



Avon Grove Instrumental Music Boosters Association

Boosters Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2017 (Accepted March 12, 2018)

Avon Grove High School, Band Room

Attendees:

Officers: President Jennifer Gentile; Vice President Jackie Miller; Treasurer Prathibha Shankar; Treasurer Jody Morris; Sec. Lisa Folkert.

Directors: Amanda Wilcox, Director of Choirs; and Sean Rode, Director of Indoor Percussion.

Members: Nine (9) non-officer members (Jackie Miller stepped away from her officer position to reach quorum for voting purposes).

1. This meeting of the Avon Grove Instrumental Music Boosters Association was called to order by Pres. Gentile at 7:09 p.m.

2. Secretary's Report: There was a motion by Frank Gentile to approve and accept the minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting, which was circulated to the membership prior to the meeting; the motion was seconded by Kerry Shovlin. No one called for discussion, and, there being quorum present, the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote. The approved minutes will be posted on AGIMBA's website.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer Morris provided an update of general collection of money and expenses. 43% of payments have been received for spring trip. There are still outstanding marching band, jazz band, indoor color guard and indoor percussion dues.

b. Treasurer Shankar reported that the new discount fundraising cards are now available. Country Christmas sales of 39 cards, and additional sales at the choral (56) and orchestra (7) concerts gave us a good start. Emails with instructions and order forms have been sent to music families, with a request that each family sell at least three cards.

c. Wawa hoagie coupon sales - as of 12/01/17 sold 548 coupons, with 452 coupons remaining to sell. Please contact Prathibha Shankar to purchase your tickets. Or hand in money and order request to Band, Orchestra and Choir teachers. Your order will be filled and returned to the teacher who will give them to you. Additional coupon order forms can be obtained as well. We need to sell 52 more before we break even.

4. Music Department Director Reports

a. Curriculum

i. Choir - Mrs. Wilcox reported on a successful winter choir concert, and thanked everyone who helped make it a success. There were/are two additional performance trips for the choir, *i.e.* caroling at Jenners Pond on December 12, and singing in the State Capitol building on December 13.

Extra-Curricularly, Mrs. Wilcox congratulated the eight students from AGHS who qualified for PMEA District Choir. The Men's and Women's Choirs will meet again after the winter break. Choral Day is scheduled for February 7; it is modeled after Strings Day, and will include students from grades five through twelve, who will participate in a workshop during the day and a concert that evening. More information will be sent out after the winter break about singing the national anthem at an 87ers game on February 13. Small ensemble concert is scheduled for March 7, 2018, and IE for that begins this week. Spring trip is coming up on April 6, as previously reported.

ii. Orchestra – Mrs. Wilcox read the orchestra report in Mrs. Umile's absence: The winter orchestra concert went very well, and Mrs. Umile thanked everyone who helped with the post-concert reception. Coming up on January 18 is the orchestra students' trip to attend a Philadelphia Orchestra rehearsal, and the 2nd Annual AGSD Strings Festival is coming up on January 31. March 14 is the AGHS Music and Art Faculty Recital and show.

Thank you to everyone who turned in their paperwork and deposits for the spring trip, which was due on December 1. There were more parents interested in chaperoning for the trip than spaces available; the directors thank everyone for their interest and support.

iii. Marching Band and Concert Band – In Mr. Davino's absence, Pres. Gentile read his report: Winter band concert is on December 18, and there was an earlier call time for the students than usual to allow sufficient time for warm-up and tuning. We had five students qualify for District 12 Honors Band, three of whom also qualified for District 12 Honors Orchestra.

Jazz band begins rehearsal on December 13; anyone who has not yet turned in their contract should bring it with them to the first rehearsal. Jazz bands will not play during the spring band concert, but instead will have their own concert on May 11. We are exploring the idea of using the format of a jazz café night in the cafeteria, including food trucks, rather than a traditional concert, but both the auditorium and the cafeteria are currently booked until that decision is made.

c. Extracurricular/Color Guard and Indoor Percussion – In Mrs. Adcock's absence, Pres. Gentile read her report: We currently have thirty members, 15 in Maroon (varsity), and 15 in Gold (JV), but are still accepting new members for Gold through the end of December. We are in the middle of our first fundraiser, the raffling of a MacBook Pro; the drawing will be held on January 6, at our camp. Indoor Showcase, March 17, already has over sixty groups signed up. Applebee's flapjack fundraiser is scheduled for February 4; more details to follow. AGMB Championship t-shirts have been ordered, and should arrive in early January.

FSEMS Color Guard has begun, though we are still accepting new members. Sixteen students attended our first meeting.

5. President's report – Pres. Gentile reported that the equipment trailer needed light repair, including the replacement of rims; the shop offered to trade the cost of rims for advertising on the trailer, and accepted the offer with details to be worked out. Some consideration is being given to purchasing a box truck because it has become difficult to find members with tow-capable trucks to tow the trailer, and a search is being made for available trucks. For the Indoor Showcase, we need to fill liaison positions for help.

6. Committee Reports

a. Scrip – Sheri Sabella reported that the next expected order for Scrip will be due on 12/12/17.

b. Santa Breakfast – Jamie Jones reported that 487 tickets were sold, and \$855 donations received or pledged. We raised \$565 with the sale of pictures with Santa. Our Facebook page received 74 new “likes”. There was some discussion about possibly live-streaming next year, with the assistance of some A/V students; the discussion included concerns about privacy issues and coordinating with those of our students who have opted out of having their images published by the school.

7. New Business – There was no new business.

8. Good of the Order – No points were raised for the good of the order.

9. Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Folkert

2017-2018 Secretary