

Shepherd Hill Music Parents Association
April 4, 2019, 6:30 pm - SHRHS Library

Welcome & Introductions - 5 Min

- Meeting called to order 6:32pm
- 26 people in attendance including board members
- Hilary extended a huge thank you to all who participated in supporting and volunteering for the Winter Percussion Show, while many of our group were away in Florida

Secretary's Minutes - 5 Min

- Minutes approved as submitted, M. McKenzie motioned, T. Forrester 2nd, No Discussion, Motion carried

Treasurer's Minutes - 5 Min

- Holding \$2,140 for new crafters
- \$3,600 deposited this week with additional new incoming mail
- Need to consult T. Salonis re: any remaining Winter Percussion receipts. T. Salonis confirmed all receipts are in. A couple of schools still need to pay.
- H.Grabe asked that the Show Choir Banners be moved from the Show Choir Festival line item to the Director's Senior Recognition line item.
- J.Shaw reviewed the Quick Books app and the on-line application could be \$30/mth. She consulted other options and we may be able to get it for \$50/year. She will continue to review other avenues to keep the cost low.
- Next focus will be budget for 2019-2020.
- H. Grabe mentioned reminded the group that insurance went up because of the trailer. Needed \$10K of coverage for the trailer. \$100 for 2 months, then renewed insurance at \$300 for the year.
- Treasurer's report approved with above noted called out change, K.Laabs motioned, N.Szretter 2nd, No Discussion, Motion carried

School Council - 5 Mins (Mark Cierpich & Kristin Doyle) - Next meeting April 10, 2019

- K. Doyle mentioned that last meeting was short. Focus was on the School Improvement Planning and they will begin reviewing and working on handbook changes in the next meeting.

Director Reports - Becky

- Florida trip was awesome, kids were able to perform at Epcot in the Rotunda, ending the trip with a great dinner and fireworks. Comp day was exhausting, excellent and an amazing performances.
- Waltham - Order Tones, Illusion and Fantasy, we are leaving at 8am, John Burroughs is coming. It will be live streamed from S & P Sound
- 4/8 Banquet starts at 6pm, Freshman - Drinks, Sophmores - Desserts, Juniors - Entrees, Seniors - Show up. Kids requested formal dress.
- 4/10 - District show - 6:30pm Sold Outs. All kids will be fed pizza before which is covered by the ticket \$. 4 Junior High Show Choir Camp tuitions will be chosen for DMS and CMS during the event. Emily Szeredy is also sponsoring a Bake Sale as her Tri-M project and is looking for baked good contributions.
- Construction will be occurring at the Hill the first week in August; therefore, we'll be moving Junior Show Choir Camp to DMS
- May 6th and May 8th - Show Choir Auditions, Dance Captains are working on the dance now for a Jonus Brothers Song
- SCA Bus - 20 kids, 14 adults, 2 buses for now. It's the 40th Anniversary - It's a big deal

- After vacation, there will be a final planning meeting for the June 8th event. 5:30 - 6pm Dinner and Show. They will be making a book so will be looking for pictures and information. Plan will be to sell the book once created. All money will go towards the Connie Galli Scholarship Fund. Piano Trophy Case will be presented, but must remain at the school. 6 Chefs within our Alumni group will be taking care of food.
- Next year's Show Choir Trip - Loveland Ohio - ShowFest on Valentine's Day. Approx 20mins before Fairfield. Will leave ahead of the event, then head to NY to see a show on the way back.

Director Reports - Dave

- Percussion and Guard Show was a huge success, huge crowd and couldn't even fit everyone.
- 1st half of the show was packed, 2nd half could have accommodated more people
- Directors were pleased, specific Director (S. Yarmouth) was really impressed with volunteers and environment of low stress
- NESBA Email (Machado) - extended thank you, felt it was the best environment and organized show and appreciated taking care of last minute judge change (Dave made a note that that he has never received emails like this before)
- Dave thanked Terry, Chris, Angie, Jerry and all the volunteers for the assistance
- Jazz Band, 3/12, excellent comments, 2 spring concerts, DES Jazz show
- Winter Guard, 6th place finish - was the best run they had
- Winter Percussion - finals in 2 days, best programs, good story and good music
- Monday - will be performing at Devereaux School to perform for those Devereaux students
- Tuesday - Guard and Percussion cap off with family and friends with DMS and CMS performance and reception
- FL Trip - letter of intent has been handed in
- 4/23 - Concert including DMS and CMS, \$5 donation covers pizza for the students.
- Marching Band Design meetings are wrapping up

