

SPRING GROVE MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
MEETING HELD IN PERSON (SGAHS) AND VIA ZOOM
May 9, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Mascaro, Theresa Kramer, Autumn Tyson, Tracey Glace, Rhonda Wastler, Suzi Livelsberger, Amy Buhrman, Tim Bupp

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm, and meeting participant introductions were completed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Amy Buhrman):

Minutes from the April 11, 2022 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Autumn Tyson):

SGMB Balance sheet was presented with the following balances:

	As of 4/26/2022
Uniform Fund	\$24,295.93
Scholarship Fund	\$58,527.10
Checking Account	\$92,658.37
Student Account Fund	\$15,133.55
Total	\$190,614.95

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

The school district covered indoor guard costs for the 2021-22 school year, using both the indoor guard and indoor percussion budget lines this year. SGMB agrees that Indoor Guard can access funds budgeted for indoor guard and percussion (\$2000) for equipment replacement, as requested.

The group completed a line-by-line review of the proposed 2022-2023 budget. After some discussion, it is agreed that Autumn will present a revised budget for review and approval at the June 2022 meeting.

Suggestion was made to consider setting up a container for donations at all music concerts, to benefit the SGMB Scholarship fund.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Dan Brenner: I wanted to thank everyone who helped with my concerts this year. Autumn Tyson was CLUTCH for the Modern Band Festival. She assembled an awesome team to help with ticket sales and hospitality. Thank you so much! In addition, I'd like to publicly thank Mr. Kyle Kirkpatrick for his hard work and dedication to making our students sound great. He was at the helm of the sound for all things Jazz and Modern Band. I cannot thank him enough for his professionalism and quality work. Special thank you to Tim Bupp who

assisted me in backstage preparations and set up for the Jazz Festivals. Thank you to Mr. Wastler and Mr. Mascaro for doing a phenomenal job of being out MCs for the jazz festivals. You guys are doing it again next year right??? ;o) Also thank you to the music boosters who did a fantastic job organizing the front of house tickets/concessions/etc. You were awesome! I hope you made BANK for the scholarship fund! Thank you to former students Sam Bolinger and Trista Glace for helping out backstage at the Swing into Spring. They heard I had a need, and they filled it. We are blessed to have such amazing community and alumni. THE BEST. Thank you to Amberle Meckley, Maia Dayett, Alyssa Beyer, and Leland Klinedinst for being my backstage crew. They kept things professional and moving. Well done! Thank you to Philip Calder for being an awesome tour guide for the visiting schools. Finally, thanks to my wife for being the welcoming committee for the jazz festivals. She gives so much for our program (and puts up with ME!). I'm sure I forgot someone.... End of the year mushy brain and all.... But please know I appreciate each of you and all the work you put in for our students. We really are a BCME... no doubt about it.

Abigail Kirkpatrick: The students have definitely been busy! 4/13- Diversity Festival Performance (Expressions); 4/28- Orchestra and Symphonic Band concert; 4/30- Tri-M Music Honors Society Showcase (14 solo and group acts- Our biggest list yet!); 5/1- Encore Awards performance at the Pullo Performing Arts Center; 5/5- Choral Concert

It is nice to have a week that is a little quieter before we enter into the final stretch of performances for Expressions: 5/17- SGASF Banquet; 5/18- National Anthem at the Rockets and Revs game; 5/24- Baccalaureate service; 5/27- Graduation

We will be holding Tri-M officer elections on 5/19 and then immediately afterward, having Expressions auditions for next year's group on both 5/19 and 5/20. Current 8th graders have the opportunity to audition- those auditions are due on Google Classroom by 5/23 at midnight. I will be submitting a request for reimbursement soon for a gift card for my accompanist as I have done in the past.

Tim Bupp: The marching band parent meeting is scheduled for 6pm on 5/16. The DC trip is this Friday (5/13; 132 students participating), and Jerry will be taking care of the purchase for the catering company via phone. The beginning band and orchestra concert is on 5/10. The music department has scheduled a meeting with the administration on 5/16. The purpose of the meeting has not yet been shared. Any new information will be shared with Jerry for dissemination as appropriate. The next board meeting is scheduled for 5/23, should any SGMB members be available to attend. We may also send some quotes from the middle school scholarship essays to school administrators in support of the music program. Tim will follow up with Autumn regarding potential reimbursement for those students not able to attend the trip due to a conflict with rocketry.

Jazz Festivals: All festivals went fairly well. Profits from "Swing into Spring" were lower than expected. The music boosters are only being charged for food that was sold, with exception of soft pretzels. Next year, SGMB would like to consider simplifying concession options. Suggestion was also made to have Mr. Brenner advertise the availability of concessions ahead of the festival and invite groups to come early and eat. There was an additional suggestion to set up concessions in a different location for student access. The remaining candy is being donated back to SGMB.

