

Salinas High Music Association
minutes March 11, 2019

Members present: Brienne Barrows, Debi Conway, Teresa Johnson, Cecilia Rotharmel, Michelle Smitherman, Diane Walker, Ann Wintermantel

Also present: Marilyn Dorman, Micah Cabaccang, Genesis Medellin Cabaccang

Members absent: Kim Eads, Araceli Meskus, Juan Moreno, Gilberto Oros, Maria Ortega, Claudia Rogel

Teresa Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM. The meeting was held in the band room. The order of the meeting was changed in anticipation that more members were on their way.

Micah Cabaccang, band instructor, gave his report. He wants parent volunteers for the mattress fund raiser on March 16. It's from 10 AM to 5 PM at Salinas High School. The company will cover the five hours overtime for the janitor. People (salespeople) are going to be in "mattress uniforms". A question was asked about students getting community service hours for helping with mattress fund raiser. Technically, the papers for community service need to be signed and approved before event and then get teacher to sign it after performing service per Mark Dover. Discussion. With the new high school opening soon, people are shifted from SHS to new school and those left are doing multiple duties. School district lines changed, like Harden Middle School now will have students go to both North Salinas High School and the new high school. Cecilia Rotharmel said only the rodeo and airshow fund raisers do not need to be pre-signed but everything else need to be pre-signed.

Micah said the Disneyland tickets need to be purchased 30 days before the jazz festival in April. That's coming up this week. He needs \$9,000 to buy Disneyland tickets for both jazz band and jazz choir. It's before the mattress fundraiser. Micah says the families are ready and prepared to pay. There's 11 tickets for choir, 37 tickets for jazz band and tickets for chaperons. It's two day park hopper. The \$9,000 is just for Disneyland tickets and not include motel or anything else. Micah said the parents are ready to pay up to \$380 for each student.

Marilyn Dorman said the rules are if there's no money then don't go on any trips. Discussion. Micah anticipates huge success with the mattress sale so kids don't have to pay money. Teresa said let students go and buy the Disneyland tickets; don't let them miss this opportunity. SHMA is wasting money on wrong things like printing too many programs for Motown revue and only use half of programs and tickets; the leftovers go in the garbage. Our goal is to support kids and let them go on trips with money that we have. Discussion. Ann Wintermantel asked if we could change the by-laws on how we spend money. Marilyn said any by-law changes can not be done by the Board, they must be done by entire Music Association membership.

Ann asked how much was Joe Johnson's debt when he left? SHMA has traditionally wiped out any debts so new teachers won't start out with deficit. Marilyn will go back and check.

Teresa said couldn't the individual graduated student fund raise accounts be accessed for trips. Marilyn said all money from student accounts are already in respective band or choir accounts and counted as money to be used. Ann said if the student accounts are not already put in groups' accounts then the groups' (teachers') deficit would be more. The student accounts are not held in a separate (bank or accounting) account; their money is in same account as teachers'. When students use their money for trips, the groups/teachers' account balance goes down and the debt increases. More discussion.

Cecilia Rotharmel made motion to write check for \$9,000 for Disneyland tickets. Michelle Smitherman seconded. Discussion. Motion voted: five (5) ayes, two (2) nays/abstain. The motion passed.

Cecilia made motion to zero out any debt that previous band teacher, Joe Johnson, had when he was lead teacher back to June 2017. Ann seconded. All approved.

Micah wants the \$2,000 for strings coach be allocated for marching band staff. There's no longer a strings coach and there's people helping with percussion and marching band that he wants to pay. Question was asked about the District wanting to do hiring and firing of coaches at beginning of the school year. Micah said there was no further information and is at stand still so it's not happening right now. SHMA will continue as we've done and hire and fire and pay our own coaches. Marilyn said she needs a job description due to federal and workers comp. rules and if the feds don't agree with how much we're paying for the job description, we get in trouble. Micah said call it marching band staff; it's not just drum coach (that's Rudy) but more visual performance arts. The money actually is split between two people: David helps with the percussion and gets \$1200 and Maria is more color guard coach gets \$800. Marilyn said that they would get less than those amounts because of taxes and workers comp. Discussion. Ann made motion to take away the string coach \$2,000 line budget (2018-2019) and split it into two positions of \$1,200 and \$800 for band. Michelle seconded. All approved.

