



## Boosters Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2017 (Accepted/Approved November 13, 2017)

Avon Grove High School, Band Room

### **Attendees:**

Officers: Pres. Jennifer Gentile, V.P. Jackie Miller, Treasurers Jody Morris and Prathibha Shankar, Sec. Lisa Folkert.

Directors: Michael Davino, Director of Bands; Amanda Wilcox, Director of Choirs; and Krista Umile, Director of Orchestras.

Members: Fifteen (15) members.

1. This meeting of the Avon Grove Instrumental Music Boosters Association was called to order by Pres. Gentile at 7:05 a.m.
2. Directors' Reports – Because Mr. Davino needed to leave the meeting early, the Directors' reports were received before the Officers' reports.
  - a. Bands: Mr. Davino reported that things are just getting started for Concert Band; concert dates have been posted to Schoology. Marching Band weekly notes related to games and competitions have also been posted on Schoology at this busy time of year.
  - b. Orchestras: Mrs. Umile reported that the String Orchestra is off to a great start. Auditions for Full Orchestra woodwinds, brass, percussionists and pianists will be posted in October; audition requirements are posted on the Orchestra bulletin board. Full Orchestra will start in the fall or in January, depending on auditions. Chamber Ensemble starts on September 12; interested students should complete and return applications ASAP.

Mrs. Umile solicited suggestions for small group performance opportunities from parents. The Second Annual AGSD Strings Festival is scheduled for January 31, 2018; if you are able to volunteer to help during the day to shepherd students, set up, breakdown, etc., please contact Mrs. Umile.

A spring adjudication trip is being planned, and will be announced once arrangements are finalized and approved. Spring trip fundraising needs, and more efficient, rotational attendance by the directors at AGIMBA general meetings will be discussed in executive session. Mrs. Umile expressed appreciation for AGIMBA's/parents' work and support throughout the school year.
  - c. Choirs: Mrs. Wilcox reported that the curricular ensembles (Bel Canto, Concert Choir, and Chorale) are up and running. The non-auditioned extracurricular ensembles,

Women's Choir and Men's Choir, will start on September 25 and September 26, respectively.

The first IE Cycle will begin soon, and Mrs. Wilcox will be offering PMEA Preparation for the Choral Districts Auditions that will be held in November. The number of students that may attend the official November audition is limited to eighteen, so there will be an earlier audition at AGHS to decide which eighteen will represent AGHS at the November auditions.

Mrs. Wilcox also reported that invitations for Tri-M Honor Society membership have been extended to students who meet the criteria (teacher recommendation, and minimum 3.5 GPA), and the induction date has been scheduled for October 25. Finally, with the success last year of the AGSD Strings Festival, Mrs. Wilcox has received approval to organize an AGSD Choral Festival that would be open to students in fifth through twelfth grades.

d. Supplemental Programs: There were no reports by or on behalf of the supplemental programs.

### 3. Officers' Reports

a. President: Pres. Gentile welcomed everyone to the meeting, and expressed appreciation for the relatively large number of members in attendance.

b. Secretary: There was a motion by Kerry Shovlin to approve and accept the minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting, which were circulated to the membership prior to the meeting; the motion was seconded by Karen Scanlon. 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.

c. Treasurers: Treas. Morris reported for the Treasurers that payments are coming for Marching Band and other supplemental ensembles' dues, as are accessory orders, but there are still dues outstanding. At our first home football game, the fry trailer grossed \$2,200; net will be determined after all expense receipts have been received and paid.

d. Vice President: Vice Pres. Miller had no report for this meeting.

### 4. Committee Reports

a. Scrip: Sheri Sabella reported that the last order of the 2016-2017 school year grossed \$453, which, after deduction of costs, was to be shared equally between the AGIMBA general fund and the respective students' accounts. The next order is due on May 12, 2017, and the October order will be due on October 17, 2017. Mrs. Sabella also wished to remind members that new registration forms need to be submitted each school year, so anyone who ordered last year who also wishes to order this year will need to submit a new form. The forms will continue to be circulated with each monthly reminder, and are available on AGIMBA's website.

