

SPRING GROVE MUSIC BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES
SGAHS, Conference Room 51 and Zoom
December 5, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Mascaro, Theresa Kramer, Autumn Tyson, Tracey Glace, Rhonda Wastler, Barb Brenneman, Amy Buhrman

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm, and meeting participant introductions were completed. Meeting agenda topics and timeframes were reviewed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Amy Buhrman):

Minutes from the November 7, 2022 meeting were reviewed with several changes noted. A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Rhonda Wastler and seconded by Autumn Tyson. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Autumn Tyson):

SGMB Balance sheet was presented with the following balances:

	As of 11/25/2022
Checking Account	\$101,366.02
Capital Fund	\$24,297.34
Scholarship Fund	\$51,425.80
Student Fund	\$18,584.14
Total	\$195,673.30

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

We had one NSF check from Pigeon Hills and are following up on that. There is an additional NSF check related to the recent R&K fundraiser. Jerry will be following up.

There were several RaiseRight orders that were selected as "Ship to Coordinator." AS SGMB does not accept these types of orders, SGMB was refunded those costs and reimbursements were sent to those who placed these orders. Autumn is working with RaiseRight to turn off the "Ship to Coordinator" option.

SGMB's 990 has been filed. Thank you to Dean Fink for the time spent supporting SGMB with this process.

There are no updates on the status of SGMB's submitted application for sales tax exemption.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Tim Bupp: For the month of December, performances are in full swing as we lead up to the holiday break. The SGI Jazz Band will be looking to travel this spring. More details to follow.

The Best Communities information is due in January and is being compiled. The scheduling changes at the lower level will not fare well in the process due to losing 25% of our ensemble instructional period (SGI).

Dan Brenner: After being accepted into the NAFME All National Honors Modern Band, Jorge Caraballo followed it up by being accepted into NAFME All Eastern Honors Modern Band. This is the first year All Eastern is having a Modern Band. He will participate in that festival April 13th – April 16th in Rochester, NY. Unfortunately, that will make him unavailable to participate in the PMEA District 7 Modern Band Festival (we are hosting again) this year as they happen at the same time. Speaking of the PMEA District 7 Modern Band Festival, we have 11 students preparing auditions in hopes of being able to represent our school in this year's festival. Select Modern Band and 3 bands from the Modern Band 2 class are currently working on creating performances for the April 28th Modern Band concert. The after-school jazz rehearsals have begun for the High School Jazz Ensemble. We also have 8 students preparing District 7 Jazz Festival and York County Honors Jazz Band auditions. Additionally, the high school auditorium lighting and sound renovation has been officially school board approved. The project will begin this summer and is scheduled to be completed by the time school starts in August.

Sue Gross: Elem. Strings - we performed a Spooky Symphony project in October and now we are working on a Festive Philharmonic for the holiday. We have started Orchestra Karate and are working on our concert music for April 18, 2023. SGI Strings - we are preparing for our concert this Wednesday 12/7/22. The we will be starting Ninja Strings to reinforce our note reading skills. Santas will be performing on the announcements this year. SGAMS - We are also preparing for our concert on 12/13/22. Select Strings are preparing for their winter tour. PHSI - we had a very successful festival this year - with a standing ovation as well! There are still some outstanding bills I am waiting for - like the photographer and meals. 50th Anniversary concert- The piece is completed! I am waiting for the parts. Mr. Bupp will address the grant for the 50th anniversary.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PERFORMANCES:

SGI Concert December 7- 7:00 PM Middle School
MS Concert- December 13- 7:00 PM Middle School
HS Concert- December 20- 7:00 PM High School

50th Anniversary String Program: Mr. Bupp and Mrs. Gross are in the process of writing the narrative for a grant to cover the cost of the commissioned piece from Brian Balmages. The completed application is due on February 15 with a decision date by March 31st. The grant is being written for \$6,000 to cover the cost of the commission. See Sue Gross for other details. Minutes from the last meeting note a grant that was to be submitted in November. Jerry will follow up with Mr. Bupp and Mrs. Gross regarding the status of that request as well as back up plans should grant funding not be available.

Celebrate the Arts: 3/25/2023 (9am-3pm). Registration is now open for this event. Spaces are \$50 for an 8x10 booth; 8x20 is \$80. Table rental cost is \$5. Jerry will follow up with Mrs. Kaplan to inquire about the option to have a table free of charge again this year.

WAYS & MEANS (Tracey Glace):

Grocery Cards: Our year-to-date sales total \$5200, with \$156 going to student accounts and \$104 to the general fund.

Second round of Fall Fundraisers - Pick up is Tuesday, Dec. 6th 4 - 7 PM
There was MUCH less confusion with orders being paid by separate checks. Most students participated in all three fundraisers. Students sold 773 Sunrise soaps, 2011 Gertrude Hawk chocolate bars, and 436 subs/733 sandwiches. Because we sold more than 500 R & K Sand. we

received a 25-cent discount per sandwich, for an additional \$109 profit. Because Gertrude Hawk chocolate bars are sold by the carrier, there are an additional 246 bars to be sold.

