



S.I.M.B. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

March 6, 2023

6:00 PM

Strongsville High School Music Room

- **CALL TO ORDER** AJ Scott, President, called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM and welcomed all SIMB Members and thanked them for attending.
- **ROLL CALL** Diana Ragan, Secretary, called the roll.

X	Andy Hire, Director		Scott Carmen, Vice president		Jennifer Bubb, Concert Uniforms		OPEN/TBD, 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	X	Jennie Kelley- Crosby, Fundraising, Newsletters	X	Karen Kolk, SHS/SMS Liaison
	Kim Taylor, SMS Orchestra Director	X	Florence Zabarsky, Concessions	x	Tracy Salvo, Fundraising		Bob Kolk, Publicity/Flyers
	Renee Roblee, SMS Band	X	Bob Kolk, Co-Concessions	X	Laurel Maher, Hospitality		Cathy Sikon, Donut Sales
	Evelyn Bravo, SMS Orchestra		Darlene Wilke, Concessions- Purchasing		Kim Novoblisky, Hospitality	X	Jen Magel, Treasurer's Assistant
X	AJ Scott, President/Co- Chaperone	X	Kim Speck, Co-Chaperone	X	Laurie Uline, Marching Uniforms		Bob Kolk, Webmaster

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Kim Speck made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennie Kelley-Crosby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes are

posted here: <https://shs.strongnet.org/student-life/music/strongsville-instrumental-music-boosters-simb/meeting-dates-agendas-minutes>

- **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT** AJ Scott, President continued with a pre-meeting discussion about the SIMB Mattress Sale, and whether we would like to do it again next year. SIMB made \$3,500 from the Mattress Sale in 2022. The promotions for this fundraiser are word-of-mouth/Facebook and flyers, which cost the organization very little. A decision will need to be made in the next few weeks.

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

- TREASURER'S REPORT** Ron Uline, Treasurer, shared that the Bank Account Status is as follows: Checking: \$67,924.65 (QuickBooks), Savings: \$32,152.42, Scholarship: \$3,000.44. Additional Comments are as follows:

- a. Reminder: Officer elections are next month for VP and Treasurer.
 - b. As we prepare for the 2023-2024 Budget Committee meetings, I will be forwarding the latest copy of our budget to the committee chairs to confirm revenue/expense accuracy by committee.
 - c. The Budget Committee will meet next month (April) and again in May to review current FY income, expense by category, and begin work on next year's budget proposal.
 - d. Budget Committee is chaired by the Treasurer and consists of the President, 2 Directors, and at least two other SIMB Board Members - we'll need to identify those 2 members. Two SIMB members were nominated: Jen Magel and Vicki Maloney.

- D. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- a. Reminder to fill out the volunteer hours on the new sign-in sheet.
 - b. Nomination Committee—sharing names in weekly email blasts in lieu of newsletter.
 - c. Members without children in the program—sharing information temporarily/case by case method.

- **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

- A. SHS ORCHESTRA REPORT** Mr. Hire shared that SHS served as the overflow OMEA Northeast Region site for the State Orchestra Contest on Friday, February 24. The Directors and Adjudicators were very pleased with the overall running of the contest. Mr. Hire thanked AJ Scott and Vicki Maloney for running the main headquarter room. He thanked Hospitality (Laurel Maher and Kim Novoblisky) for providing Judges meals and grab-and-go items for Directors. He also thanked Concessions (Florence Zabarsky and her team) for providing options for the students & their parents. Mr. Hire also shared that the All-City Orchestra Festival is March 15 and 16 in the SHS Auditorium at 7 PM. AJ Scott, SIMB President will speak at All-City. Mr. Hire suggested selling doughnuts in the lobby/ Any QR codes would be needed quickly for program inserts. Jennie Crosby asked to sell Wing Ding, 50/50 and Boozy Bandwagon tickets prior to the event, all agreed.

- B. SHS BAND REPORT** Wind Ensemble was invited to the University of Akron's High School Band Clinic Festival at EJ Thomas Hall on Monday, February 13, and Mr. King thanked the Chaperones (AJ Scott & Kim Speck, Chairs) for assisting. He also thanked them for Chaperoning at the Winter Concerts. Special thanks also go to Jen Bubb. OMEA large group Band and Choir Contests is March 10 at Olmsted Falls HS. All-City Concerts are March 21st and 22nd. AJ Scott, President will speak at both concerts. Jen Magel thanked

Mr. King and the Pep Band for performing at the in-school parade for Swim, Diving and Gymnastics students heading to state contests; it was a very special event, particularly for the parents.

