



SIMB OFFICERS MEETI...

S.I.M.B. GENERAL MEETING (ZOOM)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:34

2. ROLL CALL

x	Andy Hire, Director	x	Bill Burdick, President	x	AJ Scott, Chaperones		Membership Diana Regan
x	Brian King, Director	x	Scott Carmen, Vice president	x	Michelle DunBrack, Chaperones/ Concert Uniforms	x	Jennifer Bubb Concert Uniforms
		x	Ron Uline, treasurer	X	Jenn Neiderhausen, Marching Uniforms	x	MJ Ogreaan, Hospitality
		x	Karen Maddox, Secretary	x	Laurie Uline, Marching Uniforms	x	John Zylstra Webmaster
		x	Pam Zylstra, fundraising	x	Beth Wilkinson newsletter	x	Jim Milligan co-concessions

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES MJ, motion AJ, second

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

A. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** see attached

B. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Sept 1 Dover away game is 79 miles away. Proposal of SIMB providing band dinner before they leave so the kids don't travel hungry. DQ and/ or pizza.

Discussion about head count, call times, etc. Proposal under new business will be presented. Notification to students that student dinners will be canceled.

Students will stay at SHS due to early call time.

C. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Do not yet have an approved operating budget. Need to finalize and approve ASAP. Budget -\$6000 currently for this year. Expected to turn around as concessions profits come in.

Revamping documentation to all digital. Receipts should be scanned and emailed to Ron instead of paper copies.

SIMBtreasuer@gmail.com is the preferred email account.

D. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Wednesday Charms

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. **SHS ORCHESTRA REPORT**

Mr Hire: Thank you concert uniform committee and volunteers.

51 mattresses sold.

Concessions profits will be...

Coupon kickoff this Thursday

Electrify Your Symphony programming is underway. Online ticketing through BrownPaperTickets. Nov 19 concert. Parent informational letter sent to parents and in Google Classroom.

Oct 20 Concert. Potluck is being discussed with Mr Wingler.

Disney trip info sent via Google Classroom. October 1 registration deadline.

Chaperone intent forms being accepted still.

B. SHS BAND REPORT

Mr King: Thank you to all volunteers. Very big help.

Complimentary email from Solon on our band.

Medina home Friday, Lakewood Band Festival Saturday, Day at the Chalet Sunday

New drills will be coming up. Oct 8 Homecoming/8th grade night, Oct 15 Senior Night.

C. SMS ORCHESTRA REPORT

Beth to read Ms Taylor's report: Sending home *Electrify Your Symphony* and t shirt order form being sent home. Fundraiser for activities account being planned.

D. SMS BAND REPORT

Mr Chidsey: SMS band/orchestra fundraiser

a. Later September - still needs approval but paperwork is in the works.

b. This is to replenish our activity accounts. We haven't needed a fundraiser for 4 years or so.

6. Bands are doing well - everyone is up and running

7. Excited to have 6th grade every day this year - and we are already seeing the benefits

a. Students are retaining more, and there is more consistency.

b. Lots of 6th grade beginners -

c. Because of COVID causing low 5th grade numbers last year and many new move ins, we have a bumper crop of 6th grade beginners.

d. Every day will help them catch up much faster.

8. Eagle Scout instruments -

a. We have at least 1 student using an instrument. The fee was the same as other school owned instruments.

b. I'll send \$30 over to SIMB for this

c. The instruments are in good condition, but we could use a few new cases. Maybe that would be something to upgrade in the near future.

9. 5th grade beginners are beginning this week -

a. Great response this year - especially after last year.

10. 8th grade night with the marching band is October 8th.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Question: Will potlucks be held? Still in talks with Mr Wingler if this will be possible this year.

Member started making shirts for band parents raising \$200 for SIMB. Would like to know how to submit profits with SIMB. Discussion about submitting designs to SIMB and directors before proceeding in the future. Pam reached out to work with member in the future.

Discussion about website, submissions, and optimizing publication

Discussion about possibility of creating a directory

Member asks if Senior night recording will take place. Mr King confirmed that it will.

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to provide meal for Dover away game by Scott C. Tracy G second . All in favor.

