



Avon Grove Instrumental Music Boosters Association

Boosters Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2018 (Accepted March 12, 2018)

Avon Grove High School, Choir Room

Attendees:

Officers: President Jennifer Gentile; Treasurer Jody Morris; Sec. Lisa Folkert.

Directors: Michael Davino, Director of Bands.

Members: Four (4) non-officer members (Jackie Miller stepped away from her officer position in an effort 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 7:05 p.m.

2. Secretary's Report: There was no report.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer Morris provided an update of general collection of money and expenses. 75% of payments have been received for spring trip. Color guard flapjack fundraiser netted \$735, and the raffle fundraiser netted \$1225; drumathon collected approximately \$1200 in donations.

b. 139 discount fundraising cards have been sold; we need to sell a lot more cards to break even and begin making a profit.

c. Wawa hoagie coupon sales - 581 coupons have been sold, and we need to sell at least 19 more to break even and begin making a profit. Please contact Prathibha Shankar to purchase your coupons. 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.

4. Music Department Director Reports

a. Curriculum

i. Choir - In Mrs. Wilcox's absence, Pres. Gentile read her report: Our students who attended PMEA District Choir festival did a wonderful job singing with Dr. Kiver, from PSU. They had a wonderful experience, and represented AGHS well. Five of the eight students will advance to the Regional festival - we are really proud of our students and how they are representing Avon Grove in the community.

Choral Day was scheduled for February 7, but unfortunately was canceled due to weather; we were unable to reschedule. Students were scheduled to sing the national anthem at an 87ers game on February 13. Small ensemble concert is scheduled for March 7, 2018, and spring trip is coming up on April 6, as previously reported. Men's and Women's choirs have started up again; students can still join those ensembles if they so desire.

ii. Orchestra – Pres. Gentile read the orchestra report in Mrs. Umile's absence: Please remind students (and parents) to check Schoology for string orchestra updates and assignments. If your student is having difficulties with video quizzes/exams, please have them download the Screencastify app, which links beautifully with Schoology. Students who have chromebooks already have this in their tool/task bar.

Full orchestra began in January, and is going very well. Updated rehearsal schedule due to recent snow day is posted on the bulletin board and Schoology group page. Full orchestra will also be performing at the adjudication in April.

The 2nd annual AGSD Strings Festival on January 31st was a success. Great job to all students! It was a fun night, filled with great performances from AGIS, FSEMS and AGHS. Coming up: March 7, Small Ensemble Concert; March 14, AGHS Music Recital with AGHS and FSEMS Art Show in lobby beforehand; March 23, UD String Orchestra Festival (permission forms and payment due on March 1).

For the spring adjudication trip, final payments were due 2/2/18. Chaperones should turn in their payments (due 2/9/18); additional communication will be forthcoming regarding scheduling, responsibilities, etc. Thank you for chaperoning - we cannot do trips without your support and help!

iii. Marching Band and Concert Band – Mr. Davino reported that Concert Band and Wind Ensemble will be traveling to UD on 3/16/18 to participate in the Sinfonia Band Festival; they will be performing for a panel of UD faculty, and receive valuable feedback as we prepare for our Spring Concert and adjudication trip. Students will also see a performance by a UD ensemble, and get to listen to other bands from the area. This trip is being generously funded by AGIMBA. We will need 5-6 chaperones for the event, and more information will be forthcoming.

AGHS Small Ensemble Concert on 3/17/18, at 7:00 p.m., will feature students from band, choir and chamber orchestra, as well as performances by both jazz bands. Big Band will be performing at Unionville Jazz Festival on 2/24/18; Lab Band will not be performing due to lack of available performance slots at the festival.

Jazz Bands will have their own, separate spring concert on 5/11/18. The plan currently is to have a Jazz Cafe night in the AGHS cafeteria, with food, a dance floor and full length performances by both AGHS Jazz Bands. The auditorium is still reserved, however, in case there is a change in plan.

Planning is underway for next Marching Band season. Band camp is on the calendar for the weeks of August 6-10 and August 13-17. Dates for kick-off meeting and spring sessions will be added soon, and performance dates will follow in mid-March.

b. Extracurricular/Color Guard and Indoor Percussion – No report.

5. President's report – Pres. Gentile reported that the planning process is underway for the Indoor Show. There will be six main areas with 2 people each to lead in split shifts. We will need to fill approximately 110 volunteer positions; signup genii are being prepared and will be live soon.

The first meeting for Wildwood is 3/21/18, with follow-up meetings on April 3, 17 and 24. For the "send-off" performance on 5/2/18, we will have concessions available in the concession stand.

6. Committee Reports

a. Scrip – Sheri Sabella reported that eleven families ordered Scrip in January, and we earned \$219.09 in scrip rebates, which were split between the AGIMBA general fund and student accounts. The next order for Scrip will be due on 3/13/18. Sheri will be available after the next few general meetings to help anyone who would like to set up a scrip account and learn how easy it is to participate.

b. Santa Breakfast – No report.

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 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Folkert

2017-2018 Secretary