- C. **SMS ORCHESTRA REPORT** Karen Kolk, the new SHS/SMS Liaison shared the following information from Ms. Taylor. Orchestra All-City Concerts are next week, which Mr. Hire may have already mentioned. Wednesday March 15th is 6th & 7th grade Orchestra and Thursday March 16th is 8th grade orchestra. We have 45 students attending Solo & Ensemble with several of them performing in multiple events. In addition, Jennie Kelley-Crosby shared that the SMS Principal shared the Wing Ding flyer in his newsletter—thank you!
- D. **SMS BAND REPORT** Mr. King shared a report from Mr. Chidsey that the SMS Solo/Ensemble contest will be March 18 in Rocky River. There are a whopping 140 5th graders participating in Band this year, congratulations! Looking ahead, SMS will host the Middle School OMEA large group contest on May 5 & 6. Mr. Chidsey asked if SIMB could provide Concessions leadership as well as product to sell (light snacks & drinks). He also requested that Hospitality could coordinate the judges' dinner. SMS Jazz Band will perform May 8 and the Music in the Park is May 20. Mr. Chidsey thanked SIMB for providing funding for both guest clinicians and solo/ensemble contest.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Chair Positions** We will have several open Chair positions after the 2023 school year ends. SIMB needs a Co-Marching Band Uniform Chair--Kristina Simpson was suggested; Publicity/Chair--Bob Kolk was nominated; and a Co-Concert Uniform Chair--Cinnamon Chiffany was suggested. We also need a Concessions/Purchasing person for next year.
- B. **Recruitment** It was noted that other Music Boosters organizations require members to sign up to volunteer for 3+ events. This is common in both Rec League and High School sports as well. SIMB may do well to suggest that members volunteer at the beginning of the school year. It was also suggested to change the names of signup genius hyperlinks to better reflect the event.
- C. **Dairy Queen Recognition** No report.
- D. **SHS/SMS Liaison Chairperson** Please see the report from Ms. Taylor, received by Karen Kolk.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- A. **Formation of Committee** 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. Vicki Maloney asked, if in the next Charms blast, a description of the duties of each position could be listed. Jen Magel's name was put forward to the Nominating Committee for Treasurer.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **CONCERT UNIFORMS** Jen Bubb needs lots of volunteers at the next 2 concerts of the year (May 16 & 17) to assist with collecting tuxedos. Karen Kolk, Jennie Crosby, and AJ Scott volunteered. Mr. Hire asked for a quote from the dry cleaner so a P.O. can be issued. Jen asked when she might be able to come into the tux room over the summer to organize. Mr. Hire shared the staff summer hours. Also she is welcome anytime during Marching Band camp. Students that need anything before concerts can email Jen Bubb at simbconcertuniforms@gmail.com and she will plan for them to get what they need ahead of

time. Jen Bubb is also requesting any outstanding checks to be forwarded to her. Mr. Hire will give Jen an extra bow tie, found on the floor.

B. CHAPERONE Mr. King requested Chaperones at OMEA on March 10 for both time slots.

C. HOSPITALITY No report.

D. PUBLICITY/WEB No report.

A. MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS Laurie Uline is requesting a Co-Chair. Kristina Simpson was nominated.

B. MEMBERSHIP Vicki Maloney stated she has a few mugs left. Several members present collected mugs for themselves or to deliver to neighbors.

C. NEWSLETTER/PUBLICITY

- a. SIMB benefits--explaining to SHS & SMS audiences at any and all concerts.
- b. Jen Magel's Flyer—best use for distribution. Diana Ragan volunteered to add the SIMB logo to Jen's awesome flyer and help AJ create ½ sheets for the All-City concerts.
- c. The need for a newsletter need was discussed, including hearing from Directors and bylaws implications. Jennie Kelley-Crosby agreed to create a newsletter for the directors and board to review.

D. FUNDRAISING

- a. Driven Coffee Fundraiser—All orders should be picked up by today's date. We raised \$650. Jennie said the coffee is excellent quality. Also, she will create a basket for the Wing Ding of Driven Coffee items.
- b. Wing Ding Fundraiser—April 29 at Harvest Saloon. Looking for donations.
- c. 50/50 Raffle—Tickets are \$5/each or 5/\$20. Jennie wanted to put a rolling total up weekly on Facebook but lacks the credentials.
- d. QR Code—deadlines to put in band/orchestra programs to sell tickets to Wing Ding.
- e. Potential Rewards Program—rewarding members who participate in fundraising efforts throughout the year. Each month it could be a different topic where if you volunteer for football concessions, you are entered a drawing for a restaurant gift card. A different month it could be attending an SIMB meeting. Another idea was to put all the volunteer names into a hat and draw for a mega-prize at the end of the school year.

E. CONCESSIONS

- a. We have basketball games on February 14 and 17th. 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.
- b. In the future, SHS is the site of some of the Basketball Playoffs, and concessions help is 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.
- c. 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.
- d. All-City--Mr. Hire mentioned that donuts could be sold at all of the Orchestra/Band concerts.
- e. A track parent asked to use the visitors stand to sell concessions during the Strongsville Elite Meet on Saturday, March 25 . They want to use that stand

because it is in front of the starting line for races. SIMB was concerned about the condition of that 2nd concessions stand at this time of the year.

- f. Per our amazing Linda Wosnak, we received two new machines from Coke. Due to the City Club donation, we can now purchase 1-2 pretzel warming machines as well as walkie-talkies.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT** None.
- **ADJOURNMENT** Kim Speck motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jen Bubb seconded the motion. The motion passed. AJ Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.
- **NEXT MEETING** April 10 would be our regularly scheduled date (2nd Monday of the month), but there is no school that day. April 17 appears available (April 3 is Symphony Rehearsal). Per our bylaws, the April meeting is when the slate of officers is announced and SIMB members vote for new VP and Treasurer. Vicki Maloney motioned to move the next meeting to April 17. Jennie Kelley-Crosby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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.”