



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

**February 6, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

**Strongsville High School Music Room**

- **CALL TO ORDER** AJ Scott, President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and welcomed all SIMB Members and thanked them for attending.
- **ROLL CALL** Diana Ragan, Secretary, called the roll & thanked others for attending.

X	Andy Hire, Director		Scott Carmen, Vice president		Jennifer Bubb, Concert Uniforms		<b>OPEN, Marching Uniforms</b>
	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	X	Bob Kolk, Publicity Flyers
	Mrs. Roblee, SMS Band	X	Bob Kolk, Co-Concessions	X	Laurel Maher, Hospitality		Cathy Sikon, Donut Sales
	Karen Kolk, SHS/SMS Liaison		Darlene Wilke, Concessions- Purchasing		Kim Novoblisky, Hospitality	X	Jen Magel, Treasurer's Assistant
X	<b>AJ Scott, President/Co- Chaperone</b>	X	Kim Speck, Co-Chaperone	X	Laurie Uline, Marching Uniforms		Bob Kolk, Webmaster

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Vicki Maloney made a motion to approve the minutes. Laurie Uline seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Diana Ragan will update the minutes on the SIMB website. The minutes are posted here:

- **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT** AJ Scott, President shared that Maria Denkins will no longer serve as our Publicity/Newsletter Chairperson. We are interested in finding a replacement. If you're interested, please reach out to AJ Scott.
- C. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** No report.
- D. TREASURER'S REPORT** Ron Uline, Treasurer, shared that the accounts are reconciled through the end of 2022. Taxes were filed and 1099s mailed out. If someone has not received their 1099 but believes he/she should receive one, please reach out to Ron. SIMB has \$78,507 in checking and \$32,152 in savings. We also have \$3,000 in a scholarship fund for SMS Band camp or private lessons. Mr. Hire mentioned that he and Mr. King need to sit down to develop criteria for the \$3,000 scholarship. Potential additional monies may be received in 2023.
- E. SECRETARY'S REPORT** Reminder to fill out the volunteer hours on the new sign-in sheet.

- **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

- A. SHS ORCHESTRA REPORT** Mr. Hire shared that the Solo/Ensemble Orchestra OMEA contest is February 11. SHS Orchestra preview concert is February 15. SHS is the overflow OMEA Northeast Region site for the State Orchestra Contest on Friday, February 24. We will host eleven groups. We will need volunteers from 3 PM-11 PM. There are adult-only volunteer jobs, but there will also be some volunteer positions for students. Adult signups are coordinated by AJ Scott and Vicki Maloney. Mr. Hire will provide the student sign ups to AJ Scott. Room 301 will again be the contest hospitality headquarters. The judges and directors will go to room 301. Mr. Hire is requesting "grab and go" items for the directors and judges. OMEA Treasurer from Brunswick will need receipts from the judges' dinners and will reimburse SIMB of those costs. There is no photography or videography at OMEA contests. Mr. Hire also shared that the All-City Orchestra Festival is March 15 and 16. Mr. Hire agreed. Mr. Hire requested that Hospitality provide a menu for the judges. He also stated that typically student/adult volunteers receive complimentary concessions from SIMB.
- B. SHS BAND REPORT** The bands are preparing for the OMEA contests. Wind Ensemble will practice on Wednesday, February 8 in the evening. Mr. King is available for virtual conferences on Thursday February 9, 3:15-6"16 PM. There is no Pep Band on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. OMEA Solo & Ensemble contest is February 11 in N. Ridgeville, with times listed in Google classroom. Wind Ensemble was invited to the University of Akron's High School Band Clinic Festival at EJ Thomas Hall on Monday, February 13. Mr. King requests 2 chaperones from SIMB. February 14 is Pep Band. February 16 is Symphonic Band rehearsal in the evening. Looking ahead, the Winter Concert is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, OMEA large group Band and Choir Contests are March 10-11 at N. Olmsted HS.
- C. SMS ORCHESTRA REPORT** Karen Kolk, the new SHS/SMS Liaison shared the following information from Ms. Taylor, SMS Orchestra: Happy February!
  - a.** Tomorrow night the high school Chamber Strings will perform alongside the 8th grade orchestra for our yearly Side by Side concert. The concert begins at 7p.m. and will be here at the high school. The students have done an outstanding job preparing

for this performance considering I missed many days of school due to illness. Thanks to their hard work and to Mr. Tyson & Mr. Hire for chipping in, they are prepared and ready to go! They will begin high school scheduling this week so we hope this concert will give them a taste of what they can expect and aspire to become as a member of the SHS Orchestra program.