Indoor Guard won the TIA championships. Tyler Crushong won the TIA scholarship.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PERFORMANCES:

The SGI Trip is this coming Friday, and the Middle School trip is the following Friday.

Marching Spectacular (9/24): Rhonda Wastler will serve as chairperson for the 2022 event.

50th Anniversary of the String Program: We are still trying to confirm the date for the 50th anniversary orchestra concert. Information has been sent back to Brian Balmages for the contract, and Mrs. Gross is awaiting a response.

The pre-season Marching Band parents' meeting is scheduled for 5/16 at 6pm. Jerry will reach out to Kyle to request a few minutes to speak with parents about SGMB.

WAYS & MEANS (Tracey Glace):

R&K: A total of 20 students sold 24 orders, with 591 items sold. There was an issue with one order the day before delivery (placed in the general mail instead of intraschool mail); the order was located, and R&K was able to fill and deliver it with the remainder of orders.

Gertrude Hawk and Country Meats: There are still a few candy bars and meat sticks available for sale. Tracey plans to have these out for sale during Marching Band night as well as at the Middle School concert (5/19; pending approval).

Fall fundraising: Mums are in the ground and growing. We will receive a call when they are ready to be delivered. Gertrude Hawk, Meat Sticks, and R&K are all planned for fall fundraisers. The cost of meat sticks will be increased to \$1.50 per meat stick; students would receive \$.50 each, and SGMB would receive \$.25. We would also like to broaden sandwich options available for R&K sales. We have approval from Steph Kennedy to sell coffee. There is a slight concern about the cost, and more discussion is needed. Other potential fundraisers discussed include Tupperware and trash bags.

PUBLICITY/COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE (Jerry Mascaro):

There is no new communication at this time.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS (Theresa Kramer):

There was significant activity with Student Accounts last month. The final R&K fundraiser was added to accounts, and we processed transfer requests for both the Intermediate and Middle School trips. There will be no additional earnings entered into accounts this year with the exception of the final grocery gift card sale. This month the focus will be on reducing the Senior Account balances. There are currently 29 students who still have balances in their account, totaling \$1,647.85. High School Directors were provided a list of students to give verbal reminders. Any remaining balances will be transferred to the General Fund at the end of our budget year.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Amy Buhrman / Jerry Mascaro):

High School Scholarship: Scholarships will be awarded at the upcoming Spring Grove Area Scholarship Fund Awards banquet, scheduled for 5/17/2022. Four representatives of SGMB will be in attendance at this event.

Middle School Scholarship: All essays have been shared and most have been scored. These should be completed by today.

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

There are two updates to SGMB bylaws regarding a change to the meeting night (first Monday of the month). This change will take effect in August 2022. Voting on changes will take place in June.

WEBSITE (Dan Brenner):

There are no updates at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro):

Band Uniforms: Ms. Ehrich relayed that the school district would pay for half the cost of band uniforms, perhaps more. Jerry responded with a letter and has requested an in-person meeting with Ms. Ehrich and Dr. Intrieri for further discussion. This meeting has been scheduled for 5/19, and Jerry has requested that Mr. Bupp attend as well, if possible.

NEW BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro)

We have a full slate of office nominees for the coming year, to include the following nominated new officers:

- Kristen Henning has accepted a nomination for Webmaster
- Rhonda Wastler has accepted a nomination for Vice President

Tracey inquired about the best time to begin fundraising in the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Bupp suggested that fundraising not begin before 9/19. After briefly revisiting a discussion from earlier in the school year, suggestion was made to introduce SGMB and the idea of fundraising at the band night parents' meeting. Fundraising would then start following the Marching Spectacular. A request was reiterated for directors to please share information about SGMB (Remind code, fundraising opportunities, etc.) with each communication sent and that the Remind code be included in each concert program.

Mr. Brenner requested that the "Evening of Jazz" be moved to a weeknight instead of a weekend. SGMB agrees with this suggestion; Jerry will relay this to Mr. Brenner.

High school directors have been considering how private lessons might be offered at the high school and are asking that SGMB give some thought to how this might work. Practice rooms could be used; additional logistics have been more challenging, particularly payment of instructors. Suggestions included using a program like "My School Bucks" for electronic payment or payment to instructors by the district while students pay SGMB (who would then reimburse the district). Autumn will talk with Dean Fink regarding the implications of this type of arrangement. There would also be tax implications for the lesson instructors, though the responsibility for those would fall on the instructor.

ADJOURNMENT (Jerry Mascaro):

The next membership meeting is scheduled for June 13, 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 9:31pm. Motion carried.