

SALINAS HIGH MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes April 8, 2019

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

Members absent: Debie Conway, Araceli Meskus, Juan Moreno, Gilberto Oros, Maria Ortega

Also present: Micah Cabaccang, Genesis Cabaccang, Mary Helen Cabaccang, Mario Cabaccang

Teresa Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. The meeting was held in the choir room. The order of meeting was changed in anticipation that more Board members would arrive.

Micah Cabaccang, instrumental teacher, gave his report. He said that Central Coast Credit Union contacted him and would like to do a commercial with the SHS band in it. They would donate up to \$1,000. The filming is on May 4, 2019 with about 30 band kids, mostly juniors and seniors, at different locations like the Pit or around town.

Micah wants to know what the credit card limit is on the SHMA credit card. Is there a cap? He also wants to know how much reimbursement to give back to parents/chaperons driving for jazz band trip. No one at meeting knew about the credit card limit; Marilyn Dorman would know but she's out of town. In previous years, the parents would turn in their gas receipts and Marilyn would write the checks. They pay for their own motel rooms and food. If parents go on the big band trip like Disneyland trip, and they drive their own cars, there is no gas money reimbursement because there's a bus and parents don't have to drive kids. Parents pay for their own expenses on band trips including Disneyland tickets (bought as a group price but chaperons reimburse the band back) and motel rooms. Micah said the jazz trip costs about \$380 per student and so far it looks like each kid only need pay \$100 co-pay. Teresa said parents driving cars for jazz band trip pay their own way and get reimbursement only for gas which costs about \$125 -\$175 per car. There are six cars being driven. There might be a refund coming from Disneyland tickets due to kids not going.

The mattress fund raiser made \$2,800. Teresa said we should do it again next year maybe for entire department and with more publicity. The Motown fund raiser has unofficial amount of \$3,200 each to choir and jazz band.

Micah said that at last meeting we had voted to use the string coach's budgeted leftover money for second drum coach and second color guard coach but he had wanted it for marching band for 2019 - 2020 school year. He said that's leftover unused money that he should be able to use for jazz band trip or for leadership camp. Ann Wintermantel said coaches' pay is an administration line item on budget and can't be moved/used for band items. Diane Walker said it should be asked for at budget committee meeting which is coming up at end of May or early June.

Micah wants \$350 for leadership camp; he wants to take 10 students like the drum major and section leaders. It's in Santa Barbara, California on June 25 and 26, 2019. They would leave at 7 AM and come back after sessions on Wednesday. If Micah registers 10 students as a group then he can go for free. The motel rooms ranges from \$178 to \$190 each. Micah would like the kids to see how Drum Corp. (DCI) works and maybe get kids motivated/ inspired on doing their field shows and maybe go to a competition next school year. Jeff Lind, color guard coach, has already booked three rooms for color guard. Micah and the band kids won't get back from Santa Barbara on Wednesday in time for the summer rodeo band camp. The rodeo band camp is on Wednesdays not Thursdays from 5:30 PM – 8 PM. Both Ann and Michelle Smitherman suggested doing fund raisers like a car wash. Michelle said

Gold Star Car Wash might help with car wash and might even donate.

Carnegie Hall invited the band to audition to perform there. Micah said most likely not audition due to expense of going there.

After the credit union commercial on May 4, the band uniforms are going to the dry cleaners on May 10. There's still a band uniform work bee on May 18, Saturday, to put all cleaned uniforms together and into garment bags. Teresa and Cecilia Rotharmel are going to Washington Middle School spring concert to tell eighth grade parents about music program at SHS and what to expect in high school music programs and maybe get some prospective board members.

Spring concert for choir is Friday, May 10. May 13, Monday, at 6 PM is spring concert for all bands, percussion, jazz band and orchestra. During the week of July 21 - 27 there will be a band camp from 5 - 8 PM for students in SHS band. School starts August 7.

Cecilia gave the choir report for Michelle Boulware, choir teacher. Jazz choir is leaving Thursday AM, April 11, to Fullerton Jazz Festival and coming back Sunday. They are taking three band kids: Max, Tristan and Everett the piano player as accompanists. The jazz band leaves for Fullerton Jazz Festival on Friday, April 12, and come back on Monday, April 15. Both jazz choir and jazz band performed April 6 at the Next Generation concerts, part of the Monterey Jazz Festival.

Brienne Barrows gave the color guard report for Jeff Lind, color guard coach. The color guard winter season is over. They got the Ruby "Performer of Year" award. Brienne was not sure if they will practice with the summer rodeo band. The kids are buying their own swords – metallic, very flashy when twirled or thrown. Kids are being invited to try out to join. Michelle asked if Jeff thought about performing at Back to School night or Freshmen Orientation. Teresa said to ask Jeff how many kids will perform all the time at SHS football field shows – 20 or 30? We have to make storage place for color guard outfits and equipment. Ann suggest Facebook or GoFundMe for fundraising for trips and color guard stuff. The Education Foundation for the Arts through the Salinas school district gives money for something specific like trips or uniforms or equipment.

Meeting went back to agenda items. The minutes from last meeting were read. There are no corrections. Ann made motion to accept the minutes. Claudia Rogel seconded. All approved.

Marilyn Dorman was not at meeting but she had sent out the Financial Report. It was noted that the band deficit was deleted per Board vote. The Financial Report will not be accepted until next meeting when Marilyn will be there and any questions can be addressed.

Teresa gave the Scrip report.. The hard plastic cards are being ordered once a month and seems to be working better. The electronic cards are doing okay. Juliette Le, Alex Khieu's mother, plans to keep ordering Scrip even after Alex graduates. She would like the Scrip profits to go to something specific and will put it in writing.

Ann gave the website report. She and Gilberto Oros got together to talk about moving both domain names (the ".org" and ".com") to renew at same time. It would either cost extra money or lose some paid time so for now the dates are left as is.

SHMA Board members for the 2019 -2020 school year are voted on at spring concerts. The names are published in the concert programs. We hope to get some prospective members from the concerts. Those

Board members stepping down are Claudia Rogel and Maria Ortega. Those members staying on are Teresa Johnson, Cecilia Rotharmel, Kim Eads, Michelle Smitherman, Brienne Barrows, Ann Wintermantel and Diane Walker. Members to be asked about staying on the Board are Juan Moreno, Gilberto Oros, Debie Conway and Araceli Meskus.

The Tupperware fundraiser is on. Out of town orders and those placed on-line goes straight to company and gets shipped and electronically totaled for fundraiser. Cecilia and Teresa will collect money from kids on Wednesday, April 24, after spring break.

Music scholarship letters have been sent out by Marilyn to the teachers to give to students. Both the regular music scholarship and the Clare Reich Scholarship are due at same time, April 26.

The Seniors Recitals is May 20 at 6:30 PM. No athletic awards or competitions that night. Discussion about potluck will be discuss more at next Board meeting. Cecilia will get the cake.

The next Board meeting is TUESDAY May 14 in music building at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Walker