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Saratoga Music Boosters (SMB) Regular Meeting March 9th, 2020 - Minutes

Attendance: Total number of attendees present = 25 including the following:

Executive Board:

Jane Graham	Y	Amelia Shen	Y	Sandy Miller	Y
Dave Holt	N	Dipti Shrivastav	N	Beth Kingsley	Y
Revathi Koteeswaran	Y	Michele Loconzolo	Y	Yvonne Linney	Y

Music Directors:

Michael Boitz	Y	Jason Shiuan	Y	Isabel McPherson	Y
Jon Jow	Y	Andrew Ford	Y		

Location: Room M101, SHS Music Building

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by President, Jane Graham.

Introductions:

- Welcome to Vidya Vineet, prospective SMB volunteer and parent of freshman at SHS and 5th grader at Foothill Elementary
- Welcome to John Linney. John is considering joining SMB board next year as Webmaster

Minutes:

- Presented by Michele Loconzolo
- February 2020 minutes were circulated prior to meeting,
- Motion to approve February 2020 minutes made by Sandy Miller and seconded by Andy Dimock. Motion approved.

Financials:

- Current programs' revenue against projected expenses are as follows:
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- Band: \$207,360 / \$274,107
- Winter Guard: \$5,890 / \$20,275
- Winter Percussion: \$17,795 / \$37,505
- Orchestra: \$55,440 / \$64,949
- Choir: \$23,015 / \$27,331
- SUSD
 - 5th Grade Band: SUSD Beginning Band Legacy Fund sits at \$29,298, with expenses of \$89,951. Expenses include instrument purchase for the launching on in-school program
 - Primary Strings: \$12,950 / \$35,500
- Questions on the International trip
 - Budget is not yet finalized due to changes in headcount
 - Will work from a preliminary budget as it provides a funding mechanism for incoming trip expenses
 - Refund language included in the World Projects literature conflicts with messaging regarding contributions and donations
- Additional Jazz cabaret revenue still to be tallied; all expenses have already been submitted.
- Motion made by Michele Loconzolo to approve \$3,160 for Equipment budget expense is seconded by Andy Dimock. All approved.
- Pancake breakfast budget for 2020 is \$6450 vs \$7,210 for 2019. The event's projected income is approximately \$20,000.
- Motion to approve financials as presented including checks 14305- 14343 made by Sandy Miller, seconded by Andy Dimock. All approved
- Motion to approve \$6,450 for Pancake Breakfast budget was made by Sandy Miller and seconded by Naomi Wong. All approved
- Thank you to Naomi Wong. Tax receipts have all been issued. Moving forward receipts will be issued electronically on a monthly basis.

Membership Report:

- Presented by Beth Kingsley
- Total contributions currently at \$153,127
- March concert programs had already been printed when concerts were canceled. Donor list will be compiled and ready for printing in the event concerts are rescheduled.

Messaging discrepancies to incoming freshman families and students:

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- SHS music directors have received emails from incoming students and their families regarding the option to participate in music and athletic programs. They had come to understand that athletics and music schedules are incompatible and students are to choose between one and the other.
- The directors negotiate student scheduling conflicts together with students and athletic coaching staff; compromises are found. It is the opinion of the music directors that their approach has been successful for many students participating in music and all extra-curricular activities, not just athletics.
- According to parent emails, the SHS messaging at incoming student events such as Electives' Night and Guidance Night, discourages participation in music and athletics.
- Directors met with SHS staff to address these points
- Awareness of the issue among the SHS music community is sought as current families can offer new families insight on the feasibility of concurrent music and athletic participation
- A suggestion was made to offer a music program open house, prior to Electives' Night, similar to that offered by MAP
- Jane Graham proposed inviting Greg Louie to next SMB meeting to discuss the issue further. Would like to reinstate the dual athletics/music students being given 5 min at incoming freshman parent night to demonstrate the ability to participate in both successfully

Parliamentarian - Timelines for By-laws and Nominating Committees:

- Presented by Sandy Miller
- By-Laws Committee will meet over the coming week or two
- Nominating Committee presented by Yvonne Linney, chair:
 - A subset of the committee met to discuss open positions for 2020/21. A spreadsheet will be circulated to all committee members.
 - Yvonne/Sandy will draft a letter to be sent to all music program families, via Charms this week, in an effort to reach a larger pool of potential recruits

Pancake Breakfast:

- Presented by Priya Khemani
- Committee met last week
- Will hold silent auction and raffle
- Raffle application was submitted to IRS, currently awaiting approval
- Lawn signs are available; members are asked to display them first week of April
- Performance schedule is available

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Jason Shiuan:

