

South Salem Music Boosters

Minutes

January 9, 2023

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

Absent: Rebekah Guest, JJ Meyer

Meeting started at 6:33pm

Jen Ackerson moved, Denise Majeski seconded to approve the December minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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Music Director Reports:

Aubrey: The choir program is very busy, not stopping, but it's great; the program was very busy December; choirs were performing all over in December; OMEA performance on Saturday, one student in honor OMEA choir representing SSHS; hosted all-city auditions, hosting the rehearsals and program as well; hosting south area honor choir (elementary); met with accompanist who is new to the area and hopefully it will be a good partnership, something that is currently missing in the program.

JJ: Not here due to a basketball game - pep band has started. Preparing festival literature, January 21st Oregon festival, wind ensemble working on all-city music, lots of positive energy coming back from break.

Damian: performance at OMEA this weekend, students came back prepared and ready for the performance, all-city auditions in two weeks; SSHS is hosting; festival music prep starts after the OMEA conference.

Treasurer's Report:

Terri is getting ready to start on taxes. Please share the number of hours you contribute to your position on a weekly basis.

Terri distributed the latest financial report. Fundraising money has been transferred into student accounts, so there is a negative number for fundraising income.

Each music group earned \$675.00 from the two concerts in December, which is the same or higher number than past years. People were excited to donate instead of purchasing tickets.

Tiffany created a page in CHARMS to help students view their balance for the spring trip. This was a lot of work, but it is not something our travel partner (Worldstrides) provides. Had we known this service was not provided, we probably would have chosen another company to coordinate the trip.

Tiffany and Denise are researching other options for online payment, to replace CHARMS.

Fundraisers:

Pie Sale Wrap-up

Tiffany thanked the directors and Lena for their support during the pie sale. The sale is officially concluded. Financial statements will now go out to parents and students.

Restaurant fundraiser

Chipotle fundraiser on February 7, 2023

Peggy has put in a request for Panera in March, waiting to hear back. Proceeds would be 20% and it would run from 4-8pm.

The group discussed the lack of revenue from the MOD Pizza fundraiser. There was consensus we would see higher numbers if we had a music boosters social media account. The group also considered advertising on concert programs if the dates coordinate.

Jazz Night

Jazz Night will now take place on a Sunday afternoon due to a conflict at Ankeny Winery. The new date is Sunday, June 4, 2023.

Alison is going to ask if we can get a \$1200 refund from our pre-COVID room reservation at Willamette Heritage Center; if not we will transfer to SSHS.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Aubrey has no update beyond Kathy August saying it was okay to do a chocolate fundraiser.

See's Candy Fundraiser

Denise did some research on this fundraiser. It's very easy and the quality of the product is well known. It's completely online, delivered directly to customers. Gift cards are free. Students get 20%-50% profit. The group decided it would be a collective fundraiser for all groups to assist with spring trip costs. Denise will create a thermometer to hang in the hallway and to track sales toward our goal.

Miscellaneous Officer Reports

OMEA Food

Jen and Alison would like to purchase snacks for the event. Students are bringing their own lunches.

Summer Camp Fees & Lesson Fund

Lisa consulted with JJ about helping students fund summer camp expenses. We discussed whether it would be appropriate to use the lesson fund. Perhaps limit the amount provided to each student - Aubrey suggested \$100 per student perhaps with a max of \$1000; we still don't have a process for applying for money from the lesson fund. After some discussion, the group has a desire to keep the money allocated for lessons to maximize the funds.

SSMB Board Elections 2023-2024

Board positions will be available for election in May. Please email Alison about your intentions for next year; we will need to fill vacancies. The group agrees we need a social media and alumni relations/communication position. Perhaps the VP could be the alumni relations person, as they do not have a defined role? Damian mentioned he would like to have an alumni concert.

Should we plan to be at Future Freshman Night to have parents/guardians sign up for music boosters? February 22, 2023 in the evening. Alison will ask the office for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm