

Saratoga Music Boosters

A 501(c)(3) organization supporting music programs in the Saratoga Union School District and Saratoga High School

Regular Meeting (blended; in-person and via Zoom), December 14th, 2021: **Minutes**

Attendance: total number of attendees = 15, including the following

Executive Board:

Dave Holt - President
Andrew Dimock - Co-Secretary
Alicia de Fuentes - Co-Secretary
Isabelle Gecils - Parliamentarian
Vidya Vineet - VP Donations
Tim Tang - Accounts Receivable/Treasurer
Richard Aochi - Controller/Treasurer
Revathi Koteeswaran - Treasurer

Music Directors:

Sean Clark
Isabel McPherson
Jon Jow

Dave Holt calls the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Approval of November Minutes presented by Andrew Dimock

Isabelle Gecils moves to approve the draft of the November minutes, Vidya Vineet seconds.
Motion carries.

DH: Jay Jayanth was voted in as treasurer in August. He is unable to fulfill the role at this time, and has resigned. Rev has agreed to serve.

IG: We need a vote of the Executive Board to authorize the change.

AD makes a motion for a vote to re-elect Rev Koteeswaran as Treasurer until a new treasurer is found. IG seconds. Motion carries.

RK: Many thanks to all the members of the extended team (Tim Tang, Richard Aochi). "At least we don't have to go to the bank" to change names on the account.

Financials presented by Rev Koteeswaran

Saratoga High School

SHS Band: \$172,360 actual vs \$194,600 budgeted

SHS Orchestra: \$63,280 vs \$68,670

SHS Choir: \$15,350 vs \$20,000

Winter Guard: 00.00 vs \$15,000

Winter Percussion: 00.00 vs \$26,450
International Trip Revenue: \$549,130 vs \$400,000

Redwood Middle School

Redwood Marching: 00.00 vs \$40,250

Redwood Ensemble: \$28,828 vs \$45,000

Upper Strings: \$2,550 vs \$18,000

Color Guard: \$600 vs \$4,500

Redwood Chorus: \$1,000 vs \$7,500

Primary Grades

Primary Strings: 00.00 vs \$12,000

5th Grade Band: \$3,450 vs \$6,500

Total Assets as of 11/30, 2021: \$885,676.40

RK: asks for approval of Citibank check numbers 8912 and 8916 - 8930.

AD moves to approve the checks and the November financials, as presented; IG seconds.

Motion carries.

Donations report presented by Vidya Vineet

DH: Inquires about whether the request for donations has gone out to all of the parents with children enrolled in the music programs. There are two weeks left before the end of the calendar year. It would be worthwhile to make sure the ask is sent out as soon as possible, because the tax year deductions play a large part in many people's giving decisions. Also, we are starting to see donations in the form of stock pick up.

DH: Overall, we are doing very well with fundraising.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser presented by Mandula Prashad

MP: Seeking a co-chair. She is planning to discuss the event with Principal Louie.

DH: Asks to be personally involved in the process. He emphasizes that traditionally the Pancake Breakfast has been a community-wide event, with the mayor, district officials, others in attendance.

Directors' Reports

Sean Clark: Overview of Winter Percussion's plans. Their big event will be a five-day tour to Oregon, with stops in Eureka, Ashland, Portland. There will also be competitions in Cupertino and Fresno. The site of the championship competition hasn't been determined yet. The tour will

cost \$1,000 per individual. WP plans to sell boba at school as a fundraiser, with the goal of raising from a quarter to a third of that cost.

DH: notes the dramatic growth in the size of the group. Concert A group has 16-18 students; the Open group has 33 students. Congratulates Sean on his success in developing the ensemble; "an amazing level of participation."

SC: Doesn't have any information about Winter Guard's schedule.

Isabelle McPherson: Had concert last week with the orchestra, held in Redwood's MultiPurpose Room rather than McAfee. Thanks to the volunteers who administered the strict COVID safety protocols, and to the families who followed them, and attended. Great to see people in person. After the concert, they had a debrief, and then a gathering. Finally having the chance to learn from the opportunity of live performance.

VV: It was awesome to be part of the audience, and thank you for putting it together.

Jon Jow: There was some anxiety in instituting the COVID safety protocol with all its details, and it went well. With 5th grade Band, things are really crazy in a good way, with 125 students. Between setting up, preparing reeds, breaking down, there are only thirty minutes for the actual lesson. High level of excitement; the students are emailing to ask questions about how to play their instruments. Exciting developments, lots of new additions and improvements in the music program. Pictures of the orchestra performance, the first in two years.

IG: The enthusiasm is evident.

JJ: The band concert could not be held indoors, and in the end was canceled due to weather. Hopefully, the guidelines next year will be less restrictive.

(For Beth Nitzan) The Redwood Choir sang at the Saratoga holiday Ceremony of Lights at Blaney Plaza. A community-wide event.

VV: Shoutout to Beth; she has been wonderful to work with, having taken on the RMS choir in addition to everything else she is doing at the high school, and she was eager to make the Ceremony of Lights event work so the choir could have a chance to perform. In her role with Saratoga Education Foundation (SEF), Vidya is trying to give their work greater visibility by having community-based performances in addition to those held on campus, and felt this concert was a big success in those terms. Let the municipal officials see directly how those programs benefit the students.

SC: I'd be happy to have Winter Percussion present at any such future event Vidya identifies.

DH: Our city council is very supportive of the schools and other organizations like the Boy and Girl Scouts (he is a Scoutmaster), which is appreciated.

DH: call for other business?

Andrew Dimock: I've been hired as a long-term substitute at Saratoga High School for the spring semester, to replace a teacher leaving the English department. According to the SMB bylaws, Article VI, Section B, an employee of LGSUHSD may not serve as an officer of the Board. Therefore, I will be stepping down as Co-Recording Secretary, effective immediately. Alicia de Fuentes is the Recording Secretary of SMB.

DH: Offers congratulations.

Meeting adjourns at 8:25 pm

Summary of Motions

Approval of Minutes

Isabelle Gecils moves, Vidya Vineet seconds: motion carries

Reelection of Rev Koteeswaran as Treasurer

Andrew Dimock moves, Isabelle Gecils seconds: motion carries

Approval of November Financials as presented

Andrew Dimock moves, Isabelle Gecils seconds: motion carries

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Dimock

Alicia de Fuentes

Co-Recording Secretaries