

South Salem Music Boosters

Minutes

April 10, 2023

Attendance: Alison Fisher, Terri Crall, Damian Berdakin, Peggy Pearson, Aubrey Dunham-Prince, JJ Meyer, Lisa Holliday, Lena Ferguson, Amy Ditzel, Tiffany Hamilton, Denise Majeski, Rebekah Guest, Ross Holliday, Larissa Dozier, Jen Ackerson, Erica Jackman

Absent: no absences

Meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Alan Bushon, formed the Salem Keizer Friends of Music in 2001 when the entire elementary school music program was almost cut from the district. The organization is a collection of all of the music booster groups in the district. The group meets once or twice a year. Past accomplishments: advocated for a PE credit for marching band, against cuts in the district music program, etc. They want to make sure professionals are hiring the music directors.

Is there anything you would like Alan to advocate for on our behalf? Challenges of elementary schedules reduce participation in music programs. He will be meeting with the new superintendent in May.

School board elections for Zones 2, 4, and 6. School board members must live in the zone but we vote citywide. He can't get a forum together in time, but he's going to send out a questionnaire to candidates. He will share the results with Alison.

Jen moved to approve the minutes, Denise seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Rebekah moved to approve the agenda, Denise seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Music Director Reports:

Aubrey: Tomorrow is the district competition. Excited that the Symphonic Choir has qualified for state, Chamber Choir is performing also. Last Thursday, she put together a mini festival with Sprague (started last year) for freshman groups, and had a clinician present to give comments. Saturday is the Jazz Festival with Southernaires and Jazz Combo. On April 27th, South is co-hosting Jazz Night with Sprague, both vocals and instrumental. Going to do some clinics with Wallace Long from Willamette University.

JJ: Our district jazz festival went very well, earned 2nd in district with qualifying scores. Hosted band festival on March 20th, very positive comments from the other directors. We can use it as a fundraiser for next year; this year we made a little profit. Districts this week on Thursday at WSHS. State solo/ensemble, 3 soloists selected. We are getting new marching band uniforms! JJ showed us the picture of the uniforms. We're not paying for the new uniforms. They are \$300 each and we are getting 150 uniforms that include new shoes, gloves, etc.

Damian: We have districts this week. We're proud of the work we've done, regardless of the outcome. April 28 and 29, solo/ensemble state, able to accommodate all alternates, so we have 4 orchestra members playing solos and 2 ensembles. Thank you to music boosters for paying the fees to attend.

Treasurer's Report:

Terri distributed the March financial report. Restaurant and Mother's Day fundraiser dollars in this report. Lots of payments for the upcoming Anaheim trip.

Mother's Day fundraiser funds - can they be used for the Anaheim trip retroactively? If parents paid for the trip, can they be reimbursed from the funds raised? Parents would have to put in a request and attach the receipt. How will we communicate this information out to parents? Tiffany will add a note to CHARMS after she adds the totals to the student account, informing parents of the option to be reimbursed or carry over the funds for next year.

We have paid for another year of CHARMS. This will allow us to transition to a new system and not lose any data.

Tiffany reported about trip payments. She has discovered that parents could pay directly to World Strides from Affinipay.

Tiffany will continue research on options to replace CHARMS. JJ reported that his research that everyone uses CHARMS and they know it is insufficient. There was one director that did everything by hand. Student accounts tracking is non-negotiable in whatever new system we select..

Fundraisers:

Restaurant fundraiser

There is nothing available to book in April. Emailed B squared, something we used a few years ago. Haven't heard back from anyone at McMenamins.

Jazz Choir Fundraiser

Currently called Afternoon of Jazz. Email out to Sarah at the winery for a picture of table setup so purchasers can book the table they want. Tiffany set up ticket sales. Rebekah needs some photos from last year. We are limited to 100 seats and will sell tickets for \$30 each. Will also provide opportunities to donate more at the event.

Mother's Day Flower Baskets

This year we are being charged \$22.90 for fuel surcharge in our invoice, which was a surprise. Jen requested that boosters cover that cost. Terri said the admin account can cover that charge.

The flower baskets earned \$3854 in gross sales.

Flowers will be picked up Monday, May 8th 3:30-5:30pm at SSSHS. We will need student volunteers to unload the flowers. Delivery will be at 1pm on Monday.

Miscellaneous Officer Reports

Music Day 2023

Music Day will be Saturday, September 9, 2023. This year it will be run by the board as opposed to one chair. Some specific tasks: routes (Fisher), volunteer sign-ups (Guest), food (Ackerson), cans (Hamilton), t-shirt & marketing- flyers, postcards, etc. (L. Holliday/Majeski), finances (R. Holliday), and communication on the day of totals.

Officer Needs for Next Year

Alison will reach out to Angelique Duryea about bottle drop for next year. We still need someone to oversee the Willamette Valley Pie Sale Fundraiser.

Officer elections will take place at the May meeting. The following officers are slated to be elected for the 2023-2024 academic year:

President: Alison Fisher
Vice President: Jen Ackerson
Secretary: Lisa Holliday
Co-treasurers: Tiffany Hamilton & Ross Holliday
Choir Rep: Rebekah Guest
Band Rep: Amy Ditzel
Orchestra Rep: Denise Majeski

Other leadership positions:

Greens Fundraiser: Larissa Dozier
Pie Fundraiser: open
Ticket Sales: Erica Jackman
Social Media: Erica Jackman
Restaurant Fundraisers: Peggy Pearson
Recycling Coordinator: Angelique Dureyea
Website Coordinator: Tiffany Hamilton

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm