

SHS MUSIC BOOSTERS

Minutes April 20, 2023

Board Attendance:

Michaela Turbitt, Paul Duhamel, Laura Field-Swallow, and Katherine Young (Zoom)

Absent: Melissa Moroni, Lisa Harrington

General Attendance:

Maryann Iannuccillo, Rose Marie Cipriano, Sandi Brenner, Kerri Ferreira, Francine Ayrassian, Tracey Bosco, Lu Duhamel, Josh Lynch, Chris Lynch

Secretary's Report:

Michaela Turbitt distributed February minutes via email. There were no minutes for March due to Legally Blonde.

Paul Duhamel moved, seconded by Maryann Iannuccillo, to approve the minutes. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Missi Moroni was absent; Mrs. Turbitt provided an update. Since last meeting, \$1000 scholarship payments and \$1000 donation to Legally Blonde were withdrawn. Regarding the New York trip, \$140 was spent on snacks for swag bags and approximately \$300+ for pizza (dinner) on the first evening.

Ms. Turbitt stated raffle tickets and concessions (Legally Blonde) raised approximately \$3100.

Ms. Turbitt stated upcoming expenses include this year's scholarships (\$1000), and insurance (\$300).

TRI-M Report

Josh stated nominations for Legion of Honor are being received. Also the end of the year banquet is being held at Twelve Acres on May 11. The induction of the new members will take place at the banquet.

Choral/Band Report:

Ms. Young stated the band will be performing at the Spring concert on May 17 as well as graduation on June 8.

Ms. Turbitt stated it would be possible to purchase the rights for next year's show with the profit from this year.

Ms. Young stated Chorus are working on two pieces for the Spring concert and for graduation. Also, they will be performing at the school's pep rally.

Ms. Young added the student teacher only has two more weeks, but has taken great initiative and also has great energy.

Old Business:

Ms. Young stated both ensembles did very well in New York. This was the first overnight trip since COVID; it was a well-packed itinerary and a great experience for all. Everyone is already looking forward to next year.

Ms. Young added it was difficult as Legally Blonde, All-State, and the Festival were scheduled so closely together. It has been quite some time since the band attended so it was great for all to be together.

Ms. Young noted there was a short clinic with one of the judges which offered new ideas and exercises. Superior was the highest score possible on the rubric and they received Excellent.

Mrs. Swallow stated the scholarship committee has selected two scholarship winners. Applicant numbers were provided to Ms. Young to match with names to provide to Ms. DiMuccio.

Ms. Iannuccillo asked if the Department scholarship would be provided this year due to Dr. Chartier's absence. Ms. Young was not certain but does not believe so as that scholarship was specifically on behalf of Dr. Chartier.

Ms. Turbitt estimated the Take Your Seat campaign raised an additional \$400. Those plaques are expected to be installed by graduation. It was suggested to post QR codes at doors of auditorium as well as in the Observer.

New Business:

Mrs. Turbitt stated she and Mr. Duhamel attended the Arts Task Force meeting and summer arts camp was discussed. Dr. Monaco is working on a grant in hopes to offer the camp again this year. If held, the camp will move from Gallagher Middle School to Old County Road School. Mrs. Turbitt stated there isn't a need for tutoring so perhaps making changes to the offerings such as ensemble type of things.

Mrs. Turbitt stated the Music Banquet will be at Twelve Acres on May 11. Parents are purchasing tickets; however the Boosters has allotted \$400 for donation to cover taxes, gratuity, etc.

Mr. Duhamel moved, seconded by Mrs. Swallow to donate \$400 as stated. All approved.

Ms. Young stated there is a surplus in the budget so guitar amps for Garage Band will be purchased with those funds.

Ms. Young asked if Boosters would be willing to fund the yearly senior gifts. Ms. Young estimates cost to be \$300. Mrs. Swallow moved, seconded by Mr. Duhamel to purchase senior gifts not to exceed \$400. All approved.

Regarding the upcoming Cabaret, there was discussion on how registration and tickets would be sold. Ms. Brenner stated On the Stage would not be best option for this performance as a percentage of sales would be donated to charity of students' choice.

It was decided promotional materials would indicate tickets will be available at door cash only (with Square on hand).

Mrs. Turbitt stated Cabaret is June 15 and we will need to beef up concessions this year.

Mrs. Turbitt stated the Swag Store will be open until May 1 for anyone wishing to purchase merchandise.

Mrs. Turbitt stated there was discussion on possibility of merging GMS/SHS district-wide boosters with town and asked for input. Attendees discussed pros and cons of combining resources and budgets, etc.

Mrs. Turbitt noted elections for next year's board would take place at next month's meeting. As Mrs. Turbitt's daughter is a senior, she will not be seeking a place on the board. Anyone interested in running for a position or nominating someone for a position, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Turbitt in advance of the next meeting or nominate next month. Positions on the board include: President, VP-Chorus, VP-Band, Treasurer, Secretary. Mrs. Turbitt also noted there is possibility of Co-Presidency if preferred.

Next Meeting:

May 18 at 7 PM in the Choral Room.

Mr. Duhamel moved to adjourn at 8:01, seconded by Ms. Ferreira. Approved.