Old Business - 10 Min

1. By Law Review - Hilary referred the group to review the proposed by-law changes. They are not for vote tonite, but will be included for voting at the next meeting.
2. Gillette - Contract Update & Incentive Vote - Incentive vote to be deferred until the by-law changes are updated. We received our ST-2. Therefore, if you are making purchases, please have the ST-2 with you so that we can benefit from it. Some retailers may want this on file with them. Mary provided an update to the group on the schedule. Our first event will be 4/13 and we need more volunteers. There is also a Team training session upcoming as well.
3. Winter Percussion and Colorguard Home Show - Recap - Given above by Dave. Mr. Chaplin was also in attendance, was very impressed and provided good feedback.
4. Trailer Day - April 13th - Student Tri-M projects to help move items from existing trailer to new SHMPA trailer and to also clean the fryolators. Some shelving has been bought. Expectation is that we will pull stuff from music trailers, unload from trailers, pull from the band cafe and move fryolators.
5. Scholarship Committee - The Review Group met on Sunday at J. Winan's home to revamp the application process and rubric. Removed Director Feedback and Teacher Recommendations in order to simplify the process and with a focus on Leadership, academics, community and extra curricular activities of a well rounded student vs. specifically music focused. Candidates must be in the music program to qualify. G. Bussiere asked why the Director's feedback was removed. The review group indicated that the scoring and comments were subjective. They considered keeping the Director feedback, but felt it was important to put the emphasis on the student. M. McKenzie mentioned that the SH Booster Club requires a certain # of volunteer hours/events. The group agreed that volunteerism must be demonstrated by the applicant. G. Bussiere's impression is that we are taking the "music" out

of the scholarship. The Review Group overviewed the scoring that would be applied. Becky expressed concern that the Director's feedback was removed without their input. C. Marrier mentioned a past scenario where Directors favored someone for the scholarship, yet, the scholarship committee did not agree, which caused some concern. The review group confirmed the process is still anonymous and are open to the Director's providing feedback before it gets into the hands of the SHMPA Scholarship Committee, but felt that we should remove the subjective scoring aspects. K. Morin inquired about the GPA requirements and asked if an exception could be made for those on an IEP. The essay remains (most memorable experiences and how it impacted them). M. McKenzie feels students need to put time and effort into the essay and only get a point for the essay. JE Cloutier indicated her understanding that the essay could be used to help make decisions should a tie breaker be needed. J. Winans indicated she didn't understand it the same way. Becky liked the idea of the essay being used for tie breakers. Dave indicated he is in favor of revamping, but feels the Director's perspective should be considered since they spend years with these kids, helping to develop their leadership and team building skills. J. Martin suggested that one scholarship be offered for Choral and one for Band. H. Grabe agreed and reminded the audience that we only have \$1000 allocated for scholarship so this needs to be equitable. S. Taylor agreed that 2 scholarships at \$500 each should drive students to put in more effort towards completing the application process. The changes discussed today will be included prior to presenting the scholarship application to guidance. K. Morin again asked that students with IEPs be considered. Guidance may need to be consulted since IEP information is considered private info. Lastly, the weighting portion of the rubric was removed as well.

June Ellen is Chairing the Scholarship Review Committee. 3 people are carrying over from the past committee. Nicole Szretter volunteered. 1 more person is needed

6. Board Elections - H. Grabe indicated that all positions are open. We will be voting during the 5/1 meeting. If you are interested in running, please submit your name to J. Winans by 4/20.

New Business - 15 Min

1. Sell off of Candy/Beverage Inventory - S. Sage gave a summary of what was left. The group made a decision that rather than attempt to sell a small amount of remaining items, we shared them with the group at the meeting.
2. Old Home Day - H. Grabe indicated she already submitted the application to avoid losing our spot. Was hoping that Emily may consider running the event again. Dave will consult with her. We submitted to do burgers, french fries, fried dough and drinks. Other alternative items were shared.
3. John Paire Foundation - Becky shared that the Paire Foundation covered expense costs for 4 students this year and commented that no one is asking them for help. Kids and Teachers can ask for help. G. Bussiere indicated that Renee Paire was a Chorus and Color Guard member.

Next Meeting: Wednesday - May 1, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the SHRHS Library

Adjourned: 7:58 pm