- b. While the 8th graders are performing on stage Tuesday evening, Ms. Bravo and 6 of our outstanding 7th grade students will be participating in a rehearsal for the OMEA District 4 Honorsfest. Normally, this is an 8th grade students only event but since 8th grade orchestra had a conflict, the chairperson allowed us to send 7th graders to represent Strongsville this year. Congratulations go to Luke H., Katie B., Avery N. on violin and Rory N., Isaac S. and Caleb B. on cello. We are confident they will do well and hold their own against 8th graders from other schools in the area.
- c. Presidents Day, Monday, February 20th will be our yearly Orchestra Laser Tag social event which amounts to over one hundred students chasing Ms. Taylor down in the dark! After having her undefeated air hockey record broken last year, she's looking forward to redeeming herself. Ms. Bravo has already started forming alliances and trash talking perceived inferior opponents. Over the years this has become a fun night for middle school & high school orchestra students/families/friends to get together. All are welcome to join the insanity at Scene 75 from 6-9p.m. A website will be set up for folks to pre purchase their game cards. Ms. Bravo & Mr. Simul will be attending....Now the REAL question is...can we get Mr. Hire & Mr. Tyson to show up? \*hint hint nudge nudge\*
- d. There will be more to share once we get closer to March....Honorsfest, Solo & Ensemble Contest, and All City Concerts. Until then, have a good February!

**D. SMS BAND REPORT** No report.

• **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Trailer Paint/Wrap Ad Hoc Committee** Kim Novoblisky motioned to table this project as well as the Band Website Ad Hoc Committee work until the spring. Laurie Uline seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- B. **Chair Positions** We will have several open Chair positions after the 2023 school year ends. SIMB needs a Co-Marching Band Uniform Chair, a Publicity/Newsletter Chair, Co-Concert Uniform Chair.
- C. **Recruitment** AJ Scott shared that we need to discuss this (see Nomination Committee).
- D. **Dairy Queen Recognition** Colin Sikon needs clip art for the recognition plaque. AJ Scott said she would share this with Colin.
- E. **Band Website Ad Hoc Committee** Please see above, item A.
- F. **SHS/SMS Liaison Chairperson** Please see the report from Ms. Taylor, received by Karen Kolk.

• **NEW BUSINESS**

• **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- A. **Formation of Committee** AJ Scott asked for a committee to be formed. The members are: Andy Hire, Jennie Crosby, Tracy Salvo and Vicki Maloney.
- B. **VP and Treasurer Positions open in 2023.** The Nominating Committee will provide a slate of officer nominees at the April meeting. Elections take place at the April Meeting.

• **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. CONCERT UNIFORMS** if any orchestra students need anything before contest they can email Jen Bubb at [simbconcertuniforms@gmail.com](mailto:simbconcertuniforms@gmail.com) and she will make arrangements for them to get what they need ahead of time.
- B. CHAPERONE** AJ Scott has the required number of volunteers for the University of Akron band event. At the Orchestra OMEA contest held at SHS, she discussed with Mr. Hire the locking of homerooms and who would be responsible.
- C. HOSPITALITY** Please see the above items in Mr. Hire's report. Laurel Maher clarified that it is Concessions responsibility to provide food for SIMB volunteers during the OMEA Orchestra contest on February 24.
- D. PUBLICITY/WEB** Bob Kolk said that the majority of our correspondence appears attractive. He shared that there could be tweaks to the letterhead. A Google drive was discussed to house the SIMB Logo in its various formats. Concerns for who has access to this drive and how it would be used specifically were raised. It was determined that if the drive is created, each individual should request access to the drive.
- A. MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS** A co-chair is still needed. Thank you to Cheryl Bianco, Jen Bubb and Vicki Maloney for their help bringing the uniforms out to the dry-cleaning company on January 12. The uniforms will hang, without garment bags, until summertime. Special thanks to the SHS Resource Officer who assisted in helping bring uniforms. Laurie Uline will request additional bolts from Mr. King to keep the garment racks in working order.
- B. MEMBERSHIP** Vicki Maloney stated that one new member joined in January. This brings the total number of members to 149. Mr. Hire shared that SMS Band and Orchestra students and their parents are NOT in the Charms database. Therefore, SIMB has no access to these individuals and we are missing out on sharing information about fundraisers as well as volunteer opportunities. Since SIMB funds activities and instrument repairs at SMS, it is important for SIMB to give information to all SMS families. For those SIMB members that do not have children in the program, they are entitled to a monthly SIMB newsletter. In light of the fact that we do not have a newsletter chairperson, Vicki suggested that SIMB send the weekly Charms email to those SIMB individuals who do not have children in the program. Concerns were raised that dates and times of students volunteering (i.e. at concessions during Pep Band/Football) are shared with individuals who do not have children in the program. Diana Ragan agreed to temporarily send emails to SIMB members without children, particularly those with volunteer and fundraising information.
- C. NEWSLETTER/PUBLICITY** No report, as we do not have a chairperson. It was mentioned that since we do not have a newsletter chairperson, it may be a time to investigate if the newsletter truly provides value to our SIMB members.
- D. FUNDRAISING**
- a. Driven Coffee Fundraiser—all orders are due February 13. All in-person orders will have the SIMB logo on them. Jennie commented that she ordered some test coffee and it looked good.
  - b. Wing Ding & 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser—April 29 from 5-8 PM at Harvest Saloon. Deposit paid to Harvest. Cost would be \$35/person with wristband, \$30/designated driver. Jennie wondered if she could sell the 50/50 raffle tickets at school, during basketball games and at concerts. She was given the go ahead to sell the raffle tickets at the basketball games and concerts. They are still in need of raffle baskets. Ideas for companies to request donations from: School of Rock, Royalton Music, Rettig Music and any other area music store. AJ Scott shared that her Veterinary office will donate 2 baskets. Other SIMB members also agreed to donate baskets.

