

OMBA Meeting Minutes August 10, 2021

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Vanessa.
Secretary's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from the meeting last month were distributed via email. Matt G. made a motion to approve the minutes. Patti G. seconded. Motion approved. Vanessa Hamilton shared info about a possible need-based scholarship addition to the booster budget. She reached out to the other high school music boosters. Liberty had a formal plan in order to protect the directors and the boosters from any confusion. Ideas discussed included paying up to a certain % (maybe 50%) of fees on behalf of a family in need. We'd specify what can be included and what can't. We want this to be at the discretion of the directors. We need to decide how much to allocate up front. Once the budget is depleted for the year, any additional funds would need board approval. Vanessa will draft a proposal to review at the next meeting.
Concession's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Hilger reported that he cleaned out the OHS and SMS concession stands and started stocking them. Upfront costs may be higher than \$4,000. Pepsi is a high upfront cost. SMS is opening for 10-11 events (mostly football games) and will be staffed by SMS music parents. He created and shared the OHS signup genius for August and asked that everyone spread the word. Prices will remain mostly the same except for a few items where the cost has increased (hamburgers & Chick-fil-A). Gatorade is in short supply. Pepsi can't deliver it right now. We have enough water. Students cannot volunteer at football Friday nights due to school policy, but they can volunteer at other events.
Treasurer's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim Blair shared that gift box funds from last year's Pride Day have been transferred to the checking account (approx. \$3,600). He is closing the books for 6/30/21 year end. Unpaid fees going back to 2017 will need to be written off. Going forward we need to be more proactive. Doug is issuing band invoices. Patti G. volunteered to make phone calls to touch base on unpaid invoices if needed--not collections, just making sure families are aware. We discussed the potential to automate invoicing so parents can provide a credit card which will be used to charge installments. There may be fees associated with that. Jim and Doug will explore any options. We'd make sure parents have other options, but perhaps automating can be one of them.
Executive Vice President's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt and Patti Gilligan reported that the gift box account remains open and active to collect funds if needed. Pride Day discussion: Does the district have rules about this year's collection? Do we want to make it virtual? Ideas were shared about collecting email addresses, having students and programs set goals. Will revisit at the next meeting.
President's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terry Tibbals reminded board members that they should think about if they want to be considered for their same positions for next year. He will not be seeking reelection so the president's position will need candidates. Dave needs a shadow for the concession position to include ordering and inventory. Terri can help with Pride Day planning. If we do a door-to-door fundraiser, we need to be sure we have checked the registered sex offender list against our planned routes for the day.

Program reports**OHS Choir**

- Tim Smith was absent from the meeting, but provided his report via email which was read by Vanessa.
- Show Choir Camp went great! The kids learned 4 songs in 5 days and gave an awesome performance on Friday!
- The show choirs have been invited to perform at the OLSD Convocation on Wednesday, August 18th. There are two sessions, 7:30 am and 10:00 am: students should plan to attend both. We will be performing our camp show for all of the teachers in the district to help kick off our school year! There are two refresher rehearsals from 10:00 am -12:00 pm on Monday (8/16) and Tuesday (8/17). Rehearsals are at OHS and Convocation is at Berlin HS.
- Tim has created and provided a Show Choir Master Calendar outlining every rehearsal and performance commitment that students are expected to be at. Parents are asked to review the calendar and let Tim know if there are any conflicts ahead of time. Tim does his very best to not alter this and asks parents to please do their part in honoring the calendar. If there are any changes, Tim will send them out as soon as he has them.
- Show Choir Program dues pay for costumes, music arrangements, music licensing, choreography, competition fees, staffing, and other logistical costs throughout the year. We run the program as "leanly" as possible while providing a top-notch experience for our students. Parents will receive a monthly invoice from the OMBA treasurer that can be easily paid online. Please be sure to stay current with your payment, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Program Fee - \$1,500 (6 monthly installments due the first of each month from September through February for \$250 each). Jim will get in touch with Tim about whether the number of installments can be reduced as 6 installments for 70 families is very time intensive.
- "Heart of America: New York" Information - Show Choir will be attending the Heart of America: NYC show choir competition. This trip will be an incredible experience for our students as they will get to see two Broadway shows and many other interesting destinations in NYC. We will discuss this in more detail, including cost and final details at the first monthly show choir parent meeting on August 23rd.

OHS Orchestra

- No representation at meeting

OHS Band

- No representation at meeting

SMS Choir - Silcott; SMS Orchestra - Irvine; SMS Band - Grimes

- Katherine Silcott expressed her excitement for the snack shack concession stand opening at SMS this fall for football games and future events in the spring.
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Unfinished Business

- Nothing to report

New business

- Discussion about in person meeting for September - Terry will contact assistant principal about reserving room 1259 for the entire year on the second Tuesday of each month.
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Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Terry, seconded by Matt G. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.
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Executive Officers in Attendance: Terry Tibbals, Matt and Patti Gilligan, Jim Blair, Vanessa Hamilton

Other Attendees Signed In: Katherine Silcott, Dave Hilger, Matt Carlson, Kristalyn Gleason

Minutes prepared by: Vanessa Hamilton

Next meeting: September 14, 2021