- All State performance in Fresno included 25 SHS music students, the greatest number of students from one school
- Band performance was one of the best wind ensembles heard in a long time
- Winter Percussion (WP) earned first place in division at Fremont High School, winning \$1,100 worth of cymbals; event sponsors offer prizes instead of trophies.
- March concert series was canceled due to COVID-19 virus. In addition, the upcoming Sonoma State Festival has also been canceled
- WP events are still on, at this point
- WP senior night will take place Tuesday, March 24th, in the Large Gym at 7pm. It's more of a home showcase as there is only one graduating senior to celebrate.
- Ms. Hasegawa shared that Florentine's in the Village had been hired to provide dinner to 200+ people for the canceled Orchestra concert. The decision to cancel was made the day before the concert event, food had been purchased and preparations had begun. The restaurant had not collected a deposit. Members of the music community are kindly asked to patronize this local small business in return for their generosity.

Michael Boitz:

- Friday night's band concert was to be catered by La Cueva, a small family run restaurant in San Jose. Directors are working with restaurant owners to come to some agreement on lost deposit; La Cueva has been very generous
- Cupertino opted to hold concerts without audiences, choosing to live stream performances
- CMEA board will meet to discuss whether or not to hold event; participating districts have all approved live -streaming performance should CMEA board consider this option.

Isabel McPherson:

- Disney trip was a great experience, with marching band marching down Main St.
- Two RMS orchestra students attended All-State
- Auditions for next year are underway

Jon Jow:

- Disneyland and Southern California music tour was a success! We are grateful to all of our help from our volunteers, as well as the support from families at home and those who traveled to cheer us on.
- Students also had an enriching time at their All-State Band and Orchestra experiences a couple days following Disney.

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- This month, we're looking toward our CMEA performances, pending the ever-changing district policies and news regarding the coronavirus. Currently we are still a go, with some adjustments made to the festival (thank you to the SHS music team for the quick changes). The performance will be closed to audience members, but live-streamed to view remotely.

Andrew Ford:

- Middle school students attended a clinic with Dean of Music and Performing Arts at CSU Fullerton during their So Cal trip
- Valentine Grams at SHS were a success
- Eastern Michigan University visited the Saratoga High School Choirs as part of their Western US Tour- a first for EMU. A fantastic morning of singing for each other, and working with a world-class choral director, Dr. Brandon Johnson, who listened to the choir's festival set, and gave feedback for performance improvement, and thoughts about interpretation.
- Chamber Choir participated in the annual San Jose State University Choral Invitational. In addition to hearing other fabulous choirs from around the Bay Area and performance by the renowned SJSU Choraliers, Chamber Choir received feedback and a clinic from Dr. Eugene Rogers, director of choirs and associate professor of conducting at the University of Michigan.
- Congratulations to the four SHS students who auditioned for, and were selected to participate in, the ACDA Western Region Honor Choir in Salt Lake City.

President's Report:

- Presented by Jane Graham
- Mid-year audit will be ready for April meeting
- Jon Jow, Isabel McPherson, and Jane Graham met SUSD superintendent Ken Geisick to discuss the scope of music programs, and how they are funded. Jon will be submitting some budget figures to Ken for next year, as he agrees SMB is currently funding some portions that are the district's responsibility.

Upcoming Events:

Mar 13	F	SWE & SSO @Sonoma State Festival
Mar 13 - 14	F - S	SHS Choral CMEA
Mar 14	Sa	RMS CMEA Choral Festival
Mar 14	Sa	WG CCGC Monta Vista

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Mar 14	Sa	WP Competition @James Logan HS
Mar 20 - 21	F - Sa	SHS & RMS CMEA Band and Orchestra Festival
Mar 24	Tu	WP & WG Senior Night
Mar 28	Sa	WG CCGC Championships
Mar 28	Sa	WP Competition @Mountain House HS
Apr 2	Th	Jazz Bands @SJSU Jazz Festival Invitational
Apr 11	Sa	WP Competition @Stockton Arena

Summary of Motions

<i>Item</i>	<i>Moved by:</i>	<i>Seconded by:</i>	<i>All ok?</i>
Approve February 2020 minutes	Sandy Miller	Andy Dimock	Y
<i>Approve Equipment budget of \$3160</i>	Michele Loconzolo	Andy Dimock	Y
Approve financials including checks 14305- 14343	Sandy Miller	Andy Dimock	Y
Approve Pancake Breakfast Budget	Sandy Miller	Naomi Wong	Y

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm by Jane Graham.
Next meeting: April 13th, 2020 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Michele Loconzolo & Yvonne Linney
Co-Recording Secretaries