festival speakers are music professionals and will be working with the band during the school day. One will also perform with the band during the festival.

SGMB needs to reserve the stadium for Marching Spectacular. Jerry will request a reservation for 9/24/2022 (last Saturday in September).

The Middle school choral festival was postponed to 2/17/2022 due to weather. Twenty students from grades 7-9 will participate. Indoor Guard was awarded first place during competition this past weekend.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Amy Buhrman):

Minutes from the January 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed with two changes noted. A motion to approve minutes was made by Autumn Tyson and seconded by Tracey Glace. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Autumn Tyson):

SGMB Balance sheet was presented with the following balances:

	As of 1/27/2022
Uniform Fund	\$24,295.34
Scholarship Fund	\$55,960.72
Checking Account	\$93,434.49
Student Account Fund	\$9,515.47
Total	\$183,206.02

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was offered by Suzi Livelsberger and seconded by Abigail Kirkpatrick. Motion carried.

Student account transfers were completed at the beginning of February, totaling \$5,617.72.

When verifying accounts, Autumn noted that total profits for Marching Spectacular was adjusted to remove startup cash, for a total profit of \$6681.97; \$4681.97 was added to the general fund).

UPCOMING EVENTS/PERFORMANCES:

SGMB received an email inquiring whether there would be an issue with SGASF holding a food truck fundraiser on the same day as the high school instrumental concert. This event would be held from 5pm-9pm. It was noted that the event could be mutually beneficial. Jerry will forward the email chain to Tim Bupp for awareness; directors present at the meeting expressed no concern. Students would need to plan for additional traffic coming into the school as well as for additional time should they prefer to purchase food ahead of call time for the concert. Jerry will follow up with Dr. Dietrich regarding parking assistance, particularly as there is also a lacrosse game scheduled that day.

The Spirit Lane concert (Modern Band) is not currently listed on the district website. Jerry will follow up with Dan Brenner to confirm the concert and ask him to follow up with Steph Kennedy.

The SGI DC Trip is back on as of today; more details to follow. Upcoming elementary concerts have been moved to the high school and are scheduled for the first full week in

March. As such, strike will need to be 100% complete immediately following the musical, as the auditorium will be needed concert two days after the musical closes.

WAYS & MEANS (Tracey Glace):

R&K Sandwich sale—40 students sold with 41 orders.

Potential Spring Fundraiser: The Giving Bean coffee offers the opportunity to sell coffee, tea, and hot cocoa, as well as shortbread cookies. Coffee sales yield a 40% profit. The company does not report any issues with stock, and turnaround time for delivery is 1-2 weeks. Students could potentially earn \$2 per item sold (for student accounts). An online sale option is also available; There would not be a plan to offer this option during an initial sale. SGMB can also provide a logo and receive custom labels to add to each item sold. There is a question regarding whether we can customize the products selection available; Tracey will inquire about this. As well, Tracey will inquire about pricing for products beyond coffee. Additional communication will then be shared with SGMB via email for decision about how we wish to proceed.

The group also considered a sale of Gertrude Hawk chocolate. Bars are \$2 a piece (1.75-ounce bars, 12 different flavors), with a 62% profit (\$1.24); students would receive a portion of profits (\$.50). Bars would be sold ahead of time, and SGMB would receive and sort orders. Theresa will provide assistance with development of an order form.

Suggestion was made to consider selling coffee and chocolate at the same time, targeting delivery before Easter. Tracey will follow up with Steph Kennedy to ensure these fundraisers don't overlap with others.

Country Meats: A new seasonal meat stick flavor will be available (Dill Pickle). We may want to consider moving up the timeline for the next meat stick sale if we want to add an additional fundraiser.

We are considering a Smitties pretzel fundraiser during Fall 2022. Suzi Livelsberger will share information regarding a potential plant fundraiser.

Two drop boxes have been ordered; once delivered, director have been asked to determine a location for each ahead of installation. One box will be placed in the choral room, and the other will be placed in the instrumental room. Boxes are solely for fundraiser orders and payment return, and SGMB will be responsible for emptying boxes.

PUBLICITY/COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE (Jerry Mascaro):

There is no new information this month.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS (Theresa Kramer):

There are two students listed as seniors who are York Tech students; this issue has not come up before, and we need to determine how to handle those accounts. York Tech is considered its own school at this time; as such the students are no longer considered part of the district. It is possible that one or both students have siblings in the music program within the district. Theresa will follow up with Ms. Ehrich about this. Letters are ready to be

emailed to high school directors for those seniors currently involved with the music department. Individual letters will also go to Ms. Ehrich for distribution to non-music students. There was no new incoming or outgoing activity for student accounts last month.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Amy Buhrman / Jerry Mascaro):

High School Scholarship: The deadline for high school scholarship applications is Monday, 2/28/2022. To date, no electronic applications have been received. Amy is seeking volunteers to review and score applications. Autumn, Suzi, and Kyle volunteered to assist with scoring. Mrs. Kirkpatrick noted that she has heard students comparing points and continue to remind them to submit applications and not wait until the last minute (as the due date overlaps with the first day of dress rehearsal for Grease).

Middle School Scholarship: The deadline for the middle school scholarship is 2/28/2022. Directors are aware of a few applications, and blank applications are available for students. Volunteers are needed to review and score applications.

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

There is no new information this month.

WEBSITE (Dan Brenner):

We have not received any additional information about ADA compliance for the website. Jerry will communicate with Dan regarding the removal of meeting minutes older than one school year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro):

There is no new information regarding the future purchase of new band uniforms.

Celebrate the Arts: SGMB has reserved a space for this event. We will sell meat sticks, and will display the SGMB tri-fold. Autumn will be seeking volunteers to man the SGMB table during this event.

NEW BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro):

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Jazz Festivals (May 6 and 7). Please let Jerry know if interested. SGMB will also need to discuss Candygram sales at upcoming middle and high school concerts.

ADJOURNMENT (Jerry Mascaro):

The next membership meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2022 at 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 Tracey Glace and seconded by Abigail Kirkpatrick at 8:59pm. Motion carried.