



November 1st, 2021 Meeting

Call to order

Jody Halley

- Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Lori Toth

- Meeting notes from the October 2021 meeting were posted on the SMP website. Meeting minutes were approved and seconded.

President's Report

Jody Halley

- Thank you to Heather Ferencie and Amy Rothenfeld and all the band uniform volunteers who made sure the students had uniforms for each game/event. To our band chaperones who were one with the band at every game – thank you for making sure they got to/from the buses, bathrooms and the field. To Hope Gloger, Heidi Mattlin, Michelle Williams, Robyn Nowak, Krista Carlozzi and all of the concessions volunteers who helped with the outdoor season. To Debbie Klein for coordinating the flowers for senior night. To Ali Kruger for making sure the Starlettes had pom volunteers as well all the coordination of the team this fall. To Maya and Kayla Toth for creating our SMP slide show. To Jennifer Thompson to coordinating the pie sale
- It is hard to believe that we are well into the 2nd quarter and with the fall weather moving us indoors for concessions the winter will be just as busy as the fall not just with concessions but our other fundraisers – pie sales will end this month then onto preparing for pasta dinner in February. With the 2nd half of the school year quickly approaching we will be looking for a nominating committee and volunteers to get involved with the leadership of smp as well as committee members for next school year. As you know it takes many hands to keep things moving forward. We need help from all SMP families this winter and spring.

Vice President of Purchasing

Hope Gloger

- A big thank you to lots of people:
Robin Novick for receiving orders.
Scott and Jody Halley for filling in when no one else was signed up.
Heidi Mattlin for running the visitors side.

Don Lewellyn for donating beef sandwiches.

Krista and Nick Carlozzi for filling in when no one else was signed up.

Grace Shi, Denise and Dave Maiorana, Rich Bulan/Xu Lin for signing up multiple times.

Michelle Williams for filling in when no one else signed up.

Anyu Kotwani for taking care of the sign up genius.

Becky Blue for helping out when we were desperate.

Yafan Li for signing up multiple times and helping on the weekends with the money.

Orchestra kids thanks for all your help during Friday football games.

- I also want to thank everyone who signed up and helped in some capacity. I couldn't have done it without all of the volunteers.

Vice President of Communication

Emily Johnson

- The Newsletter will be going out the first week of December. Send any emails of what you want added to the newsletter to Emily. The newsletter will go out to all 5th-12th grade families involved in music programs.

Vice President Fundraising

Carol Olszewski and Kathy Shaughnessy

- Thanks to all who helped with pie sales. They are almost over, make a final push on social media.
- Pasta Dinner is slated for Feb. 15th, more information will be sent for help with donations for baskets. Band sections baskets we are hoping to have completed by the winter concert, to showcase the baskets at the concert. The choirs are going to be asked to complete baskets as well.
- There are not going to be One Acts during the pasta dinner this year, this way more groups can participate and the dinner can be longer than in the past.
- Possibly doing something for the orchestra kids to play during a dinner, but pasta night is not a good place for that with the noise level in the cafeteria.

Treasurer's Report

Michelle Williams

- Requests were approved to increase the budget for both SMS Choir and SMS Band directors.
- Thank you to Rhonda Lockett for helping count the money after all the football games.
- Thanks to all the counters for Tag Day, it went smoothly.
- Concessions are doing ok. Tag Day we have approximately \$4000. in October mail donations.
- Band awards were less than in past years.

Band Representative

Debbie Klein

- SMP gave individually wrapped roses to each senior on Senior night.
- Thanks to the volunteers who helped set up and donate food for the surprise Halloween celebration after the Pigskin Review.. The food was completely gone in under 10 minutes and the students loved it.

Orchestra Representative

Gloria Liu

- All uniforms are in place. There is an upcoming High School and Middle School concert.

Choir Representative

Dana Lewis

- Request for a sympathy card as Mr. Lewis father passed away.

