

SHS MUSIC BOOSTERS

Minutes February 15, 2023

Board Attendance:

Michaela Turbitt, Melissa Moroni, Laura Field-Swallow, Lisa Harrington

Absent: Paul Duhamel, Katherine Young, Lisa Harrington

General Attendance:

Kerri Ferreira, Francine Ayrassian, Lori Tomah, Sandi Brenner, Sherri Briggs

Secretary's Report:

Michaela Turbitt distributed January minutes via email. Kerri Ferreira moved, seconded by Melissa Moroni, to approve the minutes. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Missi Moroni stated the account balance of the operating fund is currently \$10,542.27. Two tuition checks still have not cleared. Take Your Seat fund is \$1018.27. TTYS fundraiser will be pushed out to seniors as this will make a great graduation gift.

Ms. Turbitt stated Paul Duhamel can provide specific details but provided list of items and approximate costs: headsets for Tech crew/Stage Manager, etc to be approximately \$300. There is a higher need for non-interference with other open channels. Ms. Turbitt attended the Arts Task Force meeting and stated the cost for stage legs is approximately \$2500 and that is something that could possibly be replaced (versus full curtains).

Ms. Moroni stated Mr. Schwartz has not submitted payment for web site. Ms. Moroni added upcoming expenses include insurance (\$400), banquet payment (\$400) and post/pre-grad event (\$100) as well as two scholarships (two \$500 scholarships) which now will be paid same year as award.

TRI-M Report

Due to rehearsals, no Tri-M members were present.

Choral/Band Report:

Mrs. Young was at rehearsal and provided update via email. Mrs. Young stated Grade 8 students visited SHS for Course Selection Fair and SHS Chorus performed for them, and there was a music table set up at the fair to promote music classes. .

Mrs. Young stated the second semester students are adjusting well. Six RIC students came to perform for the chorus class today. Band and chorus students are preparing for the festival concert/RIMEA festival.

Old Business:

Regarding raffle and concession items for the musical, Ms. Turbitt listed items received as well as places contacted. Anyone with contacts should reach out as this is the biggest fundraiser. If

necessary, gift cards received from supermarkets can be used to purchase concession items and possibly candy from Amazon (due to pricing).

Ms. Turbitt stated the last payment for the New York trip is due March 1. At the last meeting, it was discussed the Boosters should cover the cost of dinner the first evening as the first dinner is not included and the hotel is in New Jersey (vs. New York).

Ms. Brenner moved, seconded by Ms. Aryassian to cover the cost of dinner the first evening (via SHS Music Boosters debit card) of the April trip. All approved.

Ms. Ferreira is donating the Swag Bag which will be given to participants and we will fill with snacks.

New Business:

Ms. Young communicated (via email) that an additional \$4000 expense was incurred as several professional musicians needed to be hired for pit band due to the challenging music of this play.

Ms. Turbitt stated although the Boosters were not asked to cover any portion of this expense, Ms. Turbitt wanted the membership to determine if this was something to which they should contribute.

There was discussion among the membership relating to the mission and expenses typical for the annual musical. It was noted this past year, students experienced several changes within the music program such as Dr. Chartier resigning, Mrs. Young transition to Band and the delay in hiring .6 teacher.

Ms. Brenner moved, seconded by Ms. Aryassian, to approve \$1000 for costumes (\$400) and set materials (\$600) for the musical Legally Blonde. All approved.

Ms. Turbitt introduced idea of a district-wide Booster Committee. It will be discussed at April meeting.

Regarding the School Committee meeting, Ms. Turbitt stated the committee was supportive of increasing the staffing in the music department; however staffing is the second tier. Approximately \$335,000 is needed to fulfill the Tier 1 items, and an additional \$36,000 for the first Tier 2 item.

Next Meeting:

March 9 will be working meeting; set-up for play (Time TBD)

Ms. Moroni moved to adjourn at 8:15, seconded by Ms. Brenner. Approved.

