

Salinas High Music Association
Minutes May 14, 2019

Members present: Brienne Barrows, Debie Conway, Kim Eads, Teresa Johnson, Maria Ortega, Cecilia Rotharmel, Claudia Rogel, Diane Walker, Ann Wintermantel
Members absent: Araceli Meskus, Juan Moreno, Gilberto Oros, Michelle Smitherman
Also present: Marilyn Dorman, Micah Cabaccang, Genesis Cabaccang, Mary Helen Cabaccang, Mario Cabaccang, Janette Yhip, Michelle Wells

The meeting was held in the choir room on Tuesday instead of Monday due to band and orchestra spring concerts. Prior to the board meeting there was potluck dinner. Claudia Rogel called the meeting to order at 6:51 PM. The minutes from last meeting were read. Ann Wintermantel said the Education Foundation money (if we get any) is not just for trips but can also be used for uniforms. Debie Conway made motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Teresa Johnson seconded. All approved.

Marilyn Dorman said that last meeting we did not accept the March Financial Report and she didn't bring it with her. Teresa said that there was a question about the March Financial Report and Marilyn was not at last meeting so decision was to wait until Marilyn can answer the question before accepting it. Unfortunately, Teresa can't remember who asked the question nor what the question was. The question was probably about Motown money distribution. Marilyn said she doesn't pay the bills until she get a written out itemized invoice – sometimes there's other schools' stuff on it. What was in the March Financial Report is included in the April Financial Report. In April the Music Association is doing well. Marilyn said she does not expect big expenses like for buses since they went to jazz festival by cars. She only expect to have credit card bills. Only the Disneyland tickets have been paid for the jazz trip; Marilyn has not gotten the motel bill for the band. The choir already paid motel bill couple months ago. Teresa made motion to accept the April Financial Report which includes March Financial Report. Brienne Barrows seconded.. All approved.

Micah Cabaccang gave the band teacher report. The commercial for Central Coast Credit Union with the band took longer than expected. It was on May 11 with 20 band kids in it. The credit union is giving a donation later. Teresa said at the orchestra spring concert that first year violinist was great. This year both the graduating valedictorian, Ricardo Beltran-Espino, a percussionist, and salutatorian, Isabella Fahselt, flutist, are band students. Thirteen (13) band students and three (3) staff are going to the leadership camp. Parents are driving. It's June 25 and 26, Tuesday and Wednesday in Santa Barbara. This coming school year (2019 -2020) there's 96 registered for marching band which includes 22 incoming freshmen. There will be 25 color guards this fall.

Teresa said her daughter, Jazzlyn, want to do a drum line or such showcase and have all high schools come perform and charge \$5 per person and maybe even do concessions to earn extra money. Micah thought it's good idea as showcase of bands and drum lines. We need talk to Patty Lamar. Brienne said maybe use it as dress rehearsal or practice before the competitions and maybe get Pit for venue. Marilyn asked whether we need security. Jeff Lind said it can be for all district school bands to go to. If it get going good enough like in 10 years further along, then Western Band Association can make it as part of the circuit with adjudicators.

Cecilia Rotharmel gave the choir report for Michelle Boulware, choir teacher. Choir spring concert was last Friday, May 10. This week is barbershop quartet auditions.

Jeff Lind gave the color guard coach report. There are 25 kids in the SHS marching band color guard. And they need new uniforms. He passed around pictures of possible uniform that he found on clearance but not sure of the sizes and availability. Jeff hopes to be able to re-use the uniforms for more than one year. The Spreckles color guard group can't run year round. Jeff is not a credential teacher, he's only a coach, so he needs a credential teacher to be at the school for him to work with kids. The color guards will be in the Spreckles July 4th parade. They also have a food booth near the park so they can fund raise (any volunteer help appreciated). There's DCI (Drum Corp. International) show at Stanford University on June 22, 2019. Group tickets are \$12 each. Jeff wants to take color guard and band kids to see it.

Claudia said the band need new uniforms because of going to competitions. The ones we have are frayed at sleeve cuffs and necklines. North High School got new used ones. Teresa said her sister found some band uniforms for \$200 each so for number of band jackets, we need \$40,000. Or maybe get only a vest and have kids wear long sleeved tops like under-armor.

Jeff said we need grants and not just fund raise for all our funds. Staff does not work for free so we need more money. Maybe we should hire a grant writer.

Marilyn said we should talk to foundations and see if they can help and have names of grant writers. We should schedule a meeting and tell why and what we need – not all grant writers will do schools. Some foundations here are the Harden Foundation and Monterey Foundation.

