

**Scituate Friends of Music
Minutes of June 7, 2011 Meeting
Scituate High School
7:00 p.m.**

Attending: Lee Vickers, President
Chris Benoit, Vice-President
Robin Hodgkins, Treasurer
Mary Ellen Schloss Robotham, Secretary
Lisa Rafferty, Parent
Michele Hagen, Parent
Marcy Kupchella, Parent
Lisa Fenton, Parent
Cassandra Healey
Bill Richter, Music Program Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes of the May 10, 2011 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The Treasurer's report was presented. Net profit for Spring for the Arts was \$443 (\$1149 in receipts and \$706 in expenditures). Tickets for the scratch ticket fundraiser brought in \$277. The \$1550 "PASS" grant reimbursement for the 3rd grade opera trip was received. Total operating cash is about \$6,400.

The Treasurer's report was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Bill Richter gave the Music Department report. There will be some changes to staffing. Sally Tucker will be back at the high school on a full-time basis. Instrumental lessons at the Gates school will be reinstated. Many of the programs/staffing that were cut have been able to be reinstated due to the override and this is great news.

Other news includes:

- The Disney trip has been approved for April 25 through April 29, 2012.
- The Gates chorus and band received gold medals at the Canobie Lake competition.
- Student participation in the high school band and chorus will increase next year.
- Music theory class at the high school will be added.

Fundraising discussion:

- Heritage Days fundraiser on August 6th and 7th. Will staff the table 6 hours each day, with three 2-hour shifts. Minimum of two, preferably 3 people per shift.
- Transfer station fundraiser ("Trashin' and Jammin').

- Sep. 24th and 25th. 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - Students to play music.
 - Hope to exceed the \$2400 raised last year.
 - Advertise by email and elementary school newsletters.
 - Hand out candy and stickers.
 - Set up tent
 - Use power converter from car battery for acts needing amplifier
- Concert fundraiser. Shoot for weekend before SuperBowl.

Marcy Kupchella. will work on membership database.

New Business: Nominations for officers were as follows:

- Co-Presidents – Lee Vickers and Christina Benoit
- Vice President – Diana Grenier
- Treasurer- Robin Hodgkins
- Secretary – Mary Ellen Schloss Robotham

Slate of officers was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

A motion was made to move the regularly scheduled meeting date from the second Tuesday of the month to the first Tuesday of the month. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Needs Assessment for the High School Auditorium – Lisa Rafferty will co-chair this with Bill Richter.

Funding Requests

- 1) Bill Richter submitted a funding request form, dated 5/23/2011, for a Roland RD700GX keyboard and case, for \$2100 (including shipping). This will be used at the High School, Gates and the elementary schools. Robin said she looked at online costs which were about \$2800, so confirmed this is a good price. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the keyboard, case and shipping, for a total expense of up to \$2250. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.
- 2) Request from Peter Mundt for \$179.98 for one 50-foot and one 100-foot speaker cable for the Cushing Elementary School. These cables are needed to repair existing damaged cables. A motion was made to approve the expenditure. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

There was a discussion of the needs assessment for the high school auditorium sound system. Experts from Bergstens Music will be brought in to assess the existing system, at no charge. There is also a problem with the lighting system, which is periodically malfunctioning.

There was a discussion of risers for the band. The school already owns risers that are used for graduation. These are very heavy. Light-weight aluminum risers are \$20,000.

A poster and press are needed for the Heritage Days fundraiser.

The School Committee will need to accept the donations from SFM. SFM could send a list of all items donated this year. We could also send a press release to the Mariner (to Nancy Young/Around Town) regarding the keyboard purchase.

Bill Richter stated that an additional \$13 was required for guitar strings for the guitar workshop.

Spring for the Arts Debrief – Next year will try to work with Art Department much earlier (in March). We could try to use food vendors, although we may need to pay them to attend, or guarantee a minimum revenue.

The next meeting will be announced by email and will focus on the sound system assessment.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: To Be Announced

*Minutes prepared by Mary Ellen Schloss Robotham
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