



## December 7, 2020 Virtual Meeting

Call to order

Jody Halley

- Meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Leah Stroom

- Meeting notes from the November 2020 virtual meeting were compiled via email from the SMP Board and posted on the SMP website. Meeting minutes were approved and seconded.

President's Report

Jody Halley

- It is that time of year to start thinking about the plans for the next school year. Under new business we will discuss the nominating committee. As you can imagine, Solon Music Parents have many volunteers supporting our students, directors, and the music program. We are looking for you to get involved in a leadership position, committee, or fundraising. Every group has a volunteer need. If you are interested in getting involved or want to suggest parents of younger students in the music programs, please email myself or Leah Stroom secretary@solonmusicparents.org.
- Thank You:
  - Thank you to Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy for coordinating the "Let the Music Play On" fundraiser. It will be closing on Friday.

Vice President of Purchasing

Christy Mercer

- no report

Vice President of Communication

Emily Johnson

- No report but the newsletter will return once there is news to report.

Vice President Fundraising

Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy

- The treasurer will report on the current status of the "Let the Music Play On" fundraiser

Treasurer's Report

Michelle Williams

- Copy of the current budget is posted.
- So far, about \$6600 has been raised through the "Let the Music Play On" fundraiser - of that \$5800 raised through the Give Butter website. About \$285 was mailed in to the school and \$475 was raised through Facebook's Giving Tuesday fundraiser. We are not sure if Facebook will be matching any amount. The fundraiser was less than our usual Tag Day fundraiser but more than our mattress sale about equal to the amount usually earned through fall Pie sales which we hope to do in the spring. We had a good turn out of donations from OMS and SMS families.

- If you have any questions, please email [treasurer@solonmusicparents.org](mailto:treasurer@solonmusicparents.org)

Band Representative

Krista Carlozzi

- No report

Orchestra Representative

Karen McColl

- No report

Choir Representative

Dana Lewis

- Working on Holiday music using UpBeat to record songs. The teachers are thankful to have a way to showcase voices singing together through this technology.

Starlette Representative

Paulette Bias

- No report

Director Reports

- Orchard

- Band

Stephanie DeLine

- No report

Bettyjeane Quimby

- We don't have permission to use UpBeat at OMS yet so we are waiting on approval.

- 172 5th graders in band. Working on playing music and keeping the kids engaged.

- Choir

Heather Kleman

- no report

- Orchestra

Gerry MacDougall

- no report

- Middle School

- Choir

Stephanie Bettinger

- Choir is putting one song together on UpBeat that will be shared with parents. Working on putting together two ensembles. One will be a club for anyone who is interested in singing. The other ensemble will be an advanced singer club. Auditions will be required and there could be one on one solo practices. They may look into sending videos for the OMEA solo competition later on which will be virtual.

- Band

Rob Luce

- Working on using UpBeat. The kids have a project due in two weeks. They will be creating at least 8 measures with 2 different parts using the app. This is a great app as it works close to real time and the kids get quick feedback. It is used in band, choir, and orchestra.

- Orchestra

Gerry MacDougall

- no report

- High School

- Starlettes

Kelly Wilson

- No report

- Choir

Gary Lewis

- No report

- Band

Mark Mauldin

- There are 3 bands - the wind ensemble and the blue and white bands. They are working on playing music in the UpBeat app. The sound quality isn't perfect but trying to pull tracks and marry them in other professional software to improve sound. We have help working on this.
- Currently doing holiday music but looking for more diverse music for holidays of different faiths. We are reaching out into the community and also thinking about having students arrange new pieces.
- Thank you to Stephanie DeLine who has been our guru and go-to person for assistance with the UpBeat app.
- Won't entertain Jazz band opportunities and practices until after winter break.
- Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
  - There is a lot of technology learning going on while trying to keep the students motivated. They are let loose to explore UpBeat. It is nice they still have a community by sharing on Flip Grid and the bonus is they are getting better and better at playing with a metronome.
  - Grades 8 and up are creating a project with 3 parts. It will be on Flip Grid and will be later shared with parents.

#### Committee Reports

- no report

#### Old Business

- no report

#### New Business

- Looking for volunteers for the Nominating committee. Leah Stream is chairing the committee and Mark Mauldin will be an honorary member. Scott Gloger volunteered.
- Dates for the year are posted on SMP
  - Next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00 PM on zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM