



**S.I.M.B. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**September 12, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**Strongsville High School Music Room**

- **CALL TO ORDER** AJ Scott, President, called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM. This was after a presentation by Amanda from Donato's Pizza. Amanda suggested a few fundraising ideas & the possibilities of working with SIMB for winter concessions.
- **ROLL CALL** Diana Ragan, Secretary, called the roll and welcomed other SIMB Members.

X	Andy Hire, Director		Scott Carmen, Vice president		Jennifer Bubb Concert Uniforms		Jenn Niederhausen, Marching Uniforms
	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		Jennie Kelley- Crosby, Fundraising		Maria Dinkins Publicity/ Newsletter Committee
	Kim Taylor, SMS Orchestra Director		Florence Zabarsky, Concessions	X	Tracy Salvo, Fundraising		<b>OPEN</b> <b>Publicity Flyers</b>
	Mrs. Roblee SMS Band	X	Tracy Grauel co-concessions	X	Laurel Maher, Hospitality		Cathy Sikon Donut Sales
	Additional Music Staff	X	Darlene Wilke Concessions- purchasing	X	Kim Novoblisky, Hospitality	X	Jen Magel Treasurer's assistant
X	AJ Scott, President/Chaper one		<b>OPEN</b> <b>Co-Chaperone</b>	X	Laurie Uline, Marching Uniforms		<b>OPEN</b> <b>Webmaster</b>

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Laurel Maher made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting. Kim Novoblisky seconded the motion. The motion passed.  
Minutes were posted on SCS SIMB Website:  
<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1661354237/strongnetorg/bkoitkpgz7jph1jqz9q3/08-15-22SIMBGeneralAsemblyMeetingMinutes.pdf>
- **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**
  - A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
See attached. And AJ asked the Merkle and Ruff families to share their experiences at the Guardians games. We need volunteers to work at these lucrative games. The Guardians donate \$65/volunteer & 100% of the tips.
  - B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** No report.
  - C. TREASURER'S REPORT** Ron Uline, Treasurer, shared the budget and current account balances of \$47,983 in checking and \$32,150 in savings. We also have \$3,000 in a scholarship fund. Diana Ragan made a motion to approve the budget. Vicki Maloney seconded the motion. The motion passed.
  - D. SECRETARY'S REPORT** Diana Ragan, Secretary, asked if the Chair people who are not able to attend an SIMB meeting, if they would please forward a copy of their report to her. She plans to send out Charms blasts on Wednesdays. Agendas & Minutes are included in these blasts, but can also be found on the SCS/SIMB website:  
<https://shs.strongnet.org/student-life/music/strongsville-instrumental-music-boosters-simb/meeting-dates-agendas-minutes>
- **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**
  - A. SHS ORCHESTRA REPORT** Mr. Hire, Orchestra Director, shared that they are preparing for the new school year and that the green dresses are in for the concert season. They plan to bring back the potluck on Wednesday, October 19. The Orchestra will participate in an adjudicated festival held at Baldwin Wallace on November 4.
  - B. SHS BAND REPORT** Mr. King, Band Director, shared that the band performed well at the football game and the North Royalton Band show. This week, the band plays at an away football game, the Lakewood Band Show and The Day at the Chalet. Charms is up to date.
  - C. SMS ORCHESTRA REPORT** No report.
  - D. SMS BAND REPORT** No report.
- **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Bylaw Committee Report:** Due to Scott Carmen's absence, Scott Maloney shared the proposed bylaws amendment change. The amendment aligns the frequency of the General Assembly Meetings with the Board meetings (10 per year). Vicki Maloney made a motion to accept the amendment. Colin Sikon seconded the motion. The motion passed. Please see the approved amendment change listed on SCS SIMB Website:  
<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1659958464/strongnetorg/hliqgzqdetfo3kcy00gr/ProposedBylawAmendment1-08-2022PDF.pdf>
  - B. Marching Band Trailer Ad Hoc Committee Report:** Last month SIMB created an ad-hoc to investigate pricing options. Members of the ad hoc committee include: Adrea Putrino, Scott Maloney and Colin Sikon. They do still need measurements, but Andrea Putrino found 2 vendors that would be willing to quote a wrap. Colon Sikon suggested a re-decal and hydro dipping. Scott Moloney indicated that a re-decal might be the way to go.

- C. Insurance Ad Hoc Committee Report: No report.
- D. Credit Card/Venmo/Square App Ad Hoc Committee Report: Jennie Crosby and Tracy Salvo recommend using the Square, with Jennie donating a tablet to use the Square. Tracy Salvo demonstrated the Square and its ease of use. Scott Maloney mentioned that he spoke with Huntington Bank, and they said that there are no free merchant processors, even for nonprofit groups. A member asked if the school would be willing to provide a “repeater” for the internet so that both the home and away concessions stands could have access to the internet for Square usage. Mr. Hire sent an email to the school about the repeater during the meeting. Scott Maloney indicated that SIMB will need to investigate a few steps prior to full implementation, including training, setting up of accounts, improving Wi-Fi access, designating administrators, etc. Vicki Maloney made a motion to move forward with the Square on a pilot basis, to see if this is the right platform for SIMB, with the Concessions Team doing the pilot. Tracy Grauel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Ornament and Candy Sales: Lynn Zitnar and Katie Stack presented their ideas about decorating ornaments again this year. Lynn provided a spreadsheet of potential costs. The Board agreed that they should do the ornaments again this year and thanked them for their continued support. A signup genius will come out soon for an ornament decorating event. They also discussed selling homemade chocolate mustangs at the SHS & SMS Band and Orchestra concerts. The Board agreed that they should give that a trial run.
- B. New Grill: Jim Milligan and Colin Sikon presented the fact that the Concession team needs a new grill. A member suggested that they should consider a grill with a large cooktop/skillet. In addition, the second popcorn machine is on its last legs. SIMB purchased a new machine last year to replace a different, broken machine. Jim Milligan made a motion to allocate \$800 of SIMB funds towards a new grill and a new popcorn machine. Colin Sikon seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- C. Mums: Vicki Maloney agreed to run the mum sale again this year. She is selling them at the Orchestra Concert; they are \$10.00 and can be purchased through the SIMB website through September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11 PM.
- D. Sympathy: As many may know, Mr. Tyson suffered two, recent family losses. The Board agreed to send him a gift card and sympathy card (donated by Ron Uline). Laurel Maher agreed to purchase the gift card.

