

**Summit Music Parents Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2017**

General Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Chorus – Mr. King

- Regions auditions forms are due 10/27. Information is going out this week.
- Tuxedo fitting volunteers are needed. Fittings will be held Thursday/Friday (10/16 & 10/27) during concert choir.
- Nashville Idol will be exciting – solo and group acts are welcome. Signup sheets are outside music teachers' classrooms. Open mic competition is held 1/5/18.
- A new acapella club has been formed and meets Wednesdays during lunch. It is a great opportunity for students.
- Jazz band vocalist auditions are being held on Wednesday 10/18 with finalists' auditions held on 10/23. The music is available on Google Classroom and Mr. King's web site.

Orchestra – Mrs. Vierschilling via Mr. Rapp

- Regions forms are due Friday 10/20 and applications are available online.
- Pledge Day will be held 11/5 - orchestra students have new sweatshirts for the event.
- All-State performance will be held in Atlantic City on 11/19. Nicole Lee and Christina Gangi will perform.
- On 11/15 SHS Music Masters will be held in the orchestra room beginning at about 3:15. Students from band, orchestra and chorus will perform. The event will last approximately an hour.
- On 11/19 the Lyrica performance (cello and piano) will be held at Chatham Presbyterian Church at 3 pm.
- Rotary performance for chamber orchestra and chamber choir will be held in December, either on 11/11 or 11/18.
- On 12/13 the holiday concert will be held. All boys have been fitted for tuxedos. They are responsible to have a black bow tie, black shoes/socks and a white dress shirt.
- On 12/15 the solo winner from New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra will perform for orchestra during their regular class period.
- This year there is a requirement for students to attend an outside concert – students should bring in a program from the concert and be prepared to talk about it.
- On 11/18, we will attend Rutgers String Day.

Band – Mr. Rapp

- It is marching band recruiting season. The full band will be involved on 10/18 in “move down day” and will go to the middle school to perform for the 6th and 7th grade band and the whole 8th grade. A focus will be on recruiting for Guard.

- 10/21 is move up day for 8th grade band students at the home game vs. North Plainfield.
- Thursday 10/19 is 5th grade move-up day where fifth graders will be invited to SHS marching band practice. There will be Icees!
- Big band has begun rehearsals. Vocal auditions are being held; finalists audition on 10/23.
- Regions auditions will be held on 12/9 at JP Stevens High school. Forms are due to Mr. Rapp on 10/19.
- On 2/9/18 the Wind Ensemble will be performing at Montclair State jointly with the MSU wind ensemble. We are already looking at music for that performance.
- The woodwind quintet will be performing at SEF Partner Night.

Treasurer Report – Stacey Supran

- SMPA's biggest fundraisers are Pledge Day and football concessions. Volunteers are needed for both.
- 25% of membership dues are in. Not a lot of budgeted funds have been spent yet but it is early in the year.
- Friday Night Lights revenues were down from last year.
- We are looking for a shadow treasurer who will take over next year (succession planning).

Trip Update – Mr. Rapp/Michelle Stevenson

- The wait list will open up soon. These students are certain to be on the trip but will not be on the charter flight. The \$150 deposit will be charged when students come off the wait list, and the second payment is due on 10/25.
- There will be an opportunity to purchase trip insurance. The insurance deadline is still listed as 10/16. This is an issue that we are looking into fixing.
- The trip itinerary has been tweaked slightly.
- Notifications were sent out regarding trip scholarships. Twelve scholarships were extended. SMPA is considering one late request. No student received 100% of the cost of the trip as a scholarship.
- Parent chaperone needs have been filled.

Concessions – Francie Cho

- Overall concessions revenues are down this year. In particular, the 9/29 Friday 4 PM was not well attended.
- We are short on volunteers. As a reminder, SMPA concessions funds benefits band, orchestra and chorus students. All parents should volunteer for at least one shift.
- Gross receipts so far are \$7,871 and net receipts approximately \$5,200.

President's Report – Michelle Stevenson

- We have positions to be filled: Senior Salute Chair, Senior Picture Coordinator and Pledge Day Co-Chairs for 2018-2019
- It was noted that students who participate in Pledge Day receive trip credits of \$50 for each year in which they participate.

Meeting adjourned – 8:11 p.m.