R & K Sandwich and Country Meats Fundraisers will kick off the week of Jan 9th. Orders will be due Feb. 6, with the final collection on Feb 10. Pick up will be Feb 21.

We will hold another R&K sale, Gertrude Hawk sale, and possibly Sunrise Soaps in the Spring (ahead of Easter). Order forms will be available in mid-February, with fundraiser pick up on Mar 28. We could also consider a community night with Sunrise Soaps (with profits received from any “make it” sales in store). The company recommended holding this event on a Friday. We will also consider potential events to benefit the General Fund (i.e., a restaurant night) as well as a possible sandwich sale. We could also look at having Kona or Sarah’s Creamery outside the building on 4/18 for the beginner/elementary concert. Suggestion was also made that we evaluate some additional fundraiser options for next year to add some variety.

Tracey brought samples of the Pink Zebra information for the group to review. It is recommended that, if we decide to hold this as a fundraiser, we do so ahead of Christmas 2023 as a smaller scale sale.

RaiseRight: To date, there are 33 accounts set up, and \$619.30 have been added to student accounts.

PUBLICITY/COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE (Jerry Mascaro):

There is nothing to report at this time.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS (Theresa Kramer):

It was a busy month for Student Account activity. A total of \$3,677.85 was added to accounts as a result of 5 fundraising opportunities (Sunrise Soaps, Gertrude Hawk, R&K, RaiseRight and Grocery Gift Cards). There were 20 new accounts added last month for first-time participants. A total of 6 students requested fund transfers for the first Disney payment. As of November 30, 53 of the students attending the trip have money available in their accounts. That does not include any requests made toward the 2nd payment. After the December payments are cleared, letters will be prepared for these students to include account totals and instructions on how to request the use of funds for the trip. The target is to have letters prepared and given to the directors no later than December 16 to distribute before the Christmas break.

Given the timing of student account updates, suggestion was made that payment due dates for big trips potentially be pushed back if possible.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Amy Buhrman/Jerry Mascaro)

High School Scholarship: An updated draft of the 2023 high school scholarship form was shared with high school directors for feedback. A recommendation was made to move “Encore performance” to a new category, given the commitment for that event equates to rehearsal and event time for several groups in another category. This eliminates what was a standalone 5-point category.

Middle School Scholarship: Jerry will update the due date. Amy will set up an electronic version of the middle school application.

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

There is nothing to report at this time.

WEBSITE (Kristen Henning):

The website is current at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro):

Winter Concerts: A signup Genius has been shared to support selling water and candy at all of the upcoming winter concerts. Depending on the candy available from Gertrude Hawk, we will be selling some of those. We have some candy remaining and are working with Mr. Showalter in using extra marching band waters to sell. We will track the number of Gertrude Hawk chocolate bars sold.

Winter Sports/Music Department "Spirit Store:" The question was posed to Jeff Laux regarding the use of the "snack store" that is next to the Auditorium. Jeff stated that Athletics had not formally decided to move the store yet, but they anticipate moving soon. Additionally, we were told that when the move occurs that space would become available to the Music and Theatre departments to use for tickets, spirit store, snacks etc. We are awaiting additional information from High School Administrators and Mr. Laux.

NEW BUSINESS (Jerry Mascaro)

Color Guard Indoor Budget review and request for additional funds: Kaytelyn Naglich is requesting the use of her \$1000 budget plus additional funds (\$423) to support the indoor program. She anticipated that she would be able to use the additional funds reserved for Indoor Percussion but has recently learned that indoor percussion will be using their reserved funds. Rhonda will follow up with Kaytelyn to learn what has already been purchased vs. items that are planned for purchase. SGMB will require a complete itemized list ahead of consideration of a request. It is requested that Kaytelyn attend the January 2023 meeting. As well, there are a lot of old guard items stored that could potentially be assessed and sold; we would need clarification around this process. SGMB would also like to know what fundraising options are being considered to cover a portion of the cost. This discussion is tabled, pending additional information.

Ideas to generate interest/involvement from SGI/MS Chorus/Strings: Jerry met with Dan Fake to discuss potential ways to generate interest. Suggestions include recruiting/assigning committee leads/chairs (parents) as an opportunity to report what is going on in each ensemble at the 5th through 8th grade levels. This could be something to work toward next school year. It may also be helpful to coordinate with the music department for back-to-school nights (tables side by side). We could also list opportunities for volunteer needs of parents. It would also be important to have SGMB as a presence at concerts and to let parents know how SGMB benefits students/ensembles at the lower grade levels. Suggestion was also made that some high school musicians be a presence/perform at events at the lower-level schools (i.e. back to school night, etc.). We will continue to consider options to get in front of parents. There was also an ask that SGMB put up signs/remind people that candy may not be consumed in the auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT (Jerry Mascaro):

The next membership meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2023 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held via Zoom only. A motion to close the meeting was made by Autumn Tyson and seconded by Rhonda Wastler at 9:24pm. Motion carried.