Starlette Representative

Ali Krueger

- Kelly is going to start exit interviews with the kids.
- Thank you to the Halley's for filling in for pom duty so Ali could see the show from the stands.

Director Reports

Orchard

- ◆ Band Stephanie DeLine
Thanks for all the instrument covers!
Percussion for 6th grade is all set with 5 kids.
- ◆ Choir Heather Kleman
 - No report
- ◆ Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
 - Things are going well.

Middle School

- ◆ Choir Stephanie Bettinger
 - December 7th is the big winter concert. A request for more scanners as there is going to be a lot more people attending.
 - Possibly have the principal send out emails about how the concerts are going to work in advance and about volunteers to help scan.
 - There is a link on Mrs. Bettinger's website with information, this is the link: <https://www.solonschools.org/Domain/155>
- ◆ Band Rob Luce
 - Concert Tuesday 11/2/21, drop off kids by 6:30pm.
The kids will be able to listen to each other which is important to hear how much you improve in 1 year. Attire is black pants and white tops and this will remain all year as dress code for concert.
 - Jazz Band has started practicing.
 - There is a music ed student from Kent state working with horn players. Meeting for private lessons with kids before and after school. Part of budget funds will go towards paying him. Also would like to find a percussion tutor too.
- ◆ Orchestra Gerry MacDougall
 - 7/8th grade concert last week went well.

High School

- ◆ Starlettes Kelly Wilson
 - No report
- ◆ Choir Gary Lewis
 - No report
- ◆ Band Mark Mauldin
 - What a great marching season we had! Some students don't want it to ever end, and others are ready for the transition to concert band. "Social Fatigue" has definitely set in with many of the students. Concert band will be a welcome change! Our Pigskin Review was a great success despite the misty weather. Many parents and students preferred the outdoor venue. The only problem we could face when planning for outdoor concerts is weather. We should consider the possibility of

making a permanent change. Maybe with marching only a couple of drills. The kids were tired!

- The transition to concert band has begun. We are packing away the marching instruments and getting out the concert equipment and instruments. Your kids SHOULD BE preparing scales and etudes for their concert band audition video due Wednesday. We will send damaged marching instruments in for repairs as soon as they are all collected.
- I was able to repair the broken keyboard for a small fraction of the cost of a new one! It's working great!
- Our awards came in at about half the cost of what we previously spent. The kids seem to really like the plaques.
- Jazz band audition material has been posted and is due the 3rd week of November. Jazz band will start right after Thanksgiving; giving us plenty of time to prepare for the first performance at the Pasta Dinner.
- I have been contacted by City Hall about the tree lighting ceremony this year. I said we would be happy to help restart that tradition for our fair city!

❖ Orchestra

Gerry MacDougall

- High School concert is 11/30. The kids are doing well just trying to make everyone better.

Committee Reports:

The Friends of SMP membership program was started in 2019 to help with additional funding of our scholarship program as well as other ways to support the students and directors.

Membership in the Friends of SMP is an annual program and the cost is \$20. As of Oct 2021 we have :

67	total members
15 (22%)	2019 renewing
19 (28%)	2020 renewing
33 (49%)	2021 new

One of the requirements of the SMP scholarship is that applicant's families must be a current Friends of SMP member at the time of the application.

Grade	Grade Totals	% total memb	% total students
6th	7	10.4%	8.0%
7th	5	7.5%	5.7%
8th	4	6.0%	4.5%
9th	23	34.3%	26.1%
10th	15	22.4%	17.0%
11th	16	23.9%	18.2%
12th	18	26.9%	20.5%
total students	total members	student/memb	
88	67	131.3%	

Old Business-

- Updated budget was sent out earlier with some increases in both SMS Choir and Band. There was a motion to accept the budget.
- Hope Gloger was 1st to approve the motion. Mr. McDougall was 2nd to approve it. The budget has been approved.

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

Next meeting is December 6th, 2021. Note this is a Monday.