



S.I.M.B. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

November 14, 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.

	Andy Hire, Director		Scott Carmen, Vice president		Jennifer Bubb, Concert Uniforms		OPEN, Marching Uniforms
X	Brian King, Director	X	Ron Uline, Treasurer		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		OPEN, Publicity Flyers
	Mrs. Roblee, SMS Band		OPEN, Co-Concessions		Laurel Maher, Hospitality		Cathy Sikon, Donut Sales
	Additional Music Staff		Darlene Wilke, Concessions- Purchasing	X	Kim Novoblisky, Hospitality		Jen Magel, Treasurer's Assistant
X	AJ Scott, President/Co- Chaperone	X	Kim Speck, Co-Chaperone	X	Laurie Uline, Marching Uniforms		OPEN, Webmaster

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Laurie Uline made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting. Florence Zabarsky seconded the motion. The motion passed. Minutes were posted on SCS SIMB Website:

- **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- AJ Scott reminded members of the 2 Executive Board positions that will be available at the end of this school year. Additional positions include Concessions Co-Chair, Publicity and Webmaster.

- B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** No report.

- C. TREASURER'S REPORT** Ron Uline, Treasurer, shared the budget and current account balances of \$77,203 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** The orchestras are busily preparing for our upcoming Holiday concert, Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7:00 in the Auditorium. We will have paper copies of the programs for this concert. I sent them over to CQ printing last week. The night before, on Wednesday, Nov. 30 the Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Holiday Choir Concert. This includes our annual performance of the Hallelujah Chorus. Last Sunday, Nov. 6, I had the opportunity to our student musicians perform in the OMEA Northeast Regional Orchestra. The orchestra sounded great, and it was nice to see many of our students, once again, in this honors ensemble. On Friday, Nov. 4th, the String Orchestra performed at the first ever, Northern Ohio String Festival at Baldwin Wallace University. After our performance, the group had a clinic with Doug Droste, the new Director of Orchestras at BW. The students had a terrific experience. The Solo and Ensemble Contest registration deadline is Friday, Dec. 2nd. Students must complete the registration form and return it with fees. Paper copies are available in the orchestra room, a digital copy is posted in Google Classroom. Students must submit one form per event. The fees amounts are posted on the form. We will once again be hosting as the overflow site for the OMEA Northeast Region State Orchestra Contest on Friday, Feb. 24th. Last year our parent volunteers did a great job. We will need someone to take the reins again this year. Vicki Maloney did this last year. Thank for your all your support and help!

- B. SHS BAND REPORT** Mr. King, Band Director, thanked all the volunteers that helped to make the marching band season successful. Jazz Band begins this week. Pep Band will begin in November, performing at home boys' basketball games. The OMEA Solo & Ensemble contest is February 11 in N. Ridgeville. December 17 is A Tuba Christmas at EJ Thomas Hall with over five hundred tubas and euphoniums performing. He also shared information about a potential band website, separate from the school website. He shared costs and other information to consider about this potential new site. Three band students

are part of NERO Honors Band, 7 Students are part of District 4 Band at CSU, several students are in the Directors' Band at University of Akron. In the Cleveland Youth Orchestra, there are 3 SHS band members who earned 1st Chair.

- a. **Motion:** Ron Uline made a motion to develop an Ad Hoc Committee to explore options for a Band website. Vicki Maloney Seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- b. **Indoor/Winter Guard:** We have fifteen percussion and twelve color guard members who would be interested in a winter/indoor guard and competing at different events throughout the region. Funding is always an issue. It was noted that at the last SCS BOE, there were thirty additional positions/money granted for new athletic activities. SIMB members wish to share their interest in having a paid, school position implemented to lead Indoor/Winter Guard to the SCS BOE.

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. They instituted a \$5 minimum on card purchases, and people did not complain. Jennie Crosby stated she felt it was easy to learn and to use. The plan is to continue to use the squares/tablets into basketball season, as well as selling SIMB ornaments/gnomes at concerts. There is a need for four square readers, with corresponding four phones/tablets. Ron Uline made a motion to spend up to \$400 for the purchase of four readers. Vicki Maloney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jennie Crosby will purchase the readers, during the Black Friday sales.
- B. **Amazon Smiles** During the holiday shopping season, SIMB will remind members to purchase using "Amazon Smiles."
- C. **SCS Greet and Treat Monday October 24** SIMB members passed out over nine hundred pieces of candy. Thank you to all parents and students who came out to support SIMB at this fun, family event.
- D. **Trailer Paint/Wrap Ad Hoc Committee** Additional information still needed, planning over the winter.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Chair Positions** Any Chairperson who does not plan to continue their position after 2022-23 Year, please let AJ Scott know ASAP at simbpresident@gmail.com.
- B. **Recruitment** SIMB needs to develop ideas to recruit new Chair people.
- C. **Poinsettia Sale** Vicki Maloney has agreed to run the poinsettia sale again this year. Please look for sale information soon. She is waiting to hear if SMS is interested in the poinsettia sale. Delivery and distribution at SMS still need to be coordinated.

