

SMUPA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2008

APPROVED 10/7/08

The meeting was called to order by Nick Povio at 8:01 PM.

Secretary's Report: Nick Povio stated we will forego reading this report this month.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Hillman reviewed financial reports – see attached. Report to be filed for audit.

Rick presented the proposed budget. Ms. Thompson made a motion to accept the budget. Carrie Kulak 2nd. Budget passed unanimously.

Audit Committee: Kurt Cherry presented his report. Examination found all records to be in agreement. Report to be filed for audit.

Finance Committee: Kurt Cherry discussed the suggestion to switch accounts from Sovereign Bank to Commerce Bank. Policy for accepting checks returned for non-sufficient funds. After 1st time, request check be made good and our bank fees covered. After 2nd time, only cash, money order or cashier's check will be accepted.

Vice President's Report: Susan Sereni reviewed fundraising events-magazines, candy deadlines next Monday. Everyone attending meeting tonight will receive a free 2008 dinner book. We receive \$10 on each book. Mike Kelvy will be setting up a table to discuss Ribbon books after tonight's meeting. Susan mentioned Rosa's gift certificates. Rosa has agreed to return 25% back to SMUPA for any special event/catering event. SMU Films put together a band camp DVD for sale for \$15 ea. One Stop Shopping was not as successful as year's past, but still a good fundraiser. Susan needs help at the Septemberfest, especially 11:00-5:00. Yankee Candles fundraiser distributed. Gift Cents available for pick-up. .

Membership Report: All but 39 people have paid their membership. Nick mentioned parents must be paid members every year child participated in unit for child to be eligible for scholarships. Membership form on website.

Uniform Report: Debbie Bearce stated everything went extremely well the week of band camp. Asked helpers to stand and be recognized. Uniforms must be hemmed – can not drag at all. Not be cut or bleached. Not to be ironed directly on material. Keep uniforms clean after each performance; cleaning instructions were provided. Shoes must also be cleaned. Helmets can be cleaned with soft scrub or Magic Eraser. Mrs. Guinta stated drill team hair will be left-side part in low bun for football games; french braid for competitions. Request for hair braiders was made.

Band Store Report: Theresa Povio stated store is open. Reviewed various items available.

Sunshine Report: 5 sympathy cards sent over the summer to the Callahan's, Komperud's, Falsetti's, Superintendent Bencivengo and Zimmer families. Get well card sent out to Karen Lewis.

Webmaster Report: Dave Sereni stated website is up to date. School handbook is posted. 280-350 hits per day. All performance information will be posted. All minutes and Treasury reports will be posted under "Meetings".

MIM Ad Book Report: Nancy Adams stated we have \$4776 with 38 ads to date. Substantially lower than past years. Encourage people to include coupons/discounts. Date has been extended to September 15th. Thanked Carrie Kulak for her help.

Susan Sereni stated MIM is Sunday, October 12th at 1:00p.m. 75 volunteers are not enough. We need 25 more parents! First choices may not be able to be honored due to low volunteer rate. Requested anyone with golf cart access see Susan. Committees will meet at next meeting.

Field Crew Report: Water wagon will be handled by Andy Lenhardt. Four new members – need more help. Field Crew will meet Saturday, September 13th at 8:00 a.m. to review field set-up. Anyone interested to see Rose Povio.

President's Report: Nick Povio thanked everyone for their help at Band Camp. Thanked the staff for setting a positive tone. Discussed the newsletter. Senior parents asked to encourage their student to write a spotlight on themselves. A new feature will include "Where are They Now". Asked for anyone who knew anyone interested to take part to contact Nick. Discussed Beef & Beer fundraiser October 24th and will be posted on the website tomorrow. Catering by Ancient Order of Hibernians. Band will be "Unfinished Business". Susan Sereni asked if this is adults only – yes. Nick Discussed Leadership Committee. Formation of the Leadership Team includes all section leaders and drum majors. Will be meeting every 2 to 4 weeks during the band season. Will act as a direct link to SMUPA with concerns. Band student, Srinik Sinha is the liaison and attended the meeting.

Liaison Report: Srinik reported feedback was positive and appreciative of everything that was done during band camp.

Director's Report: Mrs. Guinta introduced the staff. Extension for music office is X3412. Do not use extensions for individual names – they are not checked. Report time of 8:00 a.m. for 1st game Saturday, 9/13. Black pants for band, green dress for drill team. First competition is Cavalcade, 9/20 at Hamilton West. Performance time is 1:00 p.m. Report times, etc. will be posted on the website

for future games/competitions. Band parents should have seen the new instrumental music handbook that was distributed with new attendance policy, Last year we never had 100% attendance. Everyone is needed to attend. If your child will be absent, please put it into writing and submit to Mrs. Guinta. Senior parent day is October 25th.-same as 50th anniversary celebration. The unit will be participating in some way in addition to the football game. If your child is taking the SAT/PSAT you may have to provide transportation to an away event. Please notify staff in writing. Homecoming is September 27th.

Unfinished Business: Nick discussed SMUPA.com and SMUFilms.com photos. All photos from SMUPA.com will be available at Christmas on DVD for purchase. Photos on SMUFilms.com are available per picture, as well as mugs, shirts, puzzles, etc. Proceeds come back to the unit after expenses. There is a link on SMUPA.com for SMUFilms.com.

A question was received from the floor regarding paying for Disney trip in advance. Nick mentioned the concern about fundraising being affected which is needed to run the unit. A buyout would cost approximately \$400 per family. Nick reviewed various things the unit does for the kids to be involved in the unit. Coats, instruments, insurance, etc. A donation would not meet our budget.

Returned double-payments of membership.

New Business: Proposal to the general membership regarding the purchase of a new copier for SMU/SMUPA. \$4687 spent annually. Proposing leasing a new copier with a finisher for \$2832/yr. including maintenance contract and 144,000 copies per year. Nick reviewed the savings. We do not pay for paper – Board of Ed pays. Brad Komperud made the motion to lease the copier John Guhl 2nd. Motion carried with 1 Nay.

Ann Wolf and Louise Pocetti running for 2 new freshman e-board members. Election by acclamation. Jackie Wagner will complete 1 ballot.

Tony Pocetti mentioned pictures on SMUFilms.com not the same as pictures on SMUPA.com. Also filming various events such as Music in Motion and selling to visiting schools.

Winner of 50/50: Sharon Neuman - \$109.00

Rose Povio made the motion to adjourn at 9:18 pm. Walt Wagner 2nd.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jacqueline Wagner, Secretary