



Avon Grove Instrumental Music Boosters Association

Boosters Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2017 (Accepted _____)
Avon Grove High School, Band Room

Attendees:

Officers: Vice President Jackie Miller, Treasurer Jody Morris, Sec. Lisa Folkert.

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

Members: Ten (10) members.

1. This meeting of the Avon Grove Instrumental Music Boosters Association was called to order by Vice Pres. Miller at 7:05 p.m.

2. Secretary's Report: There was a motion by Kerry Shovlin to approve and accept the minutes of the September 11 and October 10, 2017 meetings, which were circulated to the membership prior to the meeting; the motion was seconded by Frank Gentile. 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. The fry trailer grossed approximately \$9,000 in sales (less than last year due to there being fewer home games this year), and the McCutcheons very generously donated the costs of running the trailer this year. The Uhaul costs for transporting marching band equipment were approximately \$3,600 for the season. The sale of band pictures grossed about \$1,000. We are still collecting marching band and color guard dues, with about \$2,000 still unpaid. It was noted that the wording for the indoor color guard forms was amended to include that students will not be able to participate in the next season/activity unless their prior season's dues are paid in full.

b. Treasurer Shankar reported that 35 tickets were sold for the West Chester University Competition, 74 tickets for the Lincoln University Competition, and 24 tickets for the Allentown Competition. Altogether, we netted \$485 from competition ticket sales.

c. Wawa hoagie coupon sales - as of 11/10/17 sold 540 coupons, with 460 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. 60 more to sell before we break even.

4. Music Department Director Reports

a. Curriculum

i. Choir - Mrs. Wilcox reported on important winter concert dates and times: Mandatory Dress Rehearsal on November 29th from 2:30-4:30; Winter Choral Concert on December 6th. Call time is 6:30 p.m. and the performance begins at 7:00. Information will be sent to parents to sign up

for the Concert Reception through Schoology and class announcements. The AG Chorale will be performing at Jenners Pond on 12/12 after school, and at the Capitol Building in Harrisburg on 12/13 during the school day. AGSD Choral Day will be held on 2/7, and members of the choirs will be singing at the 87ers Basketball game on 2/13 (Salute to Veterans night).

To mark Music in our Schools Month (March 2018), there will be a Small Ensemble Concert on 3/7/18, a Faculty Recital on 3/14/18, and Tri-M Coffee House on 3/21/18. Twelve students will be auditioning on November 18th for the PMEA District Choir; all AG students who have been learning this piece, regardless of their audition outcome at AG or at PMEA, will be featured in the concert.

Mrs. Wilcox thanked everyone for their support of the students during the Tri-M Induction. They did a fabulous job and the directors, as educators, are very proud of what they are accomplishing! Finally, students have now formed groups to perform at Santa Breakfast, and a schedule will be completed shortly for the performances during that day.

ii. Orchestra – Mrs. Umile reported that Chamber Ensemble performed for a local Boy Scout Fundraiser on 11/11/17, and will be performing in the lobby for both the HS Choir and HS Band concerts. If anyone knows of any events for which a smaller string ensemble would be a nice added touch, please pass along information to Mrs. Umile. The String Orchestra concert will be 11/11/17 at 7:00 p.m., and orchestra students need to report to the band room at 6:15pm in concert dress. She reminded us that concert dress has changed from prior years, and the information is located on the orchestra's Schoology page. Students are reminded to check Schoology for updates and assignments.

Full Orchestra auditions are finished, and Full Orchestra will begin in January 2018. All rehearsal, lesson and other important information will be posted on the Orchestra bulletin board and sent via email to the students' myagsd.net email.

Upcoming events include PMEA District Auditions on 11/18/17 at Bayard Rustin HS. Students will have transportation to the festival auditions but will need to have transportation home.

January 18th is the trip to a Philadelphia Orchestra Rehearsal, with possible discussion beforehand. We will keep families and students up to date on itinerary as it becomes more finalized.

The First Annual AGHS Faculty Recital will be held at AGHS on 03/14/18. Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Umile, and Mr. D'Avino will perform, and a few AGHS Art teachers will be presenting their work in the lobby before the concert. More details TBA.

