



S.I.M.B. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

August 15, 2022

6:00 PM

Strongsville High School Music Room

1. **CALL TO ORDER** AJ Scott, President, called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM. This was after a presentation by our Mattress Fundraiser provider, CFS Beds.
2. **ROLL CALL** Diana Ragan, Secretary, called the roll and welcomed other SIMB Members.

X	Andy Hire, Director	X	Scott Carmen, Vice president	X	Jennifer Bubb Concert Uniforms	X	Jenn Niederhausen, Marching Uniforms
X	Brian King, Director	X	Ron Uline, Treasurer	X	Jennifer Magel Concert Uniforms	X	Vicki Maloney Membership
	Christopher Chidsey, SMS Band Director	X	Diana Ragan, Secretary	X	Jennie Kelley-Crosby, Fundraising	X	Maria Dinkins Publicity/ Newsletter Committee
	Kim Taylor, SMS Orchestra Director		Florence Zabarsky, Concessions	X	Tracy Salvo, Fundraising		Karen Devine Publicity Flyers
X	Mrs. Roblee SMS Band		Tracy Grauel co-concessions	X	Laurel Maher, Hospitality		Open Donut Sales
	Additional Music Staff	X	Darlene Wilke Concessions-purchasing	X	Kim Novoblisky, Hospitality		Open Treasurer's assistant
X	AJ Scott, President/Chaperone		Open Co-Chaperone	X	Laurie Uline, Marching Uniforms		OPEN Webmaster

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Jen Niederhausen made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting. Jennie Crosby seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Minutes were posted on SCS SIMB Website

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1658953756/strongnetorg/ntpiolwiqisoa9xztgyi/SIMBMeetingMinutes-7-11-22REV.pdf>

4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(See attached)

- B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** Scott Carmen, Vice President, shared that the Marching Band golf cart is ready for use after a few minor repairs. The Marching Band trailer is also ready for the first away game.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT** Ron Uline, Treasurer, shared that the budget is very tight this year. We are looking for ways to cut costs and increase revenue. Other ways to increase fundraising, per Jennie Crosby include Pancake Breakfast w/Santa, with selling tree ornaments, Fresh Fruit Sale in January, and Coupon Book sale, which will occur in the spring this year. In addition, there was the creation of a student scholarship designed for current students who want to attend SMS Band or Orchestra camp, or other funding needs. All money would be used for current students. Seed money was donated, but there are no parameters or guidelines set at this time. To continue funding this scholarship, reaching out to alumni may be a viable option.
- D. SECRETARY'S REPORT** Diana Ragan, Secretary, asked if the Chairpeople who are not able to attend an SIMB meeting, if they would please forward a copy of their report to her. She hopes to continue to work out the kinks with Charms. She met with Mr. King & Mr. Hire prior to the meeting.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. SHS ORCHESTRA REPORT** Mr. Hire, Orchestra Director, shared that they are preparing for the new school year. SMS Summer Orchestra camp went well, with Hospitality providing pizza lunch & popsicles.
- B. SHS BAND REPORT** Mr. King, Band Director, shared that Meet the Mustangs occurred on Thursday, the Student leadership & others performed for teachers and will perform at the Freshman Pep Rally. School year rehearsals are Tuesdays 3-5 PM & Thursdays 6-9 PM. Friday, August 19 is the first home game with call time at 5:15 PM & the game begins at 7 PM. Additional performances included the North Royaltown and Lakewood Band shows and the Day at the Chalet. Mr. King thanked the Uniform Committee for their splendid work with the Marching Band uniforms. He also announced that SCS approved the purchase of a new drumline, with harnesses donated by the Reinhart's. Mr. Tyson was recently hired as a Band/Orchestra teacher. Scott Mayberry took the Band pictures during Band Camp. Regarding communications, please use Remind 101 and Google Classroom. There is a potential for a band website in the future.
- C. SMS ORCHESTRA REPORT** Please see SHS report.
- D. SMS BAND REPORT** Mrs. Roblee says thank you to the Hospitality Committee for their help and support. Numbers are up!

6. OLD BUSINESS

- Bylaw Committee report: Scott Carmen, Vice President, introduced the proposed bylaws change. This will be voted on next month. Please see proposed amendment change listed on SCS SIMB Website:
<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1659958464/strongnetorg/hljggzqdetfo3kcy00gr/ProposedBylawAmendment1-08-2022PDF.pdf> In addition, changing the SIMB Fiscal Year may be a future proposed amendment.
- Marching band trailer: (form ad hoc committee to research pricing, contact sponsors and get done ASAP). Scott Maloney made a motion to create an ad hoc committee to research pricing

and sponsorship. Jen Bubb seconded the motion. The motion passed. Members of the ad hoc committee include: Adrea Putrino, Scott Maloney and Colin Sikon.

- Background checks: it is an Ohio Department of Education requirement.
- Volunteer criteria: policy for Volunteers that are working directly with the students. This includes Chaperones and Uniform help. Parents and guardians of current students are permitted to volunteer if they have a current BCI on file with SCS.