14. NOMINATION COMMITTEE

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CONCERT UNIFORMS

Tux fittings tomorrow. Dresses are ordered. Everything moving along smoothly.

B. CHAPERONE

Thank you to all volunteers. 3 more needed to Dover game.

Will chaperones be needed for concerts this year? Directors both agreed it was helpful.

8th grade chaperones needed for Homecoming game.

C. HOSPITALITY

Provided popsicles for MS camp in the summer. Our next effort would be the potlucks, if approved. Maybe some other social event for the kids, like an ice cream social or food truck.

D. PUBLICITY/WEB

working on getting the website info updated

E. MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS

Thank you for volunteers.

Guard uniforms will be washed. MidSeason cleaning will be planned soon.

Seniors were given Green band for recognition

F. MEMBERSHIP

160 members for the year to date. Early bird drawing for DQ. 2 (student) winners were drawn.

Working to have own table on display at football games.

G. NEWSLETTER

Use gmail account. wilkisonbeth@gmail.com. All submissions for Sept due the 24th.

16. FUNDRAISING

A. CONCESSION

Jim M: It takes an army to put a football game together. Committee and family members are appreciated. Sign up Genuis help but volunteers are always needed.

Solon home JV game was not as expected but we did have revenue.

Constantly exploring ordering options and inventory for concessions. Adjusting quantities and preferences. Visitor stand fridge is down. Have been using ice in coolers for pop.

Communication during games needs to be improved. Working on ideas to do that.

Oct 16 is a game we are hosting for 2 other districts. This falls immediately after a varsity FB game on Oct 15.

B. GENERAL FUNDRAISING

Appeal store is open. Mom and Dad shirt are available, yard signs, and other design options.

Dining to Donate Oct 12 at Dairy Queen

Coupon books are in print hoping soon distribution

Southpark Mall 25th anniversary. Will be selling 600-800 pumpkins, proceeds will be split with SIMB. Requesting student reps, around 12, and chaperones.

Money toward Disney Trip.

Ornaments are in band room. Will need crafters/ decorators to decorate.

Fundraiser for Harvest Saloon needs volunteers. Organize community donations, selling tickets, raffle baskets, 50/50 raffle

17. LIAISON REPORTS

18. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

19. ADJOURNMENT 8:46

20. NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 AT 6:30 PM (ZOOM)

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
13, 2021**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER

THE PURPOSE OF SIMB:

A. Provide volunteer support to the band and orchestra programs and directors within the Strongsville City Public Schools.

B. Provide supplementary financial support to the band and orchestra programs within the Strongsville City Public Schools outside of the district budget.

C. Promote and foster interest in the band and orchestra programs with in the Strongsville City Public Schools.

D. Sustain the Fundraising efforts by SIMB.

THANK YOU EVERYONE:

The 2021-2022 School Year is starting off with a Big Bang!! The Chairs, Officers, Directors and Volunteers have been extremely busy. I want to take a moment to say **"THANK YOU"**. Your support is truly appreciated. **YOU** are the **STRONG** in Strongsville Instrumental Music Boosters.

NEW SHED:

The New Shed is up. A special thanks goes to Keith Simak from Maintenance and his staff for assembling the New Shed. Also, Maintenance has taken on Custodial Care of Catan Stadium. In the past the Custodial Crew was tied to the High School. On Wednesday, September 01, 2021, we noticed that inventory level on water was in question. We were missing product. In talking with Keith Simak, On Monday, August 30th, the shed was wide open. He was reviewing the video tape to see what transpired. The position of the cameras could not show any tampering. In talking with Steve Breckner who is the Director of Facilities, he would replace any lost product for us. The shed was locked, the concession was locked. I asked to Steve to see if the alarmed was turned off. The key was in the main concession. The key is there in the event that Maintenance had to put something of ours in the shed. The reason for this is the New Shed is property donated to SCS by SIMB. SIMB has the use total usage of the SHED because of the donation. It is a legality issue when dealing with insurance on the Catan Property. SCS is responsible for the update and upkeep of the New Shed. As of now, the Key to the Shed is in the hands of Concessions.

SIMB MAINTENANCE FOR THE NEW YEAR:

I know that we are just starting the new school year. We will have two positions available for the new school year. The Positions are the following: President and Treasurer. If anyone is interested in running for one of those position, please reach out to Andy Hire. Under Article VII the following will happen:

Section 7.01. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed in January by the President with direction from the Board.

Section 7.02. The names of the members appointed to the Nominating Committee shall be listed in the minutes and February newsletter sent to membership.

Section 7.03. The Nominating Committee shall submit nominations for elected offices at the April General Meeting. Consent of all candidates for office must be obtained before their names are placed in nomination.

Section 7.04. To minimize transition disruption, elections for President and Secretary will be held in even numbered years and elections for Vice President and Treasurer will be held in odd numbered years. Nominations may be made from the floor. If there is only one candidate for an office, the Secretary may be instructed to cast the elective ballot for the nominee.

Section 7.05. The officers shall be elected by majority vote ballot (when written ballot is needed to present numerous candidates) at the April General meeting.

Section 7.05. The term of each office shall be two years.

Section 7.06. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same elected office. Exceptions to this provision may be made by majority vote at the April General Membership meeting.

Section 7.07. The Board shall, by majority vote, elect a member of the organization to fill any office which becomes vacant during the year. The elected officer will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

SIMB has a bylaw amendment that was tabled last April. We will be putting a committee together for the review of the tabled bylaw. Those who are interested in joining that committee should reach out to Scott Carman. As Vice President of SIMB, he is the facilitator of the bylaws. The Committee will be meet in December of 2022.

APOLOGY FROM THE MIDVIEW BAND DIRECTOR:

Good morning all,

I just wanted to write and formally apologize for the behavior of one of our parents toward your program last night. We are very grateful for the hospitality you provided out of the goodness of your hearts and she had no call or authority to treat your volunteers as she did. We will be handling this on our end. I hope we can put this incident behind us as my kids had nothing but good things to say about the behavior of your band members towards them. I thought you put on an excellent show last night and was very impressed with the precision and cleanliness of the marching!

Again, I apologize on behalf of the band for the incident. Good luck with the rest of your season and I hope you have a restful weekend.

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Colleen Crayton
High School Band Director
Midview Local Schools
38199 Capel Rd.
Grafton, OH 44044

After half time, we had some products that were not selling well. We gave those items to our Marching Band. A Volunteer from the Midview Band saws this and went to complain to our Concession Staff. She complained that We as an organization was inconsiderate and quite rude that we only cared for our band, and showed no consideration towards the Midview Band. She indicated that some students forgot their money and could not buy food nor drink.

The individual came across as the director of the Midview Music Program. She lambasted some of our Parent Volunteers. When one parent directed her to me, I listened to her concern and took action. Sharon Alley sent over some water to the Midview Band. Scott Carman and I sent over leftover Pizza and Chicken Sandwiches. As we dropped off the food, Scott and I were approached by two members of Midview High School. They asked why we were bringing food over to them. We told them about this lady who came across as the Band Director. Ms. Colleen Crayton turned around an told us that she was the director. She asked us to describe this woman. We did. We also told her that if there was a student in need, we would have helped them. We are parents. We would not turn our backs on a child. I asked to talk to us, do not talk at us or down to us. I told Ms. Crayton; The person heart was in the right place but her overzealous attitude darken the conversation. The person next to Ms. Crayton was the Principal from Midview. He was in complete disbelief and apologized profusely. The incident would be taken care of by him.

An incident report was later written to Brian King and Andy Hire. Mr. King in a follow up statement stated that Ms. Crayton spoke to him after the game.

CHICK FIL A

On Tuesday, September 7, 2021, Tim Milligan and I received an email from Brian Milligan

On Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Jim Milligan and I received an email from Brian Wellman. He is the owner of the Chick Fil A. He was disappointed that we moved away from Chick Fil A and moved over to Dairy Queen. Here is the email that he sent to Jim and I and my incident report that I sent to the Officers, Directors and Denny Ziegler.

Bill and Jim,

I wanted to reach out about the change in concessions at Strongsville High School. Chick-fil-A has been partnered with SIMB for 10 years, and we value the relationship we felt we had built. This year, with no discussion and no consideration, we found out the concession program changed. I understand change happens, but it is surprising not to be included in any of the discussions. We had actually setup our team in another CFA during our reinvestment period to ensure you would see no disruption in service, then after multiple unreturned calls we saw a Facebook post stating DQ was the concessions provider.

Over the years we have structured our concessions program to ensure SIMB was fund raising between \$900-\$1500 (per game), by donating 100 sandwiches and providing \$2.00-\$2.50 margin in the sandwiches above 100. My goal has always been to help SIMB raise as much as possible. When we started, we used to say we wanted SIMB to be able to purchase a minimum of one instrument or uniform from the proceeds of each game. We certainly would have done anything we could to help you meet your goals, even if the goals had changed. In the end, I hope you can understand how a local business owner and longtime partner, who has contributed to all aspects of Strongsville Schools, could be disappointed when he/she is excluded from the discussion.

All of that said, I remain a dedicated supporter of our schools and music education at all levels.

Sincerely,

Brian

The Incident Report to the Directors, Officers and Athletic Director

Afternoon Everyone –

Jim Milligan and I received this email yesterday afternoon. Jim's was resent to him by me because his email was sent to the wrong email address. It was from Brian Wellman from Chick Fil A Strongsville. He is the owner operator. He was concerned that we made changes with our Concession Menu. The menu changes were a decision made by the Concession Team. Brian is not happy that we did not talk to him. Personally, I do not know who Brian is until we had a conversation. We spoke on the phone or about 30 minutes.

He feels disrespected because we did not talk to him. I explained that the organization was not happy with the last fall fundraiser for Friday Night Football. I told him that when we spoke to Jade, she indicated that we only garnered only \$.23 cents in the total fundraiser. He commented that he only had 3 families mentioned the SIMB Fundraiser. That is a total bunch of bunk, because my family alone was there 2 times purchasing at Chick Fil A during the fundraiser. That does not include other SIMB Families. When I told him that, he turned the blame on to Denny Ziegler for his lack of marketing effort. His store was not advertised properly. I told him that we sent all our vendor advertising of the Friday Night Football Fundraiser to Dan Foust at the BOE. Dan sent out the mass blast throughout the system. His comeback to me was that brought his food truck to the Football Games. The proceeds would go to SIMB and Athletics. I told him that SIMB did not receive any of those funds.

I brought up that you closed your store for a remodel and SIMB was not told of this. We found out via Social Media. Brian told me that he spoke to a Kelly from SIMB about the change. Would someone please introduce Kelly to me? I never met this lady. I would like to get her side of the story. Finally, last comeback was Royalton, Brunswick and Medina stayed with them. Those Programs do not have our type of Sponsorship. The Concession Team made a decision, and I back my TEAM.

In his email, he told us that he donated 100 Chicken Sandwiches per game. I told him that we received only 50 free sandwiches. Also, he indicated that we were making \$2.00 + dollars per sandwich. That is not true because our cost was in the \$4.00 range and we were selling it for \$5.50. We were making about \$1.25 + per sandwich. His math was completely off. When I told him that I had the numbers, he changed to the next topic. He went to talk how he donated money to the turf fund. SIMB donated funds. He advertises at games. That money goes to Athletics, not to SIMB. He rambled on about Dr. Ryba. When Cameron needed help, he was there for Cameron. Brian is on the Finance Committee for the BOE. He helps Dr. Ryba whenever he is called upon. I continued to listened to Brian's rambling. My response again to him is that the Concession Team made a decision, and I back my TEAM. That is when the conversation ended.

Let's remember one thing, it was Cameron and George Anagnostou who reviewed and approve the DQ Sponsorship. Nothing was said to us about Chick Fil A and their past efforts. We had Dr. Ryba's Blessing. After Cameron's Blessing, Scott Carman, Jim Milligan, and I met with Bill Wingler. We explained the program and where we stood with Dr. Ryba. Because of our contact with DQ, Bill Wingler purchased burgers, hotdogs and buns for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at the end of the year. SIMB did the cooking so Bill could mingle with the staff. I quite sure Bill did not get scolded for using DQ instead of Chick Fil A.

All in all, I am letting everyone know what transpired. Next Year, the new President might want to bring CFA Back. That will be a discussion of the Concession Team and Officers. I will not have a say in that decision. Remember, I am officially done when my youngest receives her diploma. Nothing Personal!! Strictly Business!!