The Spring Adjudication Trip to Washington, D.C./Alexandria, VA is on Friday, 04/06/18. The commitment form and deposit are due on 12/01/17. Please be sure to read the participation guidelines in the letter to ensure understanding of commitment.

iii. Marching Band and Concert Band – In Mr. Davino's absence, Mrs. Wilcox read his report: The marching band wrapped up a very successful season, winning 1st place at the Southeastern PA Invitational, the Group IV-A State Championship, and earning 2nd place in the IV-A National Championships, winning Best Music and Best Color Guard in the process. More importantly, we put on a show that students and audience alike really enjoyed and made a tremendous amount of progress between our first rehearsals back in April and our last performance last week. I could not be prouder of all of the hard work done by our students this season. I also want to thank each and every parent who assisted the band this season. We would simply not be able to do what we do without the countless volunteer hours you all put in.

The Winter Band Concert is coming up on 12/18/17 at 7:00 PM. Jazz Band auditions are scheduled for the week of 11/27/17, after school. The first rehearsal for both bands will be on

Wednesday, December 6th. All pertinent information, including info packets and audition information, can be found on our Schoology site. Please use the GROUP code: RXVWH-94KRR to join our Schoology group.

c. Extracurricular/Color Guard and Indoor Color Guard – In Mrs. Adcock's absence, Mrs. Wilcox read her report: We are so proud of the successes of the AG Color Guard this fall! We received many positive reactions to their contribution to the Marching Band Production, including Best Color Guard awards at the US Band PA States and US Band National competitions.

Indoor season begins with the first rehearsal on 11/28 from 6-9pm at the AGIS Gym. An informational packet, schedule, etc. are available on the Indoor Guard Schoology page: (<https://avongrove.schoology.com/group/542093505>). All are encouraged to join, not just current color guard members, especially new 9th grade students to strengthen the program for the future. Indoor Showcase on 03/17/18 already has 41 groups signed up!. We're excited to announce the formation of the FSEMS Color Guard; current HS Staff members will be instructing (as volunteers), meeting Tuesdays 6-8pm at FSEMS gym beginning December 5. Please see the Schoology Page for FSEMS Guard (<https://avongrove.schoology.com/group/1294034836>).

5. President's report – Pres. Gentile reported that we are having regular meetings of Executive Board to discuss, among other things, the Make Music Happen Fund, as we continue to work out logistics for the guidelines and procedures document, and we have had discussions about fundraisers, and the possible reformation of a fundraising committee. Booster/Spirit wear has been delivered, and reviews are very positive.

6. Committee Reports

a. Scrip – Sheri Sabella reported that 13 families ordered Scrip in November. The total earned in Scrip rebates this month was \$345.79, \$159.90 going to the AGIMBA general fund, after expenses, and \$172.89 going to student accounts. The total Income for this Fiscal Year (since July 1 of this year): \$1,377.30 before expenses, which is split between Boosters and student accounts. Total expenses for the Fiscal Year were \$48.75 shipping/\$0 supplies (comes off booster rebates earned). The next expected order for Scrip will be due on 12/12/17.

b. Santa Breakfast – Jamie Jones reported that donations have filled up on the Signup Genius, and most student volunteer positions are filled, but we need more parent volunteers to sign up. Letters have been sent to prior years' donors, soliciting monetary and food donations. It was decided that there would be no clothing collection as had been considered. Signs advertising the event are expected to be placed in strategic locations next Monday, 11/20/17.

7. New Business

a. Discount Fundraising Cards will be available after Thanksgiving for \$10 per card. We ordered the production of 500 cards at a cost of \$1,350; if all cards are sold, we will net \$3,650 for the general fund. Our ten participating vendors are Pizzeria Saporì, Carniceria Moroleon, Grandma's Goods & Services (online only, but based in West Grove), and Twelves, in West Grove; Jake's Wayback Burgers, Perkins, and Philly Pretzel Factory, in Avondale; and Wendy's, Taco Bell, and Kentucky Fried Chicken, in Kennett Square.

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 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Folkert
2017-2018 Secretary