

South Salem Music Boosters

Minutes

May 8, 2023

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

Absent: Amy Ditzel, Rebekah Guest, Ross Holliday

Meeting started at 6:30 p.m.

Terri Crall moved to approve the April minutes, Lisa Holliday seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Tiffany Hamilton moved to approve the agenda, Jen Ackerson seconded. Agenda approved unanimously.

Music Director Reports

Aubrey: Hosted a very successful Jazz Night on 4/27; choir placements for next year are complete; Choir won State 6A competition (woohoo); California music program trip meeting 5/15 at 6:30pm; spring choir concert 5/31, honoring seniors at concert; final concert of the year jazz afternoon on 6/4 at Ankeny Vineyards, ticket on sale now, will go on sale to non-families next Monday, 5/15; recognized solar and ensemble placements from choir.

Damian: Thursday is State competition for Orchestra; some students won 1st and 2nd in ensembles and solos at the state conference; middle school numbers look normal for next year with 37 incoming freshmen; orchestra concert on 6/1; concert audience last week was very good, including alumni; commissioned 4 pieces of music for next year; south area orchestra concert on 5/25 (4TH grade through Symphony).

JJ: Showed us the new marching band uniform, these are replacing uniforms from 1994 (current uniforms went through two life cycles), these uniforms are lighter material, breathe better; 2nd place finishes in solo competition (2 students); state competition Thursday evening for symphony and Saturday for band; 5/20 state jazz festival; 5/23 south area band concert; 5/30 spring concert; 6/2 jazz night.

Treasurer's Report

Terri distributed the April financial report. There were mostly standard expenses and income for the month. Terri is working on the taxes, she got a 6-month extension and will complete them by the deadline.

Tiffany is reconciling student accounts for those students who are going on the trip. Students should be told if they are a senior to try to use the rest of their account balance.

Fundraisers

Restaurant fundraisers

Peggy requested Panda Express for 6/1 or 6/5.

Afternoon of Jazz Update

Ticket sales are ongoing at \$30 each sold in tables of 2, 4, and 6 with different seating times.

Mother's Day Flowers

Flower pick up was today. Everything went very well and was on time. Thanks to the teachers and students who helped with unloading and organizing. Tiffany needs the amounts to credit to each student account, which Denise and Jen will do.

Music Day planning (9/9/23)

Rebekah is our volunteer coordinator and will create sign up geniuses for parents/families.

We are doing a mailer to all SSHS houses a week before music day. It would cost us a couple of hundred dollars to get it done but Alison's husband's company can do it.

We are creating a t-shirt in bright red for all students to wear that day. Aubrey will ask if the t-shirt company will help sponsor and save cost. We might add a QR code to the t-shirt.

For this year's flyer, we want to provide a link to get on our mailing list option as well as a link to our concert calendar.

At the spring concerts we will advertise Music Day on the programs. The Music Directors need blurbs, sign up genius links, and QR code for donations to put on the concert programs. We will also have lots of blue bags available at all of the concerts to encourage people to take them home over the summer and we will collect them on music day.

Alison or someone from the boosters will speak at each concert about how the music boosters support the music program. Alison will speak at orchestra and choir concerts, Jen will speak at the band concert

Pie Sale Coordination

We need someone to coordinate. This year Willamette Valley Pie Company is going to put a cap on the number of fundraising groups. We are receiving priority due to our longstanding relationship with them. They are wanting us to pick the same date year after year; they asked us to pick the second Friday in November, which is Veterans Day observed on the district calendar. When that is the case, they offered the following Monday. Next year's pie sale pick up is Monday, November 13th.

Greenery pick up will be Saturday, November 25th.

Upcoming Food Needs

It's been hard to accommodate food needs/dietary restrictions for festivals. We're going to try Little Lois for the state competitions this weekend. Peggy is friends with the Chef at SSHS to see if we can get some catering from her. The cafeteria provides bagged lunches for free.

2023-2024 Elections

President—Alison Fisher

Vice President—Jennifer Ackerson

Secretary—Lisa Holliday

Treasurers—Tiffany Hamilton & Ross Holliday

Orchestra Rep—Denise Majeski

Choir Rep—Rebekah Guest

Band Rep—Amy Ditzel

Tiffany Hamilton moved to approve the slate. Denise Majeski seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

For the Good of the Order

How are the funds from the Valentine's Day fundraiser being used for the California trip. Possible options include: instrument rentals, t-shirts/polos for the kids, and luggage fees/cargo fees (estimated at \$1400).

Last week's concert had very poor concert etiquette. We discussed having concert etiquette reminders for next fall's concerts – perhaps large posters hung in the lobby or using the TV's in the lobby, once they work.

Jen proposed a new position called Community Rep to reach out to alumni, local businesses, and customers who purchase large orders for these fundraisers. Should we have a google form to get on our mailing list through the website? Add this to the music day flyer as well – get on our mailing list. Since the VP doesn't have a defined role, it was suggested that this job be added.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm