

SMUPA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Susan Sereni at 8:14 PM.

Secretary's Report: Jackie Wagner stated minutes were posted to the website. Requested a motion to accept the minutes as posted; Rose Povio made the motion; 2nd by Mike Kulak.

Treasurer's Report: Louise Pocetti stated the checking account balance as of 8/31 is \$42,965.24; Savings account is \$24,804.74 = \$67,769.98 Total Report will be filed for audit. Credit statements will go home around 9/24. Disney trip payments are always due at the general meetings.

Audit Committee Report: Kurt Cherry presented his report. The Audit Committee consisting of Kurt Cherry, Chairman, Jeanne Carney and Rick Hillman met on August 10, 2009 to examine the records of the Treasurer for the year ended June 30, 2009. The Audit Committee examined Records maintained by the Treasurer from November 18, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Transactions for the period July 1, 2008 through November 17, 2008 were examined during a special audit performed as a result of the resignation of the Treasurer on October 26, 2008. The Special Audit Committee consisted of Kurt Cherry, Chairman; Louise Pocetti and Graham Smith. A report of the Audit Committee dated February 17, 2009 was presented to the Executive Board and General Membership on February 19, 2009.

Their examination consisted of comparing records maintained by the Treasurer to the final June 30th Treasurers Report and, on a test basis, to the checkbooks, bank statements, deposits, disbursements and invoices. They found all records to be in agreement. A signed report was provided to the Secretary for filing.

Proposed budget was presented by Susan. Rick Hillman made the motion to accept; Lisa Lewis 2nd – all agreed.

President's Report: Susan requested all SMUPA members to vote for the 2 e-board positions. Reviewed some housekeeping items regarding football passes.

Susan asked both Carolyn Anzuini and Lacy Smith to present the flags for this year which were hand sewn this year. It saved thousands of dollars. All sewers were asked to stand and be recognized.

Vice President's Report: Carrie Kulak presented her report. A new fundraiser was explained for the Hummel figurines. 50% of the price is divided between the unit and the student. Forms available. Rosa's night is tomorrow night – encouraged everyone to attend – she will be giving us \$200 for participating.

Usually held every 2nd Monday of every month. Yankee Candles fundraiser was distributed Saturday – orders due 10/3. Magazines & candy due tonight.

Carrie also spoke about the Music in Motion ad book. Approximately 40% goes into student's account. Extended the date to 9/23. Doing well, but need more. There will be a coupon section as well.

Gift Cents program was reviewed as well. Ann Marie Dewan stated next order is due this Friday for delivery by next meeting or sooner.

Membership Report: Jackie Chen presented her report. Welcomed everyone to the meeting. She presented a Disney themed chart for membership. Seniors must be members in order to be eligible for scholarships.

Web Master's Report: Dave Sereni gave his report. Website is up to date. 180 usually; 400 per day last Friday and Saturday due to the weather with regard to the game. Photos from Septemberfest and band camp are posted as well as the ND game. SMU Films also have photos available on the website.

Sunshine Report: Marianne Kelvy had nothing to report.

Band Store Report: Ann Wolfe gave her report. All band store items are available at the meeting as well as MIM and all home games.

Field Crew Report: Rose Povia presented her report. She asked for more help this year. Explained different jobs that can be done and various information needed. Reviewed the uniform requirement for field crew. Rose thanked Charlie Garlisi (graduated last year) for the shed he built for his Eagle Scout project. Thanked Mr. Sheehan for his work on the coat racks.

Newsletter Report: Sharon Hillman gave her report. We will be going green and posting the newsletter to the website as opposed to making many copies that never seem to come home anyway.

Uniform Report: Debbie Bearce presented her report. She thanked the crew that worked during band camp fitting all the students. Stressed the uniforms need to be taken care of. She reviewed the washing instructions as well. This includes shoes and helmets, gloves and collars inside the jacket. Reviewed rain coat care as well. Hems must be maintained. Mary Kanoc requested everyone check their shoes in case they need to be replaced. Black socks are to be worn! Must be calf socks! White underwear under white pants. Berets will be worn by the pit this year. T-shirt money is still due from 4 people. Medical forms are due as well. Mary announced the names still needed. These forms are mandatory!

Music in Motion Committee Report: We need volunteers! Sign-up sheets are available at the meeting. The October 5th meeting, all committees will meet to review the event.

Student Liasion Report: This years representatives are Laura Brzezynski and Kevin Dewan. Susan asked them to go back to the Color Guard and thank them for their presentation at Septemberfest. We asked them to please have the director's auction again for fundraising as well as the football skirmish. Yvonne Peraino asked them to remind students about section pages in the MIM ad book.

Director's Report: Mrs. Guinta thanked everyone for their flexibility regarding last Friday's game. These changes are usually last minute. Practice has been cancelled for Saturday due to a religious holiday. Oct 3rd Jackson Memorial. October 17th Cavalcade; East Brunswick Oct 24, 25? We are not going to championships this year due to them being held on a Sunday night at 10:30 or later. All report times and uniform requirements will always be posted to the website. Always check the website for schedule changes, etc.

Not a lot of information regarding Disney yet. May be planning a buffet dinner at Epcot for the Illuminations show instead of the luau. We will also not be participating in the workshops this year.

There will be a rehearsal for Disney for the same evening as the March or April SMUPA meeting. Trip arrangements for parents can be made through Dick Leber who arranges the kids' trip. Uniforms are transported with the instruments. Mr. Anzuini is bringing the jazz band to perform this trip which will take place of the workshop.

Old Business: We need 2 members from the General Membership for the bylaw committee. Mary Ellen Panzitta and Cathy Romera volunteered. Carrie Kulak, Mike Kely and Rick Hillman E board members are also part of that committee.

New Business: Melissa Kuchtyak and Linda Schulman elected for E-Board.

Winner of 50/50: \$93.00 – winner was Kurt Cherry.

Adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jacqueline Wagner, Secretary