

SPRING GROVE MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
SGAHS, Conference Room 51
October 3, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Mascaro, Theresa Kramer, Autumn Tyson, Tracey Glace, Scott Glace, Rhonda Wastler, Barb Brenneman, Jim Shaffer, Abigail Kirkpatrick, Tim Bupp, Dan Brenner, Kyle Showalter, Amy Buhrman

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm, and meeting participant introductions were completed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Amy Buhrman):

Minutes from the September 5, 2022 meeting were reviewed with one change 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 9/25/2022
Checking Account	\$93,269.94
Capital Fund	\$24,296.95
Scholarship Fund	\$51,424.97
Student Fund	\$16,154.60
Total	\$185,146.46

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

Marching Spectacular: We are currently sitting at a \$9544 profit from this event. Outstanding invoices remain for food from the district, bus service, Northern Regional police, and donation to the ambulance service. There was increased income at each individual station as compared to last year.

RaiseRight is up and running, and 19 families are currently signed up. We anticipate receiving a deposit in the amount \$169.14 this month. All earned funds go into student accounts; seven students will receive funds this month.

Mum sales brought a \$736 profit for the General Fund.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Kyle Showalter: Marching Spectacular was an outstanding event. We received a lot of positive feedback from other school band directors, community members, and administration. Things have now calmed down. Band night (grades 5-12) was a success. There is a lot of good "buzz" at the lower grade levels; students at the middle school are already talking about marching band. Band rehearsals are now moving forward as usual, getting ready for winter concerts. Mr. Showalter is directing the jazz band at the middle school. Thursday is the Homecoming parade and bonfire; details were received this morning, and information has been sent out to equipment department, drivers, and parents. The final parade route has been established, and that information has also

been shared. The Marching Band will meet in the Kennie's parking lot ahead of the parade and bonfire on Thursday and will also play at the pep rally. Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Mundy will lead the band at the pep rally. The band will also play at the Homecoming game (post-game). In addition to the remainder of the football season, there are two additional shows in which the marching band will participate. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Abigail Kirkpatrick: The Disney trip is approved, and packets have been handed out to students! Fundraisers have been shared to help with the cost. Expressions rehearsals started Sept. 12th, and then we performed at the Marching Spectacular Sept. 24th. I also started an auditioned Chamber Orchestra which will hopefully make an appearance at the MS Winter Concert. The combined choirs will perform the National Anthem at the homecoming football game on Friday evening. This is the first time I will be performing with the students at this event. (2019- power outage. 2020- nothing, 2021- I was on maternity leave!) I also have a handful of students preparing PMEA District 7 Chorus audition material. Auditions are on the 22nd. Tri-M Music Honors Society applications are now available in the music wing. Applications are due Oct 14th, and the induction for new members is November 1st. November: Expressions will perform at Windy Hill for their Veteran's Day Program on the 9th. I will send some 9th grade boys along to the Boyz Noyz Choral Festival with Dan Fake and other 6-9th grade chorus males. I also have some students auditioning for the Lebanon Valley College Honors Orchestra which will take place the first weekend of this month.

Dan Brenner: Select Modern Band has a performance coming up at the PASA/PSPA Leadership summit (Kalahari Resort in the Poconos). The group is one of five ensembles in the state selected to play. The band will be performing for students as they come into school the day of the event and then will be heading to the summit. Pending board approval, the group will stay overnight and return the following day. Jorge Caraballo. qualified for National Modern Band. The Evening of Jazz event will take place on a Friday evening. The Middle and High school Jazz festivals will be held the following day (Saturday) to allow for one set up and tear down for all Jazz shows. Mr. Brenner is now teaching at Spring Grove Elementary School (music). The district is moving forward with a renovation for the high school auditorium; this involves a complete replacement of lighting and sound system with a premier system. This is slated to start at the beginning of the summer and should be completed ahead of the next school year.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PERFORMANCES:

Marching Spectacular (recap): Rhonda has shared a Google form for volunteers and event planners to provide feedback. Rhonda would also like feedback on the overall setup and planning doc for this event. Rhonda expressed appreciation to all involved with planning and execution of this event.

50th Anniversary String Program: No updates at this time.

The 22-23 Concert dates have all been published.

WAYS & MEANS (Tracey Glace):

Mums: All mums were sold, with profit made. It was recommended that we consider a presale for future sales, with a few additional plants available for onsite sales. It is noted that if we sell a larger number we may need to consider a different vendor. Brandon is willing to share other suggestions if needed. A decision on a sale for next year will need to be made by April 2023.

Grocery Gift Cards: Barb will be ordering gift cards and will deliver on demand. Sales information will be shared with Theresa to support monthly student account updates. Forms for grocery cards are available on a bulletin board in the music hallway at the high school.

RaiseRight: We will be sharing flyers with directors to share with students. Information on RaiseRight has been shared on social media and on the SGMB website, and signs have been posted at the middle and high schools.