- **NOMINATION COMMITTEE** No report.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **CONCERT UNIFORMS** Please see Jen Bubb’s report: 1. Concert dress orders were submitted last week. We still have plenty of donated dresses in the tux room if a student finds their dress from last year doesn’t fit. 2. Bar codes were ordered and from the emails I’m receiving looks like Ron has received the invoice and paid?? 3. MOST IMPORTANTLY: tux fittings are scheduled for this coming Tuesday (the 20th). We will fit each band/orchestra during their class period. ANY HELP FROM VOLUNTEERS is welcomed!! They can sign up via sign up genius or reach out to me at [simbconcertuniforms@gmail.com](mailto:simbconcertuniforms@gmail.com).
- B. **GENERAL FUNDRAISING** Please see Jennie Crosby’s report: Mattress Sale Profit- \$2,500.00.

Jersey Mikes \$317.52.

Best of the Best Cookie dough sale September 29 kickoff.

Chipotle Dining to Donate September 28

Signup Genius for Pumpkin Patch is out- We need volunteers for September 23 and 24- All pumpkin sales will go to SIMB and SouthPark Mall is adding an additional contribution for helping with this. Homecoming is Sat, so maybe we could have parents sign up for the later shifts? Encourage students who do not plan on attending to sign up. Last year this brought in around \$1000.

Guardians Volunteering- Merkle and Ruff families volunteered we need volunteers for this weekend how can we extend the invitation to get more orchestra parents involved on Friday nights?

Christmas ornaments- Katherine Stack is leading this, she will be at the meeting to talk about volunteers. There is an Amazon wish list, should we make signup genius for supplies?

- C. CONCESSIONS** Please see Florence Zabarsky's report: Hello everyone, Concessions are off to a good start. A BIG thank-you to everyone that has volunteered and helped with concessions at the 1st 2 varsity games, as well as the JV and freshman games. Still having volunteer shortage in some areas. Concessions sales have been great. This past Friday we sold out of almost everything. The only things left were small amount of candy and some beverages. We are having a lot of people coming by asking if we take cards (for payment). It would be very beneficial to concession sales to have at least 1 cashier able to take card payments. In regard to a popcorn machine, discussion has taken place in the past regarding getting a 2nd popcorn machine. We have been very hard pressed keeping up with the demand, with just the 1 machine that we have. At the 1st varsity game, we were able to make well over 500 boxes and at the 2nd game we were only able to make between 350-400 boxes. All popcorn made was sold out at both games. Thank you.  
**Florence Zabarsky Concession Chair** (216) 536-3777 mobile. Other items mentioned were a sign-up genius for the Orchestra kids to help out on Friday night home games with prep work for concessions. Mr. Hire welcomed a sign-up genius/paper that he would distribute to his classes. The Concessions team gives out food and drink to a variety of SCS students, staff and security. They began tracking those donations. Also, the Concessions team wants large signs so that those in the back of the line can see the items and prices. The Board agreed for them to investigate signage and costs for both home and away concessions stands.
- D. HOSPITALITY** Laurel Maher and Kim Novoblisky shared that the Future events include HS Orchestra and Band end-of season potluck dinners will resume this year.
- E. PUBLICITY/WEB** Marching Band is potentially developing a website in the future. Diana Ragan is working with SHS/Ms. Orlosky on the [strongnet.org/simb](http://strongnet.org/simb) website until a switch can be made.
- F. MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS** Laurie Uline thanked the Marching Band uniform helpers. They have re-implemented the "Rack of Shame" as a joking reminder of how to properly fold pants. The uniforms will be dry cleaned mid-season again this year. The potential date is September 24. Laurie & Jen Niederhausen are looking for apprentices who can replace them in the future.
- G. MEMBERSHIP** Vicki Maloney stated there was a great turnout and 126 memberships were sold. She has raised over \$8,575, less fees so far. The associated merchandise requires minimum orders, so she will keep publicizing to hopefully meet those minimum order requirements. Vicki estimates that after the items are purchased, a net profit could

be as high as \$6,400. Vicki submitted a revised list of the names for the re-printing in the Fall Sports Programs.

**H. NEWSLETTER/ Publicity** No report.

**I. CHAPERONE** AJ Scott again shared that they will need a co-chair for chaperones and signups are active for fall.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT** Colin Sikon shared that they sold 80 dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts before halftime at the last football game. The Board agreed to increase the order to 100 dozen per game. Orders should be placed by Wednesday, to secure an order with the vendor. Vicki Maloney is working on a new SIMB website through Membership Toolkit.
- **ADJOURNMENT** Laurie Uline motioned to adjourn the meeting. Scott Maloney seconded the motion. The motion passed. AJ Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.
- **NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, October 10, 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.