

SSHS Music Booster Meeting Notes 4/11/2022

DATE/TIME	April 11, 2022 6:30 PM-7:30 PM	
DATE ISSUED	May 8, 2022	
RECORDED BY	Stacy Johnson, Band Representative	
PLACE	SSHS, Orchestra Room	
SUBJECT	Monthly Board Meeting	
PARTICIPANTS:		
Terri Crall – Treasurer Lisa Udland – Treasurer, Orchestra Representative Stacy Johnson—Band Representative Alison Fisher – Choir Representative Lisa Holliday -- Greens Fundraising Chair	Damian Berdakin – Orchestra Director JJ Meyer – Band Director Aubrey Dunham – Choir Director Lena Ferguson – Ticket Sales Chair Denise Majeski – Flower Baskets Co-Chair, Jazz Auction Co-Chair	
ABSENT:		
Mary Ellen Scofield – President Kari Clawson – Secretary Kerry Drum – Vice President	Tiffany Hamilton -- Pie Fundraising Chair Jen Ackerson – Flower Baskets Co-Chair	
HANDOUTS: Financial Report, Minutes from last month		
Action items appear in red print. Consensus appears in blue print		
Minutes vote	Stacy motioned to Approve the March 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded, and all approved. Minutes were adopted.	
Director Reports		
JJ Meyer	JJ – It’s festival season. Districts for band, orchestra, and choir were last weekend. South, along with West and McNary, had State qualifying scores. South showed the most improvement from 2019. Great to get feedback in real-time from the adjudicators. State band festival is May 14; wind ensemble is working on State prep. Symphonic band is being given wind ensemble-like music, and music is going out to middle schools and other bands for auditions to move up.	
Aubrey Dunham	Aubrey – South hosted the Advanced Choir District Festival the week before springbreak. The choir received high scores of 88/88/89. The written comments were a bit of a disservice because it’s hard for the adjudicators to listen because they are writing; would like to see real-time comments. There are 55 6A choirs in Oregon; 12 qualifying 6A choirs. There is a trend of fewer qualifying schools across the state. It’s exciting that South is producing high quality results. Upcoming: South and Sprague are doing a joint concert; auditions start tomorrow for next year’s choirs.	
Damian Berdakin	Damian – Chamber Orchestra and Symphony won qualifying events on Saturday, April 9. Ms. Tiffin went to all the performances and introduced the groups.	

<p>Director Reports Continued</p>	<p>The ensembles received nice comments in today’s morning announcements. Chamber orchestra qualified for State. Very proud of the kids; on and off stage the kids were great. Solo and ensemble at the end of April – 1 ensemble and some soloists. Looking to next year – Leslie and Howard Street middle schools did a clinic last week. Norman Huynh, Associate Conductor of the Oregon Symphony, is coming Tuesday, April 12 to work with the symphony as a guest conductor.</p>
<p>Treasurer’s report Lisa Udland Terri Crall</p> <p>Fundraising</p>	<p>Terri is still processing the financial report because of issues with QuickBooks (which may be due to this being tax season). Summer Strings checks are coming in from middle schoolers. The report at the next meeting will include flower sales and a few refund checks during the month. All the music storage boxes were purchased. JJ confirmed that the boxes arrived.</p> <p>The Spring statement was sent out. Terri reminded the directors to let the kids know that they can use up their account. Lisa will email a document to senior through Charms.</p> <p>The Charms 1-year renewal, which was the agreed upon term at the March meeting, needs to be paid.</p> <p>Mother’s Day flowers: Flower sales have closed. Terri was able to see some data in QuickBooks before the issues started and expects flower sales will be similar to last year.</p> <p>Choir Jazz Night: Alison and Aubrey went to Ankeny Vineyards to see the venue and discuss plans with Ankeny. We can have the space for free. Ankeny has plans to expand their space for these types of events to accommodate 100 people. The price is \$25/ticket. Lisa can help set up Charms to sell whole tables, for example 4-tops or 6-tops. Decorations are not needed for the venue, so no set up time. Reduced tickets will be opened for the performers’ families first. Pledge sheets will be available to donate for the group’s needs, for example equipment and transportation costs. Will get the square equipment from Terri. Jazz Night at Ankeny is June 3rd.</p> <p>Future ideas at Ankeny could be a Fall Harvest Moon jazz band evening, and Wednesday evening events because Wednesdays are slower at Ankeny.</p> <p>Per Ms. Tiffin, all advertising for the event must say South Salem Music Boosters.</p>

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<p>Fundraising continued</p>	<p>The Spinning Room at Willamette Heritage Center has already been paid for. We can ask if Willamette Heritage will move us to next year. We could ask if the Saxon Foundation wants to pay Music Boosters for the reservation for their own fundraiser in 2023.</p>
<p>Concert decorations</p>	<p>We still need to talk with the stage storage manager regarding storage solutions for decorations. Aubrey had sent a text message and is waiting for reply.</p>
<p>Board positions</p>	<p>Elections are in May for board positions. Positions not yet filled are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Filled positions are Band Representative, Choir Representative, and Orchestra Representative. Discussed the idea of co-chairs and of holding elections in August, which some folks recalled had been done before. Continue with May elections even if not all positions are filled.</p> <p>Discussed ideas for generating interest for Board positions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members connect with people at the upcoming spring concerts. • After festival season, get music families together. • On last day of August band camp and beginning of orchestra camp ask all music parents to attend a meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Could be called “Upbeat Parent Night.” At this meeting, promote Music Day, as well as promoting it now. Start to generate interest and get out information for Save the Date and collecting cans over the summer for fall. Use Sign-up Genius. • Provide sign-ups for small jobs to generate interest and involvement. Example: during marching band season asked for volunteers to help with small jobs. • Find continuity for pie sales. • Ask middle school music teachers to reach out to students’ parents. • Finish job/position descriptions; add the number of hours of time commitment. • Could a band/choir/orchestra rep also hold another position, like President or Vice President? • Inform parents that Music Boosters is something we need to rebuild after Covid. <p>Boosters provide a meal/snacks/beverages for each ensemble for State competitions at Oregon State University.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir – Saturday, May 7 • Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Symphony are all day. Meal, fruit, and beverages. Wednesday, May 11 • Band - one meal on Saturday, May 14 • Directors to send dietary restrictions to Boosters.
<p>New Business?</p>	<p>(This content is included in the 'Board positions' section above.)</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING 6:30 PM in the Orchestra Room</p>	<p>May 9th, 2022 June 13th, 2022</p>