

Salinas High Music Association
Minutes January 14, 2019

Members present: Brienne Barrows, Kim Eads, Teresa Johnson, Gilberto Oros, Cecilia Rotharmel, Michelle Smitherman, Diane Walker, Ann Wintermantel

Also present: Marilyn Dorman, Debi Conway, Peggy Carroll

Members absent: Araceli Meskus, Juan Moreno, Maria Ortega, Claudia Rogel

Teresa Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. The meeting was held in the SHS band room. The minutes from last meeting were read. Ann Wintermantel asked where the amount of \$3,000 for the Pit sound system came from. It came from Ms. Zenk. Ann said that back in 2014 or 2016 we only offered \$750 and the total sound system amount was \$4,000. More discussion on sound system later in meeting. Cecilia Rotharmel made motion to accept the minutes. Michelle Smitherman seconded. All approved.

Marilyn Dorman gave the Financial Report for the month of December. Total expenses for December was \$3,346 with almost \$5,000 income so ending month in positive. There's still some expenses for poinsettias fundraiser like printing bill and just gotten some more income for poinsettias. Michelle made motion to accept the Financial Report. Cecilia seconded. All approved.

There were no teachers at the meeting. Michelle asked about the email from Micah Cabaccang, band teacher, about a mattress fundraiser. No one on Board knows anything about it and Micah seems to think it's a good idea. Peggy Carroll said that there is a mattress fundraiser; Brian Parker, North Salinas High School band teacher, had done it. He raised thousand(s) in one day. It's based on mattress sales and mattresses are brought to the school. Ann said if it's on campus then need to get ASB approval. All fundraisers done on school campus need ASB approval. More information is needed before moving forward. Michelle will check into it. Also, in Micah's email was jazz band needing to raise \$10,000 for the Fullerton jazz trip in April 12 -15, 2019. Jazz Band is performing Thursday, February 28 at Fox Theater for SUBA Salinas United Business Association, time TBA. CCS Honor Band concert is February 1. Lucia McDonough and Jorge Cancho Gallegos made it.

Cecilia said the jazz choir went to Reno Jazz Festival last Saturday and came back today; they had good time. CCS Honor Choir kids will miss school on January 24 and 25, 2019 for rehearsals for the concert on January 26 at 2 PM in the Salinas High School PAC. Peggy Carroll said Campus Church offered rehearsal spaces for CCS Honor Choirs different groups. Cecilia said Michelle Boulware, choir teacher, want to sell See's Candies for Easter fundraiser. Michelle S. made motion for the choir to sell candy fundraiser. Kim Eads seconded. All approved.

Brienne Barrows report the color guards went Saturday to James Logan High School in San Jose for a performance. It was a six minutes routine with judges and evaluations. They did really well and got bumped up in class. There's now only 23 kids (down from 29). They have another performance on January 26 also at Logan High School. They are still selling chocolate bars and have gotten about \$3,000. Jeff Lind, color guard coach, bought them jackets with color guard name on it. They are thinking of doing a color guard invitational if they can get judges and have a place to hold it.

Spring concert dates are May 10, 2019 for choir and May 13, 2019 at 6 PM for concert band, jazz band, percussion and orchestra.

Teresa gave Scrip report. All numbers from June 2018 up to January 2019 have been sent to Marilyn.

Gilberto Oros gave the website report. He is getting photos and video and putting them on website. He just added picture of color guards. Ann said website need a link for email subscribers to go onto Mailchimp.

Ann said a person need to take over the Facebook administrator job from her to approve people to be able to post stuff on SHMA Facebook. We don't want just any body to post random or commercial things on site. There are two separate Facebook sites: Salinas High Music Association page and Salinas High Music Association group. Ann might only keep one.

Maria Ortega was not at meeting to report on student accounts.

Marilyn said SHMA does not need to change its by-laws (and then deal with state on the non-profit status) to take over Washington Middle School music funds. We only need MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). See separate emailed MOU document. It's more like a business deal that SHMA would handle the money for WMS and not like they are becoming a part of SHMA. Peggy said the group's name is only initials, RFY Inc., and not spelled out. Also, a maximum of two WMS parents will be annually appointed by WMS music teacher to the SHMA Board of directors as voting members of the Board. SHMA will take over and manage the funds of RFY, Inc. and handle the WMS music scholarships And RFY, Inc. will pay for SHMA bookkeeper's time while doing WMS music business. Michelle S. made motion to approve the MOU after correcting name to RFY, Inc. Cecilia seconded. Voted: eight (8) ayes; zero nays. The motion was approved.

Teresa asked Peggy if it would be possible to talk at WMS spring concert about SHMA and date of WMS concert. Peggy said every, all middle schools in the district have their spring concerts on May 9. There are no middle school athletic events on that date. It is both band and choir concerts and WMS will likely have two concerts, 6 PM for seventh grade and 7 PM for eighth grade. Peggy says that WMS feeds four high schools and if SHS wants to talk, then equal time must be given to other high schools. A table set up outside the auditorium was proposed and any other high school can share table space. Peggy said it might also work at the all district music performance on March 1. It's for both choir and band, both middle schools and high schools.

Michelle will send out more "forceful" letter on Facebook about needing SHMA Board members. A full Board is 17 members (15 high school and 2 WMS parents). There is prospect of having three or four leaving the Board at end of school year.

Cecilia asked Debi Conway to be a Board member. Debi's granddaughter, Elizabeth Shwaiko, was the only one that made into National Honor Choir in Florida. Elizabeth is a sophomore so there's more great things to come; Debi has helped on choir fundraisers. Debi agreed. Teresa made motion to have Debi Conway join SHMA Board as a member at large. Cecilia seconded. All approved.

New business – Pit sound system. Ms. Zenk and Mr. Mariscal were not at meeting. There are a lot of questions about money for the sound system. They have not made any presentation to the Board. It was by email to Claudia Rogel and from her via email to rest of Board. Ann said we need to find out if the District will pay any part of it. Also what percentage of groups use Pit and sound system and are they helping to pay cost of system, what is total cost of the system and is this a complete new system or just upgrade/repair of existing system. Teresa said there's questions she's gotten via email and she might send the questions to Ms. Zenk and Mr. Mariscal and hopefully they will answer them. No action until more information.

Ann said we need an archive person to keep all concert programs, minutes, financial reports, etc together electronically. Maybe put it on a back-up portable hard-drive that can be passed to next person(s). It could be binders but those are bulkier.

Ann said we also need to get working on Motown concerts. Concerts are Thursday, March 7, and Saturday, March 9. We need to getting ads for programs, prizes for raffles , PR, etc. A Motown committee meeting TBA.

Next Board meeting is February 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM in SHS music building. There could be short Motown committee meeting afterwards.

Ann made motion to adjourn. Cecilia seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,