

## OMBA Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
<b>Call to order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting was called to order by Traci Wertz at 7:05 pm</li> </ul>
<b>Secretary's report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vanessa Hamilton shared the minutes. Traci Wisard made a motion to approve the minutes. Traci Wertz seconded. Motion approved.</li> <li>Scholarship deadlines: 2/3 presenter name to district, 3/3 deadline for applications, 4/3 decision deadline to the district, 4/17 scrip &amp; certificate, 5/8 awards @ 7pm</li> </ul>
<b>Concession's report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traci Wertz shared the concession report. We're waiting for the spring schedule. She's thinking about ways to promote volunteerism. Participation numbers skewed to choir.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer's report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traci Wisard shared the treasurer's report. She'll participate in ACH training. We have a new bookkeeper. Will meet with them hopefully next week. Huntington &amp; QuickBooks working fine. 1st Commonwealth closed. Winterguard invoices done. Classic donations are coming in, &amp; she is writing thank you notes. Texting families with late payments. \$8,000 unpaid for show choir. Jim removed from accounts, &amp; his card cancelled. Small amount of checks ordered. Paypal account—name of parent is on the account, but he doesn't have access to it. Address changes are in process. Amazon Smile is first order of business. She is creating operation &amp; transition manuals for future treasurers.</li> </ul>
<b>Executive Vice President's report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traci Wertz shared that the restaurant card fundraiser earned \$6,362. Recommend we do it again next year but with different timing. Change some restaurants to the Powell area &amp; around the high school.</li> </ul>
<b>President's report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Myers was absent.</li> </ul>
<b>Program reports</b>	<p><b>OHS Choir</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tim Smith reported Keynotes &amp; Shenotes dress rehearsal. 1/21 preview show. Still waiting for time. Poco WV weekend—1st competition—Friday to Sunday. OMEA soloist on 1/28. Pictures next Monday. Senior shots for banners. Group pictures Saturday before preview show.</li> </ul> <p><b>OHS Orchestra</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle Beck had nothing new to report.</li> </ul> <p><b>OHS Band</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ian Brun reported winterguard first event is 1/28. They are struggling to find practice space. OYAA has booked lots of spaces. OMEA solo/ensemble 1/28—1 band &amp; 1 choir. 3/3 district band. 3/11 Olentangy sole/ensemble.</li> </ul> <p><b>SMS Choir - Silcott; SMS Orchestra - Irvine; SMS Band - Grimes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No representation at the meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Old business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to report.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vanessa mentioned that the band assistant treasurer position is open. Responsible for creating invoices.</li> <li>Inclusion of middle school programs: We want to make sure they are aware of their financial support. Vanessa will email SMS &amp; LMS directors to find out about upcoming 8th grade meetings.</li> </ul>

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- Discussion to include theater program in revamped OMBA: Hope to have election in February. Adding capital would allow us to finance purchases. Note that the district will not accept the donation of a truck or similar equipment that is not paid off in full. (Last time, the district paid for half the purchase of the truck.) Chris is making a 5-year plan for capital expenditures. Dawn sees the positives of having an arts blanket. What are the concerns? Ian is primarily concerned with the finite amount of income from concessions spread across 4 programs instead of the 3 we have now. Theater volunteers would expect a share of the funding. Traci Wertz said at this point they aren't looking for funding. She understands the concerns about protecting the funding. Steve supports the idea; however, in 5 years the current batch of parents would be gone, & perspective might not be the same. What is the plan for division & separation? Kim talked about the purchase of equipment. The shared equipment ties us together. Tim shared that the student activity fund account holds money raised from shows. Theater would need to spend it down to zero & transfer income to OMBA. What is the benefit? Ease red tape with the district. Fundraisers for dine to donate—theater needs tax exempt ID. Expensive to form 501(3)c & can't fundraise without it. Dawn would like to see more parents at meetings. Ian said that \$35k is set aside by the district for sound boards, new LED lighting, new mics. Tim confirmed that the district moves at a slow pace for purchases. Berlin & Orange booster orgs include theater. Matt asked how do you say no to including another arts program? Vanessa shared her concerns about protecting current funds & maintaining separation. Traci Wisard wants to see more volunteers. Matt suggested creating an implementation/integration plan. Traci Wisard can create separate accounts to not co-mingle funds. Kim said that for parents with kids in both music & theater they have to choose between the two for volunteering. Tim is seeing many more theater-only kids. Vanessa asked if there were any other concerns other than the money piece. No one had any other concerns. Traci Wertz thought we could do more fundraisers than we currently have. Michelle discussed the importance of booster organizations advocacy (not just financial support.) How many people know what she does in her program? Ian would like booster reps to speak at meetings. Michelle likes face-to-face contacts. Traci Wertz agrees with the idea of having the board speak at meetings. Kim brought up the idea of a Patron of the Arts program selling the idea of supporting the arts at Olentangy. Traci Wertz will try to create a plan that doesn't touch existing funds before the next meeting. Matt wondered if we need to change the name. Can we keep it the same? Ian is concerned about how things will be in the future when the current parents are all gone. He feels like it is a drastic change when we don't know what the future will bring.

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**Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Traci Wertz 8:08 pm, seconded by Matt

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**Executive Officers in Attendance:** Traci Wertz (Vice President), Traci Wisard (Treasurer), Vanessa Hamilton (secretary)

**Other Attendees Signed In:** Michelle Beck, Ian Brun, Tim Smith, Dawn & Matt Carlson, Steve Hausfeld, Kim Norbuta

**Virtual Attendees:** No virtual attendees

**Minutes taken by:** Vanessa Hamilton. **Next meeting:** March 14, 2023