



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

**October 10, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**Strongsville High School Music Room**

- **CALL TO ORDER** AJ Scott, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed other SIMB Members and thanked them for attending.
- **ROLL CALL** Diana Ragan, Secretary, called the roll & thanked others for attending.

X	Andy Hire, Director	X	Scott Carmen, Vice president	X	Jennifer Bubb, Concert Uniforms	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	Maria Dinkins, Publicity/ Newsletter Committee
	Kim Taylor, SMS Orchestra Director	X	Florence Zabarsky, Concessions	X	Tracy Salvo, Fundraising	<b>OPEN, 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	X	Kim Spek, Co-Chaperone	X	Laurie Uline, Marching Uniforms	<b>OPEN, Webmaster</b>

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Colin Sikon made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting. Linda Wosnak seconded the motion. The motion passed. Minutes were posted on SCS SIMB Website:  
<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1663782420/strongnetorg/rftgdkuuvyv9bkliobny/09-12-22SIMBGeneralAsemblyMeetingMinutes.pdf>
- **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**
  - A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
 AJ Scott requested an increase in brevity in the committee reports. Also, if a committee needs to meet prior to the General SIMB meeting and report results, the General Assembly meetings may run in a more timely fashion.
  - B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** No report.
  - C. TREASURER'S REPORT** Ron Uline, Treasurer, shared the budget and current account balances of \$61,253 in checking and \$32,151 in savings. We also have \$3,000 in a scholarship fund.
  - 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 will perform their first concert of the season on October 19, along with a potluck. The Orchestra will participate in an adjudicated festival held at Baldwin Wallace on November 4. Chaperones are requested.
  - B. SHS BAND REPORT** Mr. King, Band Director, thanked all the volunteers that helped to make the marching band season successful, with special thanks to those helping at Euclid and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade night. Senior night is October 21 vs. Brunswick, the last regular season home game. The post-season concert and potluck is November 3. Jazz Band Auditions are coming up. Pep Band will begin in November, performing at home boys' basketball games. The OMEA Solo & Ensemble contest is February 11 in N. Ridgeville. A well respected jazz band performs at Slim & Chubby's the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 PM, parent must enter with student.
  - C. SMS ORCHESTRA REPORT** No report.
  - D. SMS BAND REPORT** No report.
- **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Credit Card/Venmo/Square App Ad Hoc Committee Report:** Florence Zabarsky shared that the Square was well received at the football games. Jennie stated she felt it was easy to learn and to use. Diana Ragan made a motion to continue with the Square in all areas. Jen Bubb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Karen Maddox offered to donate a phone to use if a third Square was deemed necessary.
  - B. SIMB has been asked to participate in this year's SCS Greet and Treat Monday October 24 from 5:30-7:00 PM. We will need to purchase approximately 800 pieces**

**of candy to hand out.** Karen Maddox agreed to purchase candy. AJ Scott indicated her business will donate candy if needed.

**C. Mums at Orchestra Concert:** Vicki Maloney shared that 61 mums were purchased for the Orchestra Concert on October 19.

• **NOMINATION COMMITTEE** No report

• **NEW BUSINESS** None.

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• **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. CONCERT UNIFORMS** Jen Bubb ran another successful tuxedo fitting. She thanked the volunteers who assisted. She shared that they did run out of green bow ties and certain pant and jacket sizes. She plans to order some pants and jackets in the popular sizes. She does have several donated green dresses from previous SHS students.

**B. CHAPERONE**

- a. Thank you to Kim Speck who offered to Co-Chair Chaperones.
- b. We are in need of two more chaperones for this week's game.
- c. If, for some reason you are unable to be a Chaperone, please call me ahead of time so I can make arrangements for another person to fill your spot.
- d. Signups are active for the Fall Orchestra and Band Concerts.
- e. Thank you to all of the Chaperones that helped so far, in no particular order: Scott Carman, Dena Jasinski, Nicole Lang, Kim Speck, Kristina Simpson, Matt Pavlinsky, Dawn Merk, Ron Fobel, Jen Magel, Julie Lawson, Keith Lawson, Donna Stewart, Tracy Zawie, Mandi Wyler, Darlene Wilke, Will Wilke, Amy Rasanow, Leanne Esche, Beth Bacon, Rex Bacon, Bernadette Banks, Mary Fran Kostyack, Colin Sikon, Cathy Sikon, Tom Lang, Heidi Koch and Michele Dunbrack.

**C. HOSPITALITY** Laurel and Kim sent out a sign-up genius for helpers for the Orchestra Potluck on October 19. They were also asked to assist at the SMS Orchestra Concert by helping to organize a dessert reception. They agreed to assist SMS.

**D. PUBLICITY/WEB** A mention was made of re-engaging with Alumni and trying to figure out how to involve them. No decisions were made at this time.

**E. MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS** Laurie Uline reported that this season has involved more of a team approach, with the biggest issue is encouraging students to fold their pants on their hangers properly. This is important to keep the creases in the pants. The uniform committee also gives out non-sticky candy. Laurie Uline puts up photos on the bulletin board for the students to see of the performances.

**F. MEMBERSHIP** Vicki Maloney stated there was a great turnout and 140 memberships were sold. She has raised over \$9,600, less fees so far. The associated merchandise requires minimum orders, so she will keep publicizing to hopefully meet those minimum order requirements. She plans to have a table at the Orchestra Concert/Potluck on October 19. Vicki estimates that after the items are purchased, a net profit could be as high as \$7,400. Depending on when the merchandise is delivered, Vicki could distribute it one day after marching band rehearsals.

**G. NEWSLETTER/ Publicity** No report.

**H. FUNDRAISING**

- a. Chipotle dining to donate= \$461.01.
- b. Pumpkin patch= \$2,285.00.

- c. Save Around Town book sale moved to November.
- d. Pancake breakfast has sold 20 tickets so far, can we find a bigger venue? We will need student and parent volunteers for set up, cooking, serving and tear down. Can we have some students play Christmas music at the breakfast? Maybe jazz band?
- e. Spiritwear sale orders will start shipping next week. We will be scaling this back next year. Total of 48 orders placed. Profit \$358.
- f. Guardians volunteering will be available for the next homestand (if we make it that far).
- g. Square readers- We trialed for the first half of the game 10/23 (shut down at half time) and at the visitor stand for 9/30. The spectators were happy with cashless options. Where do we go from here? We should also use these for basketball concessions?
- h. Cookie dough orders are due by 10/17- Order form must be mailed by 10/21 when the online store closes. The delivery date for frozen and traditional orders is 11/16 at 3pm. We need parent and student volunteers to assist with organizing and distributing the orders.
- i. Can we start a music mentor program to increase enrollment in to the band/orchestra programs at the high school? Student volunteers teamed up with middle school students for music lab.
- j. Looking ahead to January 2023, Jennie & Tracy want to do a Driven Coffee fundraiser, complete with hot chocolate, teas and K-cups.

**I. CONCESSIONS** Florence said thank you very much for the new grill and the new popcorn machine. In the future, we may need a new pretzel oven, as it was on the fritz the last home game. Profits are going well, with the Square/credit card reader in use at some/part of the football games. Orchestra parents and students are encouraged to help out, as they are sorely needed. Mr. Hire will take a signup/signup genius to his classes. Senior Night will be a huge game vs. Brunswick on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Concessions needs a lot of help for this game.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT** No comments.
- **ADJOURNMENT** Laurie Uline motioned to adjourn the meeting. Florence Zabarsky seconded the motion. The motion passed. AJ Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM.
- **NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, November 14, 2022, at 6:00 PM.**

## **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.