

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Mascaro, Theresa Kramer, Autumn Tyson, Tracey Glace, Dan Brenner, Tim Bupp, Kyle Showalter, Rhonda Wastler, Suzi Livelsberger, Amy Buhrman, Brandon Hufnagel

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm, and meeting participant introductions were completed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Amy Buhrman):

Minutes from the February 14, 2022 meeting were reviewed with several changes noted. A motion to approve minutes was made by Autumn Tyson and seconded by Rhonda Wastler. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Autumn Tyson):

SGMB Balance sheet was presented with the following balances:

	As of 2/24/2022
Uniform Fund	\$24,295.53
Scholarship Fund	\$55,961.15
Checking Account	\$88,009.07
Student Account Fund	\$15,133.30
Total	\$183,399.05

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

Student account transfers were made in February. We are still awaiting the marching band banquet invoice from the district. Kyle Showalter is following up on this.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Abigail Kirkpatrick: Grease was a hit! All three shows went really well; I've never heard a crowd cheer as loudly as they did after some of the songs! We got so many compliments on the kids, the pit, and most importantly, one of our hired pit members commented on how nice our students are. I couldn't agree more! I was especially proud of this cast because there were so many students who were new to lead roles in the cast.

The Tri-M Students held a bake sale at two of the elementary concerts, and it was very successful!

The PMEA District 7 Jazz Festival is this Friday and Saturday at Dover Area HS. Five of our students will be participating.

The Tri-M Showcase is scheduled for April 30th in the courtyard, weather permitting. Rain location is inside in either the cafeteria or the auditorium.

Expressions is performing at the following events this spring:

- March 26- Celebrate the Arts Festival (solo performances only)
- April 13th- Diversity Festival
- May 17th- SGASF Banquet at the HS
- May 24th- Baccalaureate
- May 27th- Graduation

Dan Brenner:

- March 19 – District Jazz Concert @ Dover Gracie Shaub, Edie Rumbaugh, Lucas Buhrman, Christian Eyster, Tyler Crushong
- April 2 – PMEA District Modern Band @ SG Edie Rumbaugh, Jorge Caraballo, Christian Eyster, Faith Miller, Liz Smith
- April 7 – Presenting at PMEA
- April 23 – Evening of Jazz (Int School, MS, HSSB, HSJE)
- April 29 – Modern Band Concert (Modern Ban 2 – Spirit Lane and special guests)
- May 6 – Jump Into Jazz (Intermediate School and Middle School)
- May 7 – Swing Into Spring (SB and JE)

Kyle Showalter: Marching band schedules will be distributed this week. The coming year's show was announced and is being changed as a result of feedback received from students. Mr. Showalter is in the process of finalizing the new theme, which will be announced in the coming week. Several members of the Marine Band will be in the area on 3/24 and reached out to local high schools with an opportunity to visit and work with them. Administration approval was received, and Marine Band members will come to the high school for the first three periods of the school day. They will perform for band students and will allow time for a question-and-answer session. Preparations continue for the upcoming spring concerts. Details have been finalized for the upcoming middle school music department trip to Knoebel's, and trip information/forms have been made available to students. The cost of the trip is \$100 per student; this covers the cost of the coach bus, all-day wristbands, and a catered lunch. Students will perform in the morning, and all equipment will be locked on the bus for the remainder of the day.

Tim Bupp: Elementary school nights of music took place this past week and were successful. These events utilized a different format this year, with stations set up throughout the building for student/family use, ending with a performance. Moving forward for next year, Paradise and New Salem nights will take place at their respective buildings, and SGE's event will be held at the high school. Suggestion was made that SGMB consider participating in next year's events (3/21 (PES), 3/22 (NSE), and 3/23 (SGE)). The Intermediate school concert is coming up in two weeks. The SGI trip to DC is still scheduled for 5/13. Three separate clinics are planned (Air Force chorus, strings, and band). Boxed lunches will be coming from a local vendor. Trips cost is \$57 per student to cover bus, tour guide, meal, and t-shirts. The Spring Grove Orchestra 50th anniversary event will be held in May 2023 (likely a Saturday evening); a date is being finalized.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PERFORMANCES:

See above.

The SGASF Food Truck fundraiser and High School Spring concerts are scheduled for the same date. We have a confirmed commitment for traffic control and parking directions. Food trucks will be in the bus loop.

WAYS & MEANS (Tracey Glace):

Brandon Hufnagel (of Hufnagel Nursery in Spring Grove; hufnabra@ycs.k12.pa.us) joined the meeting via Zoom to present options for a potential Fall fundraiser. The nursery has been researching fundraiser options related to a fall mum sale and would like to partner with SGMB for a small initial fundraiser. If successful, the fundraiser could then be scaled. The nursery has the capacity to grow around 500 additional mums; these would be sold to SGMB for around \$4 each, and SGMB could sell them for \$7-\$10 each. We could select up to 5 different colors and would need to select at least 50 of any one color. The nursery would ask for a minimum commitment (at least 250 plants) and any additional funds would be profit for SGMB. Mums are medium (volleyball) size in 9-inch pots. The nursery would provide us with pictures to develop sales materials; delivery would happen in mid-September to the location of our choice at no cost. A commitment is needed in April, as mums need to be planted by or around 5/1 to be ready for September delivery. Mums for this fundraiser would be grown separately from those planted for other purposes. Payment would be due upon delivery. Color options are red/pink, white, yellow, orange, and purple. Mr. Hufnagel left the meeting following this presentation.

