



Boosters Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017 (Accepted/Approved November 13, 2017)

Avon Grove High School, Band Room

Attendees:

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

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

Members: Eight (8) members.

Also in attendance were Michelle Adcock and Sean Rode.

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

2. Directors' Reports:

a. Bands: Mr. Davino reported that, because of the condition and unavailability of suitable sizes for all students, changes are being made to the Wind Ensemble Concert uniform this year. Concert Band will wear black pants, black shoes and socks, white shirt, and tie; or knee-length black dress with sleeves. Wind Ensemble will wear black pants, black shoes and socks, black shirt, and dark-colored tie; black knee-length dress with sleeves.

Chamber Ensembles: Several band students have formed their own small brass group and they are looking for performance opportunities. Please let Mr. Davino know of any performance ideas/opportunities for 6 or so brass musicians.

Marching Band: Thanks to everyone with your help for Homecoming. We are completing the props as we speak, and will have them ready for performance on Saturday's competition.

b. Orchestras: Mrs. Umile reported that Chamber Ensemble will be performing for a local Boy Scout fundraiser on 11/11/17, and she would like to hear from anyone with suggestions for other events they might play. String Orchestra should check Schoology for updates and assignments, where all string communications and information can be found. Auditions for Full Orchestra woodwind, brass, percussion and piano players are posted on the bulletin board; please read audition requirements carefully. Depending on auditions, Full Orchestra will either start in the fall or in January 2018.

Looking ahead, Mrs. Umile reported that the First Annual AGHS Faculty Recital will be held on 03/14/18, with Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Umile and Mr. Davino performing; additional details to be provided. Spring Adjudication Trip have started, and hopefully we will have an announcement within a week or two.

c. Choirs: Mrs. Wilcox reported that Bel Canto, Concert Choir, and Chorale are all in full swing, with Chorale having their first performance at the AG Homecoming this past weekend. She looking forward to the upcoming months of concert prep for the December 6th Chorale Concert, and the students are doing a great job. Mrs. Wilcox is looking into performance opportunities in the community for the Winter Season, and would like anyone to please feel free to send these ideas along.

Men's and Women's Choirs are also in full swing for this semester. Any student who has missed the first two rehearsals but wishes to be involved, should see her during the school day for access to the Schoology Page and Rehearsal Schedule.

The Tri-M will be holding their Induction Ceremony on Wednesday evening, October 25th in the AGHS Auditorium. All students must Play-Off on Thursday, October 12th in order to maintain membership or be inducted. Marching band members will be placed earlier in the event so that they can get to their rehearsal in a timely fashion.

The PMEA Choral IE Prep has begun, with many students interested in auditioning for these ensembles. Mrs. Wilcox also announced that the first annual district-wide Choral Day will be held on February 7, 2018.

d. Supplemental Programs: Mrs. Adcock expressed appreciation for parents staying with Color Guard at the competitions to assist with water and emergencies. It is only four weeks until the Indoor seasons begins, and an informational meeting will be held on 11/09/17 for anyone interested in Percussion Line, Color Guard or Jazz Band. Mrs. Adcock reminded us that this is a "Dayton year", with more information to come. Twenty-four teams have already signed up to participate in the indoor showcase on 3/17/18. Mrs. Adcock is very excited to report that a non-competitive Middle School Color Guard is being formed; they will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning December 5, and will have a minimum of two performances, including showcase and a Wildwood send-off.

3. Officers' Reports

a. President: Pres. Gentile reported that the Executive Board has begun to meet regularly to share information and coordinate activities of the Boosters. At the first meeting, there was a discussion about the development of the Make Music Happen Fund (f/k/a discretionary fund) policy, and possibly the reinstatement of a Fundraising Committee. Mrs. Gentile also announced that Booster spirit wear was expected to be delivered 10/17/17.

b. Secretary: There were not enough members in attendance to conduct official business, and so approval of the minutes of the 09/11/17 meeting, which were circulated to the membership prior to the meeting, will be tabled until the next regular meeting.

c. Treasurers: Treas. Morris reported that there are still many outstanding fees for the 2017-2018 Marching Band dues, as well as two still outstanding from 2016-2017, and some outstanding chaperone and accessory fees. If anyone still owes fees to the Boosters (not the District activity fee), they are encouraged to contact the Treasurers to make payment or to arrange a payment plan.

Discount Fundraising Cards: Discount fundraising card were still being worked on, with four businesses committed to providing 10% discounts. We hope to have twelve business participating, and are waiting to hear back from other business that have been contacted.

Wawa Hoagie Coupon Sales: As of 10/7/17, we have sold 449 coupons, with 551 coupons remaining to be sold. Distribution of coupons is made every Wednesday from 5:45 to 6:15 in the band parking lot; coupon order forms may be obtained during that time. We need to sell 151 more before breaking even and beginning to net a profit.

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

4. Committee Reports

a. Scrip: Sheri Sabella reported that twelve families ordered scrip in September, earning a total of \$301.92. After expenses, \$137.97 went to the Boosters general fund, and \$150.95 went to student accounts. The total income since 07/01/17 is \$654.38, before expenses and before sharing between Boosters general fund and student accounts. The next order for scrip will be due on 10/17/17. The forms will continue to be circulated with each monthly reminder, and are available on AGIMBA's website.

b. Homecoming: Anna Hull reported that we almost sold out everything purchased and donated for our homecoming booth, that is 444 burgers (including 22 veggie burgers); the ticket system worked very well and kept the line moving along.

c. Santa Breakfast: Jamie Jones reported that he has four volunteers helping to plan Santa Breakfast. A Facebook page has been set up (search for "AGIMBA Santa Breakfast") with advertisements reaching 10,000 to 15,000 people in the area. We are a non-profit, so we are able to receive donations and pre-sell tickets. Letters are going out for donations. For more information on the event, resources, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, go to AGIMBA.org, and select Santa Breakfast from the Committees and Fundraising dropdown at the top of the page.

5. Old Business: There was no old business other than as reported above.

6. New Business: There was no new business other than as reported above.

7. Good of the Order:

a. Kerry Shovlin mentioned that photo orders will be going out at a date to be determined; it is expected that packages will be offered at \$20, with a la carte options available. She still needs to take pics of sections and the band on the field.

8. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Folkert

2017-2018 Secretary