

Salinas High Music Association
Minutes March 9, 2020

Members present: Brienne Barrows Gallardo, Kim Eads, Teresa Johnson, Ona McDonough, Cecilia Rotharmel, Diane Walker

Members absent: Laurie Anderson, Debie Conway, Sue Martinus, Kevin McDonnell, Gilberto Oros, Michelle Wells, Janette Yhip

Also present: Micah Cabaccang, Emily Rotharmel, Genesis Cabaccang, Melissa Munoz, Laura Palmer, Mario Cabaccang, Ana Burlson, Dina Esparza, Sophia Rotharmel

Teresa Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. The minutes from last meeting were read. Cecilia Rotharmel said the first name of the new book keeper is misspelled; it is "Cyndi" and not "Cindi". Cecilia also said the executive committee did not hire Cyndi but recommended to hire Cyndi. The SHMA Board voted to hire Cyndi as bookkeeper. Brienne Barrows Gallardo said the revised by-laws are to include and allow all teachers veto power and not just Micah Cabaccang. Ona McDonough made motion to accept the minutes with the corrections. Brienne seconded. It was all approved.

There was no financial report. Teresa said that she bought new version Quick Books for new bookkeeper Cyndi; the version that Marilyn Dorman had was from 2013. Teresa asked for input how board members want the financial report to be changed. She wants to fix and change where the fund raise money get put and where and how coaches and piano accompanist get paid. Teresa said the respective groups would pay for their own coaches and piano accompanist. Each respective group fund raise for their own. No fund raise money would go to Administration. Administration would only pay for book keeper, insurances and other overhead fees. Administration would not take "cut" of \$200 per fund raisers; all fund raise money would go to the groups. Ona said we need to have parents see budget and how much money is needed. Brienne asked if there was comparison done to compare how much choir accompanist and band's coaches cost? Teresa said she want outside audit done with signature that says it's all okay – even if it's at cost of \$500 or \$1,000. It'll be good to have outside, unbiased audit signature for taxes. Teresa said there'll be spread sheets for different types of events/activities like Disneyland, Reno Jazz Festival so we'll know where the money comes and goes. Micah said kids don't know what they're fund raising for nor how much – they need visual of what money goes for. Ona said things got ahead of us, got too much happening at once especially at beginning of school, and miss-communication to parents.

Micah Cabaccang gave the band teacher's report. The money for Disneyland trip is due – it comes to \$560/person or \$633 per couple, For next year's competitions, Micah said we need better props and microphone and speakers for solos. This year we had bare minimal props. Micah asked whether those speakers bought for choir are they only for choir or can band use them for competitions. Teresa said he would have to ask Ms. Boulware, choir teacher. Micah said we need receipt book for what paid by kids. Micah said he is changing the curriculum for band for next year. The kids need to sign up for the extra commitment of marching band and competitions – there's no grade, just show up or not – each person pay for own things. So fund raisers are not applicable for competitions. Marching band practice will be optional, for going to competitions. So far, he has 58 wind players signed up for competitions. For those kids who only want to play music, then only have class, pep band and parades. So there's no need for band uniforms for pep band but need uniforms for parades. There will be no field shows at foot ball games; only for competitions. Foot ball games will have only pep band. Brienne said maybe the color guard can do the football games. Micah said he is going to delegate more responsibilities for next year's trips, like getting the hotels and buses.

Cecilia gave choir report. There is invoice for choir's hotel coming. March 21 and 22, 2020 Aria and Be Canto choirs are performing in Pacific Grove. It costs \$25 to go in.

No report from Jeff Lind, color guard coach.

Teresa gave Scrip report. Scrip is moving along. It's easy way to fund raise. The plastic cards are ordered and shipped once a month.

Social media report by Cecilia. There are two Facebook pages, one for SHMA and one for other music and kids. When you click on it, sometimes one shows up, sometimes none and other times both show up. Genesis Cabaccang is the adult overseeing YouTube postings. She and Tristan (student) need to get together so he can show her stuff before posting.

“Swing, Swing ,Swing” is the spring concerts fund raisers on March 12 and 14. Volunteers are needed. The front table will have the credit card swipers for the phones. Teresa will be at front table to sell tickets and also can use credit card swiper to buy raffle tickets. Ona volunteered to help with credit card swiper on her phone. Volunteers are to show up at 5:45 PM to set up.

The Salinas Airshow is June 6 and 7, 2020 Saturday and Sunday. We need three adults each day and kids get community service hours. Teresa will go into classrooms beginning of May to sign up kids. They work in shifts and start about 7 AM. The gates open at 9 AM. Kids collect parking fees and make change at gate. SHMA would get \$2,000.

The Rodeo is July 16 -19, 2020. Set up starts Sunday July 12. Kids get community service hours. Kids bus tables in the President's or VIP tent; they do not serve alcohol or food. They work four hour block shifts. Adults are needed each day. We get \$3,500.

The check for the new band uniforms have been sent. Micah says new uniforms arrival date projected to be July 15 or 17.

SHMA board members are voted in at spring concerts for following school year. There are board vacancies from members going off the board when their child graduates. All parents of children enrolled in SHS music program are members of SHMA. Board members are parents of children in SHS music classes or community members with a note saying that they want to stay on board and voted in/on by board. The full board has 17 members. Teachers and coaches are not board members.

There is a fundraiser with Kohl's. Cecilia said a parent of a choir student works at Kohl's. Their employees give their own time on their breaks and make cards to be distributed to people in hospitals and nursing care facilities. Our function is to get supplies for \$100 -200 so they can make the cards. We can get up to \$4,000. Cecilia is getting supplies.

SHMA gives \$200 music scholarship to each graduating senior who have been in a music performing class for four years. They also have to have GPA of 3.0, write an essay, perform in the seniors recital and get teacher's recommendation. Information and applications will be given to kids after Swing concerts, before end of month. Perhaps put information and application on Google Classroom. Deadline for completed application is April 24. The Seniors awards night is May 13 to announce winners. Tentative Seniors recital is May 20/

The next board meeting is supposed to be April 13 during spring break. School is closed. There are no

urgent things that has to be voted on by then so re-schedule board meeting to April 20 at 6:30 PM in the music building.

Brienne asked Micah does he get paid for going to Disneyland with the band. Micah says no. He also pays for own hotel and food. The Disneyland tickets group rate has complimentary tickets depending on certain number of kids and then get adult teacher tickets. So Micah gets free Disneyland ticket. Brienne said each student should pay extra \$5 to cover teacher's hotel room. Food is still each person's responsibility.

Choir parent Dina Esparza is introduced. She is the Kohl's employee doing the fundraiser.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,