A mum sale would need to be a boosters-run fundraiser (vs. the typical student-run fundraisers). We could consider a community sale using either a Google form for orders (with a countdown to track inventory), or we could set up at a public location. Suggestion was made that we could set up a cash-and-carry sale in front of Windy Hill. As well, the group discussed starting small/simple with a minimum order and just a few colors. Profits would go to the General Fund. Tracey will follow up with Brandon directly for further discussion.

Gertrude Hawk and Meat Stick forms are due tomorrow (3/15). Pickup is on 4/11 until 6:30pm (ahead of SGMB meeting).

R&K forms will be dropped off at schools on Friday and are due on 4/11. This will be our last fundraiser for this year. Sandwich pick up will be on 4/26.

Grocery Card sales will continue through the rest of the school year. There was a good turnout for cards during the last sale.

Barb will call Elliott regarding a few backordered items from the music department/boosters apparel sale.

The previously-discussed Coffee fundraiser is on hold for now.

Fundraiser drop boxes have been installed at the high school. Jerry has one set of keys, and the other will be kept in a secure location at the high school. Directors are not expected to access the boxes.

PUBLICITY/COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE (Jerry Mascaro):

Autumn will provide the SGMB Remind code to be included in upcoming concert programs.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS (Theresa Kramer):

Activity in student accounts is starting to ramp up. \$802 was earned into Student Accounts from the February R&K sale. Senior account letters for current music students were distributed at the beginning of the month. Communication has been sent to Mrs. Ehrich to assist with sending letters to non-music students and to help identify if the 2 students attending York Tech have siblings in the school district (for potential transfer of student account funds). We expect a lot of activity in the coming months between additional fundraiser earnings, senior account reimbursements, and trips for both the Intermediate and Middle School. An updated Student Account Information document is being developed to help parents of Intermediate and Middle School students better understand what a Student Account is, how funds are earned and how to request the funds. The goal is to have this ready for the beginning of the 2022-23 school year to include in beginning of the year communications.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Amy Buhrman / Jerry Mascaro):

High School Scholarship: The deadline to submit high school scholarship applications has passed. One application was received late (by a few hours) and was accepted, as the delay was not due to the student. An email has been sent to those who volunteered to assist with scoring (Autumn, Suzi, Kyle, and Jerry) with a link to the scoring spreadsheet and instructions. Final results should be communicated to SGASF by the end of March.

Middle School Scholarship: We have received 11 applications. Tracey, Amy, and Rhonda will assist Jerry with scoring. Jerry will also reach out to Erin Meyering and Kathy Kraft to request assistance.

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

There is no new information this month.

WEBSITE (Dan Brenner):

Jerry will email Dan regarding information to be maintained on the SGMB site. The district continues to look at what is needed to ensure accessibility on its website. Moving forward, either Dan will need to learn how to make documents compliant or information may need to go to Steph Kennedy ahead of posting on the SGMB site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro):

Tim Bupp will reach out again regarding whether the current uniform fund can be reallocated as a capital fund; he will copy Jerry on the request.

Celebrate the Arts: We have a table reserved and are in need of volunteers to man the table. We have yard signs from the Spirit store that will be sold at the table.

NEW BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro):

District Modern Band Festival: SGMB has received a request to consider sponsoring the upcoming PMEA Modern Band festival. It is noted that this is a way to get the boosters' name out there and to support the inaugural festival. There are a number of sponsorship

options, including certain aspects of the event could sponsor a certain aspect of the festival (a meal, cost for the guest director, etc.) As a benchmark for this decision, SGMB provided a \$1000 sponsorship for the Diversity Festival several years ago. This will be a smaller event, with a cost to attend. If the event is not sponsored, the festival would typically be covered by participation fees from each district to cover student costs. Due to the smaller size of the festival, student fees will provide a portion of the cost, with sponsorships and sales at the door covering the remainder. Jerry Mascaro made a motion that SGMB sponsor \$250 for the PMEA District 7 Modern Band Festival over and above the \$250 in the High School "other" miscellaneous category for a total of \$500. Rhonda Wastler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Brenner noted that the festival needs assistance with adult supervision at the door. There is an admission cost (\$10 for adults, and \$5 for students). Start up cash will be provided by PMEA upon request from Mr. Brenner.

QuickBooks software: Autumn received an email that support for the current QuickBooks software will be discontinued. We can either purchase an updated desktop version or can subscribe to the online version (\$25/month, \$300 per year). Autumn will be following up with Dean Fink for his opinion and will also be researching this further.

ADJOURNMENT (Jerry Mascaro):

The next membership meeting is scheduled for April 11, 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 Autumn Tyson and seconded by Rhonda Wastler at 9:23pm. Motion carried.