

**Scituate Friends of Music
Minutes of March 8, 2011 Meeting
High School Music Room
7:00 p.m.**

Attending: Chris Benoit, Vice-President
Robin Hodgkins, Treasurer
Mary Ellen Schloss Robotham, Secretary
Marcy Kupchella, Parent
Marion Kaskiewicz, Parent
Kathy Boluch, Parent
Bill Richter, Music Program Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented. Highlights included:

- Funds were expended for the 3rd grade opera trip. Scituate Cultural Council will reimburse Friends of Music for most of this, and total SFM expenditure will be about \$770.
- Total operating cash is \$4,619.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Bill Richter provide the Director's report. Highlights included:

- Third grade opera trip later this week.
- Junior District festival in Attleboro upcoming; 14 students from Scituate will participate.
- Senior SEMSBA the following weekend; 19 students from Scituate will participate.
- Sally Tucker has organized chamber music concert for HS band students for March 20th at offsite location.
- The Scituate Got Music concert was a good success; was a professional concert not an amateur "talent show."
- March 26th is a cappella night. Five groups to perform. Tickets are \$5. SFM can collect money at door to help out but is not a fundraiser. Each act gets \$200. Would be good to provide water and snacks for performers. Some of the groups may sell t-shirts or CD.

Fundraising discussion included the following highlights:

- Papa Gino's fundraiser is March 24th.
- Heritage Days. Forms with deposit probably due May 1. Marion will bring information to the next meeting. SFM cannot run a raffle, and so will need to be clear that all tickets are sold as a donation.

Discussion of needs assessment for high school auditorium sound system.

- Still working on this. SHORE grant proposals are due this week so will miss that grant round.
- Bill mentioned that one need is monitors for performers during amplified concerts. Performers cannot hear themselves without monitors. Cost will be \$3,000 to \$4,000.
- Also need ability to make good sound recordings.
- Will put the needs assessment on agenda for next month.
- New cable TV liaison, John, can likely help us with the needs assessment.

Spring for the Arts – May 12th

- SFM will be in charge of food sales again and need someone to head the event for SFM. Mary Ellen agreed to do this.
- Will not sell hamburgers this year. Will sell hot dogs (possible availability of hot dog steamer) and plain pizza.
- Other ideas include popcorn (possible availability of popcorn machine)
- Coordination with Art Department?
- Will put on agenda for next month.

Teacher funding requests.

- A request was received from Nadia Swartz for \$66.49 to fund purchase of music for a new men's choir. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. at High School.

Minutes prepared by Mary Ellen Schloss Robotham