Micah and Genesis Cabaccang left meeting. The meeting went back to agenda. The minutes from last meeting were read and there are no corrections. Debi Conway made motion to accept the minutes as written. Michelle seconded. All approved.

Marilyn report that she, Teresa and Kim Eads met with the financial adviser as directed by the Board. They made it so from a CD \$1,000 every month goes into the SHMA checking account automatically. Marilyn gave the Financial Report. We have received the money for the special scholarship from Tom Reich. So far there is a positive balance for month of February. Cecilia asked about the minus still on choir report since they have fund raised and erased it. Marilyn said it shows choir has positive \$2,740.11 due to fund raising. The minus amount stays on report for the year. Even if groups don't go on trips, money still needed like for CCS. It costs band \$5 each to audition and \$40 to be in CCS band.

Cecilia gave report for Michelle Boulware, choir teacher. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at San Jose State is choir concert. Choir is not doing the Sees Candies fundraiser.

Brienne Barrows gave the color guard report. This coming Saturday and Sunday the color guard have another performance. Jeff Lind, color guard coach, officially got his non-profit designation. Marilyn said that she needs to see his drivers license and social security card before she could pay him. Brienne said she is looking forward to the Airshow fundraiser and have four parents helping.

RFY Inc (Washington Middle School music fund) all paper signed but no money yet. Marilyn will set up a money market fund for the RFY money. It will have checks with both RFY Inc and SHMA on it.

Teresa report that nothing much happening in Scrip. We get a little money per month. Most people use electronic and not actual plastic cards. Those plastic cards barely cover cost of shipping.

Teresa gave the website report for Gilberto Oros. He sent her email. The domain name is up for renewal and it will auto-renew on May 11. He asked whether the card number on file is the current one. It is. The cost is \$62.32 for two years. Ann said that he might be able to get a lower price if he call them; she will reply to him. The updates are working well and Gilberto want more information to post.

Ann said we need to talk to Mark Dover to be on the agenda to talk at freshman orientation meeting. Cecilia and Teresa will have a table at Washington Middle School spring concert. Debi volunteered to call San Benacio Middle School to ask about their spring concert date and if we could speak there.

The only fundraiser going right now is the mattress fundraiser. The Airshow fundraiser is March 23 and 24. The choir vocal showcase fundraiser last weekend was great and raised over \$560. Michelle said that she can't do the caramel apple fundraiser 'cause that's her due date. She has some people that might do it.

Marilyn will update the application for the SHMA music scholarship. She will send the letters to the teachers to give out to the kids. It needs to go out at end of this month and application deadline is April 26, 2019. May 20, Monday, is the Seniors Recital date and it's after the seniors' finals. We should double check with Micah before finalize the date. May 9 is the SHS Seniors Awards night. We need to give the school the names of the scholarship recipients for the Seniors Awards night. There's also the special scholarship from Tom Reich for memorial of his mother of \$1,500. What are guidelines for this special scholarship application? It should go to Marilyn by March 22 for her to get to teachers and kids. It will have same deadline, April 26, and decision on the special music scholarship by May 2. A committee to screen the scholarship applicants and possibly work on guidelines was formed. No one on the selection committee will have a SHS senior: Michelle Smitherman, Cecilia Rotharmel, Ann Wintermantel and Diane Walker.

The Spring Concert programs need to have the names of the prospective Board members for 2019- - 2020. The members of SHMA need to vote in the new Board at the spring concerts. Board officers are elected by Board members in new school year. To save money, it was decided to make the programs just sheets of paper instead of like the Motown programs in a booklet form.

The next Board meeting is April 8, 2019 in the music building. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Walker