

**Summit Music Parents Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2017**

**General Meeting – 7:30 p.m.**

*General SMPA Business – Michelle Stevenson*

- SMPA is emphasizing online membership signup. Please check the web site.
- The SMPA Executive Board has a number of open positions: Chorus Rep, Assistant Concessions Chair, Pledge Day Co-Chairs, Scholarship Chair (not parts of Seniors), Senior Salute Chair, Senior Pictures Coordinator. Please see Michelle if interested.

**Spring Music Trip Discussion**

*Trip Overview – Mr. Bocchino*

- Friday 4/20/18
  - Charter/commercial flight. Board bus at SHS approximately 5 a.m.
  - Stay at Gaylord Opryland Resort
  - Attend Nashville Symphony “Gershwin’s Greatest Hits”
- Saturday 4/21/18
  - Performance/adjudication/clinics
  - Work with noted music professors
  - Opry Mills – lunch
  - Attend Grand Ole Opry in the evening
- Sunday 4/22/18
  - Free morning at Opryland Resort
  - General Jackson Showboat Cruise – lunch
  - Wild Horse Saloon – dinner and line dancing lessons
  - National Tour of Wicked
- Monday 4/23/18
  - Country Music Hall of Fame
  - RCA Studio B Tour (some students will record there)
  - Return flight to New Jersey

*Chaperones – Mr. Rapp*

- We will have security guards for night watch.
- Parents that have already expressed interest in chaperoning the trip will receive a follow up email from Mr. Rapp. Number of chaperones to attend will be determined after all other numbers are finalized and flight seats are allocated to students/staff/nurses etc. We will need to balance chaperones between male/female and band/orchestra/chorus.
- There is a cost involved to chaperone. SMPA may offer funds to supplement but that has not been determined yet.
- Let Mr. Rapp know if you are interested.

### *Nashville Idol – Mr. King*

- SHS will hold an open mic competition between January and March 2018.
- Any musical act can sign up (singers, musicians, group, singles).
- Faculty will judge the competition.
- The winning act will receive a “studio contract” and will record at RCA Studio B while on the Nashville trip

### *Bob Rogers Travel Presentation – Rob Lewis*

- Insurance – provided by Travel Insured. Parents who cannot recall if they purchased travel insurance and at what level can check their Bob Rogers Travel accounts or contact Travel Insured directly (844-440-8113).
- “Cancel for Any Reason” (\$81) is recommended and gives a 75% refund if there is a cancellation up to 2 days before the trip.
- Insurance decision deadline is October 16.

### *Scholarships – Michelle Stevenson*

- In years past SMPA has budgeted a flat amount to spread over the applicant pool.
- Applications for the SMPA scholarship are available and are due by 9/29. SMPA will communicate decisions prior to the 10/6 deadline for trip registration. Decisions will be based on need.
- There are other sources for scholarship funds: PTO, Bob Rogers Travel.

### *Q&A*

- Wait list: Mr. Lewis clarified that everyone from the “wait list” can go on the trip, but they are not on the charter flight. Those on the wait list don’t need to do anything unless they want to cancel their participation.
- Charter plane was first come first served. 95% of those who wanted to be on the charter flight are on the flight.
- There was a question raised as to the charter flight details for inclusion in the fields when purchasing travel insurance. This will be revisited.
- Trip insurance can be purchased until 10/16. Parents who declined previously can go into their Bob Rogers account and purchase travel insurance. If that does not work, they can call Travel Insured.
- There was a question raised as to how chaperones can purchase travel insurance by the 10/16 deadline if chaperone needs have not been determined yet. This will be revisited.

### *Trip Credits*

- Students are eligible for a \$50 credit per Pledge Day participation. Pledge Day 2017 will occur on November 5.
- Trip credits can be donated back to SMPA to provide funds for students in need

- Parents have the opportunity to sponsor a student on the music trip. Go to the SMPA web site.