- **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

- A. **Ad Hoc Nominating Committee** Committee members are needed for nominations for Vice President and Treasurer. Anyone interested, please contact AJ Scott at simbpresident@gmail.com.
- B. **Any interested parties** For either of these Executive Board positions (VP or Treasurer), please contact Mr. Hire at ahire@scsmustangs.org.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. CONCERT UNIFORMS** No report.
- B. CHAPERONE** Mr. King requested 1-2 chaperones for the Band and Orchestra Winter Concerts coming up in December.
- C. HOSPITALITY** The Hospitality committee has been busy this past month, we held a cookie reception after the Middle School orchestra concert. It was a huge success with many tables full of desserts. Thank you to all the parents who brought in treats. We have also survived two potlucks. Thank you to all the families who brought in food and to everyone who jumped in to help. We are so happy to be able to provide this opportunity for our students and families.
- D. PUBLICITY/WEB** A new webmaster is needed! If interested, please email AJ Scott at simbpresident@gmail.com.
- E. MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS** Laurie Uline reported that the marching band uniforms will be dry cleaned after Christmas. Laurie Uline puts up photos on the bulletin board for the students to see of the performances. She requests that students do not rip the photos off the boards. Photos will be available at the end of the year. AJ Scott and the rest of the General Assembly recognized Laurie for her efforts this season.
- F. MEMBERSHIP** Vicki Maloney is still delivering the merchandise for the membership levels to the parents. She will bring the items to the Best of the Best/Mrs. Fields Cookie sale in hopes of delivering items to them.
- G. NEWSLETTER/ Publicity** No report.
- H. FUNDRAISING**
- i. Guardians Update—We made \$1,020.06 for working the last two playoff games. Do we want to do this again next year? If we would be interested in volunteering for the Akron Rubber Ducks games, students and parents could volunteer.
 - ii. Mrs. Fields- \$6,636 in order forms, \$2,124 in online sales (approx.); Total \$8,760. We will get 40% of the final sales. On November 16th I need help organizing and distributing the cookie dough orders. All orders need to be picked up on this day between 4:30 and 6:30 pm.
 - iii. Christmas Ornaments- \$254.
 - iv. Dining to Donate (Chipotle & Cosmic Daves)= \$656.15.
 - v. TGI Fridays Dining to Donate is November 10.
 - vi. Pancake Breakfast- Tickets Sold \$965.25. We have around ninety tickets left to sell. Please share the flyer wherever you can. Volunteer to help at the breakfast of donate supplies for the breakfast. There are signup geniuses for both.
 - vii. Save Around town coupon books are on sale until Nov. 21. Send the book or a check for \$25 dollars back to the school by this date.
- I. CONCESSIONS**
- a. Florence Zabarsky stated that Football Concessions has ended. Our last varsity game was against Brunswick, which was also Senior Night, and it was extremely busy. We hosted concessions for several special events including a couple of soccer games and a cross Country Meet. In addition, we hosted the varsity football playoff game this past Friday. It was an extremely busy evening, and our Concessions Team handled it wonderfully. We continue to have a lack of sufficient volunteers, including students, at concession events, which makes it more difficult
 - b. **Square readers** The square readers have been very beneficial in increasing sales.
 - c. **Thank You's** A huge thank you to our core concession team including Jim Milligan, Linda Wosnak, Tracy Grauel, Karen Maddox, Colin Sikon, Ronald Fobel and

Darleene Wilke, as well as Cathy Sikon. This group is what keeps concessions running.

- d. Florence also wanted to thank our many volunteers throughout the season, some of which have helped us at numerous games. Without these wonderful volunteers, we would not be able to prepare and sell nearly as much as we do.
- e. **Donation/recognition to DQ** Discussions surrounded how to best recognize DQ and their outstanding partnership with SIMB. Ideas included a monetary donation, a Strongsville Band night. Ultimately SIMB decided on investigating a plaque for DQ to hang in their store as well as offering them a VIP table at the Breakfast with Santa. Both to be coordinated by Andrea Putrino and Jennie Crosby.
- f. **Pretzel Warmer** Our pretzel warmer has died. It is over eight years old. Andrea Putrino asked for a donation from the City Club to SIMB. If the City Club does give the donation, that could potentially cover some if not all of the cost of a new pretzel warmer for the main concession stand.
- g. **Basketball games** Student help is requested during the basketball games. Only 2-3 students are needed/game.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. **Elf Help** student help is requested at the Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, November 27 at Meadowood Clubhouse. Anyone interested please contact Jennie at simbfundraising@gmail.com or use the signupgenius link in the weekly Charms blast.

- B. **Webmaster** AJ Scott reiterated the need for a webmaster as we continue to develop a new band website.

- **ADJOURNMENT** Ron Uline motioned to adjourn the meeting. Laurie Uline seconded the motion. The motion passed. AJ Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM.
- **NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, December 12, 2022, at 6:00 PM.**

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.”