

South Salem Music Boosters

Minutes

October 10, 2022

Attendance: Alison Fisher, Jen Ackerson, Lisa Holliday, Terri Crall, Rebekah Guest, Amy Ditzel, Denise Majeski, Peggy Pearson, Lena Ferguson, Damian Berdakin, Aubrey Dunham-Prince

Absent: Tiffany Hamilton, JJ Meyer (marching band practice)

Meeting started at 6:30pm

Terri moved, Jen seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Denise moved, Rebekah seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Music Director Reports:

JJ Meyer (report given by Damian Berdakin): one more home football game, likely chance we will host at least one playoff game on November 4th, hosting 8th grade students at last football game, concert one month away, middle school joining them for concert (like pre-covid), jazz all-city rehearsals

Question - will 8th graders be let into concert for free? Follow-up with JJ about this.

Damian Berdakin: excited for concert next week to show progress we've made, professional string quartet coming to work with orchestra, part of orchestra chamber music program through district; we need at least 7 more chaperones for the spring trip

Aubrey: All NW auditions, several students auditioned; Saturday Oregon Vocal Jazz - took Southernaires to it for the first time, student leadership for choir is putting together a fall picnic Saturday 1-3pm to get ready for the concert; thank you to Rebekah, Jen, Chris and friends who helped fit choir robes; concert is a week from Tuesday; OMEA Conference - Symphonic & Chamber is performing January 14, 2023 at 2pm

Treasurer's Report: Terri distributed September financial report via email and paper. She receives the Music Day mail and read a note she received from a donor. September is the beginning of our fiscal year, so the numbers indicate the starting balance for the 3 different music programs.

We spent \$231.73 on music day, which is mostly making copies of flyers. Each program received about \$6000 from music day. We raised \$17,376 so far in checks, not including cans, from music day; but Terri still has envelopes to open as well. Terri asked what happens to the can money from music day - there isn't precedence. Since we told the community we were

raising for the music programs, we should divide the money between the 3 programs. Throughout the year, the cans money will go to the admin fund.

The board met last week in a special meeting and decided the student seller needs to pay the fee associated with using CHARMS to support our fundraisers, but we will accept checks if students don't want to accept fees.

The link to CHARMS for the order form is giving an error message. Hopefully Tiffany can fix it soon.

Fundraisers:

Music Day: We are moving toward a committee structure next year - it's too much for one person. Music Day will be co-chaired by Alison Fisher and her husband Curtis. They will digitize the maps so people can plan their routes ahead. The district picks the date - first Saturday of the school year, and we are wondering if South wants to move to a week later so we have more time to prep.

Aubrey said we should keep it the same weekend, if kids could pick their neighborhood and car, sign up for music day, we could give them a t-shirt in the spring semester right before summer. The board members agreed that we should keep it the same weekend but again emphasized a committee approach. We have data on which houses gave money so we can organize routes differently if we are short on drivers.

Willamette Valley Pie Sale: Pie distribution will be from the music practice rooms. We don't know how many volunteers we need for distribution that day, delivery is at noon on November 9th. Lena or Tiffany will let us know if they need board members to help.

Restaurants: We will have a MOD fundraiser all day on November 3rd. We will get 20% of all orders and new this time - you can order online and take it home. We need to show the flier and say we're from the SSHS Music Program. Aubrey said she will put it in the concert program too.

Holiday Greens: Larissa and Lisa met to share information as Larissa takes over the fundraiser for next year. Distribution of the items will be November 27th at Lisa's house.

Ticket Prices/Rose Card: ticket prices are \$3 per person per concert, \$50 per family per Rose Card (valid at SSHS Rose Auditorium); Lena wants to keep track of who purchases the cards so they can be listed in the next concert program.

Other Officer Reports:

Jen Ackerson:

We would like to approach the athletic department about fundraising for the band at the football games. There is a lot of money spent on food for the marching band; it's a large chunk

of the budget. Jen and other parents noticed that the baseball team gets to host a 50-50 raffle during the game. What do we think about approaching the athletic boosters to fundraise for the music department? There should be a conversation with JJ about it. Lena says baseball does not have ticket revenue, so concessions and these raffles are the core of the baseball revenue. Historically, the football players' families get discounted tickets to the football games, that is something we should look into. Lena said there are rotating concessions for basketball games. Denise knows someone on the athletic boosters and said she would find out more.

Jen was talking to Aubrey about adding a student liaison to the SSMB to attend quarterly meetings (one from each group) so that we have the student perspective when we are making decisions. Lena said that students have a lot of ideas about how to improve music day. Damian would like to invite students for specific things - one issue or agenda item, not the whole time. Jen would like to have the students appointed by each teacher, they would give a report, and we could invite them for specific planning agenda items.

Amy Ditzel: West Salem Band had a water stop at the Iron Man Triathlon. Amy is finding out how much money they were paid by Ironman.

Adjourned at 7:38 pm.