



Avon Grove Instrumental Music Boosters Association

Boosters Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018 (Accepted April 9, 2018)

Avon Grove High School, Choir Room

Attendees:

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

Directors: Michael Davino, Director of Bands; Amanda Wilcox, Director of Choirs; Michelle Adcock, Director of Color Guard.

Members: Eleven (11) non-officer members.

1. This meeting of the Avon Grove Instrumental Music Boosters Association was called to order by Pres. Gentile at 7:07 p.m.

2. Secretary's Report: Carol Hetrick moved to approve December and February meeting minutes; Karen Scanlan seconded; a voice vote unanimously approved and accepted the December 2017 and February 2018 meeting minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer Morris provided an update of general collection of money for marching band, jazz band, and color guard dues, and for the upcoming spring trip. The final net amount raised by Santa Breakfast in December for the Make Music Happen discretionary fund was \$3,548.00.

b. Treasurer Shankar reported that 139 discount fundraising cards have been sold; we need to sell 138 more cards to break even and begin making a profit.

c. Wawa hoagie coupon sales - Treasurer Shankar also reported that 599 coupons have been sold, and we need to sell 1 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 - Mrs. Wilcox reported that the district-wide Choir Day was snowed out, and was unable to be rescheduled this year. We had five choir members represent AGHS at the PMEA Regional Festival, and one qualified for the State festival to be held in Lancaster. The

small ensemble concert was rescheduled, also due to snow, to March 14, 2018. There will be a guest conductor visiting on a block day to be determined after spring trip.

ii. Orchestra – Pres. Gentile read the orchestra report in Mrs. Umile’s absence: Chamber ensemble will be performing at the Small Ensemble concert; concert dress; details on the group page. The String Orchestra will be participating at the UD String Orchestra Festival on March 23, 2018; more info about the day’s schedule will be provided to chaperones as the day approaches. Full Orchestra’s rehearsal schedule, revised due to snow day, will be posted on bulletin board and on group page in Schoology.

Coming up on March 14 is Small Ensemble Concert; Faculty Recital will be rescheduled (due to snow day) to a school day, as opposed to evening, for students only. March 21 is Tri-M Coffeehouse; April 6 is spring trip; and May 15 is the Orchestra Spring Concert. For spring trip chaperones, please be sure to turn in paperwork and payments; email will go out next week with more information.

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.

Two students have been selected to represent AGHS at the upcoming PMEA Regional Festival at Valley Forge Military Academy.

AGHS Small Ensemble Concert on 3/14/18, at 7:00 p.m., will feature students from band, choir and chamber orchestra, as well as performances by both jazz bands. Both jazz bands will also perform at the Indoor Show on March 17. Big Band received an “outstanding” rating at the Unionville Jazz Show on February 24. Big Band will perform at Downingtown East Band Show on March 23; students should report to AGHS at 5:00 p.m. for pre-show rehearsal.

Jazz Bands will have their own, separate spring concert on 5/11/18, possibly including middle school. 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. Welcome Meeting will be on May 9, at 6:30 p.m. for new members, and 7:15 p.m. for all. Performance schedule is almost complete and will be posted soon on Schoology.

b. Extracurricular/Color Guard and Indoor Percussion – Mrs. Adcock reported that color guard is about halfway through its season, and has won first or second place in most of their competitions. Indoor percussion has also placed well in its competitions. The spinathon

fundraiser is coming up on March 20; the raffle and flapjack fundraisers were successful. A gofundme has opened for the Dayton trip in April. Indoor showcase is this weekend.

6. Committee Reports

a. Scrip – Sheri Sabella reported that nine families ordered Scrip in February, and we earned \$169.26 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 before the April meeting to help anyone who would like to set up a scrip account and learn how easy it is to participate.

b. Santa Breakfast – See Treasurer’s Report, above.

5. President’s report – Pres. Gentile reported that the planning process is completed for the Indoor Show; we still need to fill approximately 21 volunteer positions, and we may need to “make do” with student floaters and parents who make themselves available for extra shifts. All volunteer positions require clearances.

The first meeting for Wildwood is 3/20/18, for planners and chaperones, with follow-up meetings on April 3, 17 and 24. For the “send-off” performance on May 2, we will have simple concessions available in the concession stand.

President Gentile announced that she and Vice Pres. Jackie Miller will not be stepping down at the end of this year, and those positions will need to be filled. Jody Morris and Prathibha Shankar would like to return as Treasurers, and Lisa Folkert would like to return as Secretary. The floor has been opened to nominations, and will remain open until elections are held at the April meeting.

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 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Folkert

2017-2018 Secretary