Vicki Maloney shared that some SIMB membership drive merchandise will also be donated.

- c. QR Code—can this be put in band/orchestra programs to sell tickets to Wing Ding? Mr. Hire agreed. The due date for submissions to the program is March 1<sup>st</sup>. This would reach a greater audience. Would the SHS and SMS Band/Orchestra directors be willing to make an appearance at the Wing Ding?
- d. Santa Breakfast—tentative date of December 2, requesting approval of date from SHS music directors/other staff. Mr. Hire shared that the costs of using SHS may include cafeteria rental, kitchen rental, custodial time and kitchen staff time.

#### **E. CONCESSIONS**

- a. Concessions were run at three basketball games in the last month. The first game was on January 27<sup>th</sup> versus Brunswick. We had gross sales of \$1,767. Thank you to Linda Wosnak, Darlene Wilke, Isaac Z., Laine H., Nicole L., and Sophia L. for volunteering.
  - b. On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we hosted Medina. It was a bit of a slow evening, and we had gross sales of \$511. Thank you to Linda Wosnak, Darlene Wilke, Isaac Z. and Lindsay Z. for volunteering.
  - c. The third game was on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, also against Medina. It was quite a bit easier than the day before and we had gross sales of \$1,611. Thank you to Linda Wosnak, Darlene Wilke, Isaac Z. Jen Magel and Amanda W. for volunteering
  - d. We have basketball games on February 14 and 17<sup>th</sup>. The signup genius is out February 14. The sign up genius will be coming out for February 17. A signup genius is coming out for the OMEA Orchestra Contest on February 24.
  - e. The cooler thermostat is fixed. However, the wheels are locked on the coolers. Jim Milligan is in discussions with Coke regarding the wheel repair. Powerade is in the storage room for immediate sale.
  - f. In the future, SHS is the site of some of the Basketball Playoffs, and concessions help will be needed, more information to come. Florence will also reach out to the wrestling coach to find out if they are providing concessions or if they are interested in SIMB providing them.
  - g. Additional concessions opportunities mentioned were for the OMEA Large Group at SMS May 5 & 6. Discussion ensued regarding selling vs asking for donations at the Commencement at the end of May. Vicki Maloney confirmed with Principal Wingler that SIMB can in fact provide concessions for Commencement.
  - h. All City--Mr. Hire mentioned that donuts could be sold at these concerts. A discussion ensued regarding the need for and the ever increasing cost of the band and orchestra programs. SIMB agreed that SIMB needs the programs for Membership recognition, QR codes, etc.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** SIMB asked if AJ Scott could speak at both the Band and Orchestra All-City concerts. Mr. Hire agreed.
  - **ADJOURNMENT** Laurie Uline motioned to adjourn the meeting. Colin Sikon seconded the motion. The motion passed. AJ Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.
  - **NEXT MEETING** The regular meeting date of the second Monday is February 13, however we have no school that day. The following Monday is March 20<sup>th</sup>, which conflicts with Wind Rehearsal. As such, the group settled on March 6 at 6 PM in the Music Room.

**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.”