Ann said we should send out emails to parents and see if any of them know how to write grants. Micah has bigger parent email list so he might be able to send out email letter to more parents. Brienne said the color guard as part of SHS band is an ASB club so they can do fundraisers at school.

Teresa gave the Scrip report. The hard plastic Scrip cards shipped once a month, not once a week, is working well. She sends email reminders. Ann said Juliette Le and her husband wanting to use the Scrip profits to buy ads in the Motown programs is not good. This was from last meeting about Juliette and her husband keep buying Scrip after their son graduates. Juliette already got 100% benefits of Scrip by getting the cards but then she'll get like 120% benefits with the ad and SHMA won't get the money. If she is allowed to do it, will we have to open it up to other people's businesses. Janette Yhip agreed; it's like buying poinsettias and then wanting the profits for buying ads for own business. They got their poinsettias and that's that.

Gilberto Oros did not make it to meeting. He will continue to do the website. Cecilia does the Facebook account and posts lots pictures. Ann said Kathryn Albers, who was voted on to the Board at Spring Concerts, will be doing the emails. She knows Mail-chimp really well. Kathryn has a sophomore daughter in band.

Juan Moreno is not staying on the Board and he won't be able to do the Rodeo fundraiser. That's a lot of money \$3500 so don't want to loose it. Teresa said that she asked him for all his and Karen Mitchell's notes on how to do the Rodeo fundraiser especially the number of kids needed, number of days and shifts.

Claudia said she has a letter from Mary Helen and Mario Cabaccang wanting to be SHMA Board members to share one seat and one vote. Marilyn said they will be considered to have conflict of interest because they are Micah's parents. It is an item that is included in the tax report. Discussion. Claudia asked Mary Helen why they want to be Board members. Mary Helen said they want to be part

of community and contribute to band and help out the students. Ann said that because of the conflict of interest they would need to recuse themselves for all band discussions and voting. Discussion. Maria Ortega thank Mr. and Mrs. Cabaccang for all that they've done for the band kids already and hope that they will be able to do more. But we can't choose our family members. It might cause animosity between Board members. Janette said we love having them here but it's an uncomfortable feeling. More discussion. Mary Helen said they have many valuable assets to offer SHMA but not bias or uncomfortable feelings so she rescinds her application to be on the Board. Mario gave his assent to his withdrawn also. They were invited to be members of the Music Association just not the Board. They can be part of discussions and vote at general meetings just not Board business. They changed wording of letter to be members and not Board members.

Marilyn gave the Scholarships report. The special \$1500 Clare Reich Memorial Band Award is awarded to Sebastian Eckhaus. There are only four applicants for the regular music scholarship and they still need to do the recitals and send in their final grades before the scholarships are given.

The Seniors Recitals are on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7 PM in choir room. Teresa said she's getting matching plates, etc. Cecilia is getting the cake.

A Budget Committee was set up with Marilyn Dorman, Micah Cabaccang, Michelle Boulware, Kim Eads, Diane Walker, Teresa Johnson, Claudia Rogel, Cecilia Rotharmel and Brienne Barrows. Date TBA.

Brienne introduced Michelle Wells. She has a freshman daughter in BelCanto and color guard and she wants to be on the Board. Brienne made motion to have Michelle Wells be on 2019 -2020 SHMA Board. Cecilia seconded. All approved. Welcome Michelle!

Claudia said this month is end of her presidency of SHMA ; Teresa will take over as President. Claudia will stay on as Immediate Past-President and on the Board. Cecilia will be Vice-President but she does not want to be President afterwards since her daughter has only one more year. Maybe a new Board member would step in. Teresa said that we need give orientation for new Board members. Marilyn has an outline of duties for officers and Board members-at-large. They will consolidate information and plan a meeting.

Cecilia said she and Teresa went to Washington Middle School Spring Concert on May 9. Their kids went also. They talked to parents and eighth graders about the music programs at SHS and what to expect in high school music. The kids were enthusiastic.

Claudia read an email from Mr. Mariscal about the Pit sound system and SHMA donation toward it. The School District has already purchased new speakers for Pit sound system. Claudia thinks we should give money just to keep in good standing. Discussion. We never voted on amount and did not even give any a few years ago. Cecilia said we should wait until they come talk to us before giving any money.

The next meeting is June 10, 2019 and school is out for summer. Claudia offered to ask Sunrise Villa for use of their meeting room. If it's not available then second choice is Fosters Freeze.

Cecilia made motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Walker