## 5. Old Business

- a. Discount Fundraising Cards: The 297 cards remaining from last year are now being offered at \$5.00 each. A total of 301 were previously sold at \$10 (\$3,010), and 102 were sold at the reduced \$5 rate (\$510); so far, our net income from this fundraiser is \$1,960, after the initial cost of \$1,500 and the \$60 Country Christmas booth fee. The three student sales leaders are Antonio Gentile (101), Robbie Morris (22), and Alex Morris (21).
- b. Sale of unused golf outing donations: Items that were donated for the aborted golf outing last year were offered for sale, with the proceeds deposited in our general fund. For four Phillies tickets, a Dicks Sporting Goods gift certificate, two Wilmington Blue Rocks tickets, and a Flyers hockey puck signed by Brayden Schenn, we netted \$225.00.
- c. Parent Preview/Band Camp Review: Parent Preview for the Marching Band's 2017 show was overwhelmingly positive, and the show is reported to be "Amazing!" All AGIMBA members are encouraged to attend and witness the results of everyone's hard work. Pres. Gentile expressed appreciation for the nineteen parents who assisted at band camp; everything went as smoothly as it could have (some weather notwithstanding).

## 6. New Business

- a. Wawa hoagie coupon sales: Distribution of coupons is made every Wednesday from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., near the big tree in the band parking lot. Additional coupon order forms may be obtained during this distribution time. The price is \$5 per coupon, and they do not expire. As of 9/1/17, 337 coupons have been sold, with 663 coupons remaining; in order to break even, we need to sell at least 263 more.
- b. Prop construction update: Prop construction was delayed due to scheduling difficulties, but work is scheduled to resume at 6:00 p.m. on September 12. We are reusing props from last year, but they are being reconfigured to make movement on/off field easier, including using larger wheels.
- c. Spirit Wear: Online orders for Marching Band spirit wear must be placed by Sunday, September 17, 2017. There must be at least twelve orders for each of the offered items in order for those orders to be fulfilled.
- d. Homecoming: Anna Hull and Liz Eckman, as parents of our drum major and assistant drum major, Lena and Daisy, are coordinating the Homecoming hamburger fundraiser. Mrs. Hull reported that there will be no card raffle basket due to the low amount raised; when she reported that they were also not planning to offer games this year for the same reason, the general reaction was of disappointment, and Karen Scanlon offered to organize them for the enjoyment of the younger children who attend. Solicitation of donations from local businesses will begin soon, and parents will be asked to donate items such as pretzels. Signup Genius will be up soon for volunteer and donation opportunities. It was also noted that the game will start later this year due to it being an SAT day; the game will start at 3:00.

e. Santa Breakfast: Jamie Jones, our new Santa Breakfast chair, reported that he will need three to five volunteers as soon as possible to help organize our annual Santa Breakfast event; he envisions this group meeting on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 20, and then Monday and Wednesday evenings as the date gets closer. Solicitations for donations from businesses will begin soon, and Signup Genius will be developed for member donations and volunteer opportunities.

7. Good of the Order:

a. Karen Scanlon asked when senior recognition will be. It traditionally happens at the last home game, which this year will be October 27.

b. Kerry Shovlin asked that all parents take lots of candid photos, and share them with her to use for the Band Banquet Slide Show.

c. Kerry Shovlin opened a discussion about where the senior banner was made last year, and several people offered to find out and let her know. Her goal is to have one made and displayed for Homecoming.

d. Kelly Walker asked that AGIMBA emails referencing Signup Genii contain links to the specific signup, and not a link to the AGIMBA website section regarding signups.

e. There was a general call enthusiastically recognizing and thanking Mrs. Gentile for volunteering to serve as our President this year.

8. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Folkert*

2017-2018 Secretary