Country Meats/R&K: Order forms are out with students now. There are some additional sub and sandwich options available, and prices for sandwiches remain the same. There are 15 meat stick flavors available. Order forms are due by 10/10 and pick up is 11/1 from 4-7 (night of Tri-M inductions).

Trash bag: Tracey has received information from Resource Solutions and will be following up with them for additional information. This is a potential spring fundraiser.

Sunrise Soap Company: There are twelve options available as a fundraiser (11 “flavors” and 1 unscented). The top four sellers receive a coupon for a “make your own soap” session. There was also a question about whether we might be able to request a customized option to sell; Tracey will follow up. We will have sample bars available for people to see (and smell) at the next fundraiser pickup. Bars will be sold during October/November for pickup in December. There is no minimum sale amount, and we only pay for what we sell. Suggestion was made to sell each bar for \$5 and split profit (\$1 to student account and \$1 to General fund) if tax-exempt. If not exempt, we would need to consider changing the amount. If this goes well, we could consider another fundraiser (bath bombs, lip balm, etc.) in the spring.

We need to confirm eligibility tax exemption under the school district. Tracey has reached out to Steph Kennedy for additional information.

PUBLICITY/COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE (Jerry Mascaro):

School Board minutes from 9/26 will reflect recognition of SGMB and the Athletic Boosters.

Celebrate the Arts: This event will take place on 3/25/2023. This is the same day as the middle school county band concert.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS (Theresa Kramer):

In September, we had incoming funds of \$79 for Marching Spectacular One-Liners and \$169.14 from RaiseRight gift card sales. We also processed 2 Student Account reimbursements of \$535.87 bringing both accounts to a \$0 balance. Sign-up and payment for the High School Disney Trip opens at the end of October. If any student wants to use Student Account funds to cover a portion of their trip, a Financial Transaction Form will need to be attached to their paperwork with the Student Account Transfer option selected. They will not need to submit any receipts with the transfer request. The high school directors will be provided this information to share with the students. The Student Account coordinator will need totals from R&K and Meat Stick sales as soon as possible to provide updated account totals prior to the 1st trip payment.

We have received a request for transfer of a non-senior student account balance transfer to a younger sibling. The student in question is a junior who is no longer involved with the music program. The group agreed that this transfer could be completed. A student account transaction form will need to be completed by the requesting family for SGMB records.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

There is no update at this time.

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

There is no update at this time.

WEBSITE (Kristen Henning):

There is no update at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro):

Marching Band Uniforms: Kyle is working to obtain proposals that will be presented along with the music department's budget (due for submission in November for review and approval in July). Once ordered, uniforms won't come in for six months; worse-case scenario, uniforms would not be available for use until the 24-25 school year. This topic will be removed from the SGMB agenda.

Private lessons: This will be removed from the SGMB agenda, pending any additional information from Tim Bupp.

NEW BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro)

SGMB has received a request for support of the Select Modern Band trip to perform for the PA state school leadership at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. The evening begins at 7:15 and should end around 9:00pm. Given performance timing and cleanup time, students would likely not be able to leave until around 10pm and would not return to the high school until around 1am. The summit is providing a \$1000 honorarium. Funds are needed to cover three rooms, travel costs, and three meals. Mr. Brenner anticipates SGMB receipt of a profit-share check (around \$800) from the Modern Band festival. He is requesting that SGMB cover costs that exceed what is covered by the honorarium, not to exceed \$500. This would help with the cost of transportation and food. That amount would ultimately be covered by the profit-share funds, once received. There may also be some funds available through the music department transportation budget to cover some of this. Theresa Kramer made a motion to provide up to \$500 to support the Select Modern Band's out of pocket expenses for the PASA-PSBA Leadership Conference. Motion seconded by Rhonda Waster. Motion carried.

Fundraising Opportunity (Concessions for Dance Company show, 6/17/2023): We have been offered the opportunity to provide concessions and keep all concession profits during this show. Kyle will follow up with Jeff regarding potential that this event would be cancelled due to planned auditorium renovations.

Senior Night: Monica ordered corsages for all football, cheerleader, and band moms, not realizing that we provide them for band parents. In the future SGMB would like to continue to provide these and will ensure that this is communicated to the Athletic Boosters.

We have approval to sell meat sticks out of the Spirit store. This money would need to be kept separate from Spirit store funds, and additional volunteer support would be needed for sales. Suggestion was made that Tri-M students could help with this (and with the Spirit store in general). Kyle can add this as a volunteer option that goes out to Marching Band families during the summer. Tracey will reach out to the parents who mentioned this idea to assess volunteer availability.

ADJOURNMENT (Jerry Mascaro):

The next membership meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2022 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held in as Room 51 at the high school, and a Zoom link will also be available. A motion to close the meeting was made by Dan Brenner and seconded by Autumn Tyson at 9:24pm. Motion carried.