If volunteer opportunities are available after current students' parents and guardians have been given a chance to sign up, then parents and guardians of alumni can sign up. That way we can filter in some of the Freshmen and Sophomore parents and get them to stick around. No former students may chaperone or participate in uniforms.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Open positions: we are still in need of volunteers to fill a few positions. Colin Sikon's wife, Mrs. Cathy Sikon has agreed to serve as the Donut Chairperson. Jen Magel agreed to serve as Treasurer's Assistant. Vicki Maloney agreed to serve as Flower Chairperson again and Webmaster. We are still in need of a Co-Chaperone Chairperson.
- Insurance: SIMB holds liability insurance through SCS. However, SIMB is looking for additional insurance, bonding criminal liability insurance. Maria Dinkins made a motion to look for pricing for Bonding Insurance. Scott Maloney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. NOMINATION COMMITTEE No report.

9. CONCERT UNIFORMS Jen Bubb stated that forms for students will go out soon. The tuxedos need new barcodes. The girls' dresses increased in price to \$91 regular/\$96 tall.

A. CHAPERONE

- Will need a co-chair for chaperones
- Signups are active for fall
- We want Chaperones for Concerts at High school and middle school. Dates and times were requested of Directors.

B. HOSPITALITY Laurel Maher and Kim Novoblisky provided popsicles for SMS & SHS camp members. They also provided lunch for SMS band camp members. Future events include HS Orchestra and Band end-of season potluck dinners.

C. PUBLICITY/WEB Maria Dinkins has graciously agreed to take over Facebook publicity. Vicki Maloney is working on the Membership Toolkit website. Diana Ragan is working with SHS/Ms. Orlosky on the strongnet.org/simb website until a switch can be made.

D. MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS Laurie Uline and Jen Niederhausen thanked their helpers for a smooth uniform fitting week. They suggested something like epaulets or a pin for each year on the uniforms. Laurie & Jen are looking for apprentices who can replace them in the future.

E. MEMBERSHIP Vicki Maloney stated there was a great turnout and many memberships were sold at Meet the Mustangs. She has raised over \$6,050 so far. The associated merchandise requires minimum orders, so she will keep publicizing to hopefully meet those minimum order requirements. Vicki submitted the names to Athletics Director, Rick Schultz for printing in the Fall Sports Programs. Vicki will advertise at both the SMS & SHS Open Houses. She will also send the membership list to Mr. Hire & Mr. King for printing in the future Concert Programs.

F. NEWSLETTER/ Publicity Please see above for Maria Dinkins' report. Newsletter to come out soon, just waiting on a few reports.

10. FUNDRAISING

- A. CONCESSIONS** Florence Zabarsky agreed to Chair this committee. Tracy Grauel is Co-Chair. Colin Sikon has agreed to grill/cook. Darlene Wilke is working with Karen Maddox on Concessions. There was much discussion on pizza costs/pricing, as we do not have a pizza sponsor this year. Scott Maloney agreed to investigate Venmo as a payment option at games. Other Chairpeople mentioned Venmo, or Square would be useful for them as well in a variety of settings.
- B. GENERAL FUNDRAISING** Jennie Crosby and Tracy Salvo run concessions and made \$180 selling chocolate bars at Meet the Mustangs. The Mattress Sale is Saturday, August 27, this is a word-of-mouth campaign. Much publicity help is needed. The Spirit Sale runs until September 1st. We are waiting on totals for amount made at Jersey Mike's. The next Restaurant Night is September 28 at Chipotle. The Best of the Best sale is September 29. Got Sneakers will donate \$.50-\$7.00 per pair of sneakers. Jennie reminded us to reset our Amazon page to Amazon Smiles and SIMB, which donates .05% of all sales to SIMB. We are not using Otis Spunkmeyer but will use Mrs. Fields later in the year. The SIMB group gave Jennie & Tracy a round of applause for the success they have already achieved this year.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT A reminder by Mr. King that all section shirts must be approved.

12. ADJOURNMENT Maria Dinkins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Laurie Uline seconded the motion. The motion passed. AJ Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

13. NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, September 12, 2022, at 6:00 PM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Thank you all for the opportunity to be President this year. I am looking forward to a great year.

SIMB MISSION STATEMENT:

"The purpose of the Strongsville Instrumental Music Boosters (SIMB) is to give volunteer and supplementary financial support to the instrumental music groups within the Strongsville City School system by way of organizing, supporting and sustaining the fundraising efforts of SIMB and to promote and foster interest in the music programs of the Strongsville Schools."

To run our meetings in an efficient manner we shall hear from the board and all committee chairs on the agenda. Then open the floor for public comments and discussions. Please be thorough but brief, all items mentioned during the meeting shall pertain to SIMB. Please keep all other discussions for after the meeting.

SIMB is not the governing body of the districts' Music departments. As with all class structures, the teacher or director should be contacted regarding any issues that arise, if the issue is still unresolved then administration should be notified, if still unresolved then the school superintendent should be notified. As you would not contact a member of the PTA if your child got a failing grade on their math test, parents should not be filing grievances with SIMB regarding their children's placement in an ensemble, the music selection or any other choices made by the teachers/directors.

That having been said, as members of this organization, please be conscious of how you are representing our organization in our community. Everyone is allowed their own opinions; I would respectfully ask that you not share them on the SIMB platform. Watching the Marching Band at their practices and the pool party, seeing how all these individuals come together and celebrate their differences while being part of a cohesive unit, is what we as their parents should emulate as well.

My commitment to communication is to return all email correspondence within 48 hours. If items are of an urgent nature, feel free to text or call 216-644-5084. I will try to respond within 12 hours.