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**Scituate Friends of Music
Minutes of January 10, 2012 Meeting
Scituate High School
7:00 p.m.**

Attending: Christina Benoit, Co-President
Diana Grenier, Vice-President
Robin Hodgkins, Treasurer
Mary Ellen Schloss Robotham, Secretary
Patti Koziel, Parent
Marion Kaskiewicz, Parent
Michele Hagen, Parent

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

The Treasurer's report for the previous month was presented. SFM received donations totaling \$175 and earned \$2 in interest. Expenses were \$2 in Paypal fees, \$346 for the Tascam recorders and workshops, and \$36 for teacher expense allotment. The balance in the SFM money market account is \$5,770. After encumbered funds of \$1,716, current operating cash is \$4,054.

Regarding Sally Tucker's approved request for the Tascam recorders, Robin reported that she was able to purchase 4 Tascam recorders for \$200 and will be able to purchase a 5th new recorder with the remaining \$200 budget.

Robin reported that SFM will need to expend funds for IRS filings fees; she will make a request at the next meeting.

The Treasurer's report was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Minutes of the December 6, 2011 meeting were reviewed, amended and APPROVED.

Bill Richter provided the Music Department report. Winter concerts went well. Funding for music programs is in good shape this year. There is a lot of support from the School Committee and the school culture is very supportive of the arts. There are changes ahead, as the Superintendent has left and the High School principal is leaving. The auditorium upgrades are underway.

Sixth Grade Jazz Band – Superintendent Martin had asked that SFM be approached to fund this again. The elementary school principals are in support of the program but are not going to fund it. Members agreed that they are in support of funding this program, but would like a written funding request before making a formal vote. This should be done at the next meeting.

Funding Request: Jen Gilman's request for \$250 needs closure. The funding is for reeds and pads, repair supplies and method books. Jen covers 3 schools. Goulet does come to the school to repair leased instruments, but teachers need kits for emergency, on-the-spot repairs. Bill stated that he would like SFM to fund this request. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to support Jen Gilman's request for \$250, with the condition that Bill again inform all music teachers that they should be bringing their requests to SFM PRIOR to making purchases.

Motion APPROVED with 5 in favor and 1 opposed (R. Hodgkins).

There was a discussion of Lisa Rafferty's request that the town consider hiring a part-time technical director for the auditorium. Bill stated that he handles all of the uses of the auditorium, whether or not they are related to the schools. He oversees the students' training and schedules. He is not convinced that the system needs fixing. Recent problems are related to technical issues which will be fixed with the current upgrades underway.

Scituate Teachers Got Music:

Upcoming fundraiser for January 29th was discussed. The new light board will be in place, but the sound board probably won't.

Spring for the Arts

Members agreed that SFM should coordinate with Carolyn Wachta of the Art Department early on in the process. She is not able to attend evening meetings; an SFM representative can meet with her during school hours.

SFM Bylaws

Chris Benoit stated that she wanted to have a discussion about the purpose section of the Bylaws; this will be tabled until the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Set for February 14th.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Mary Ellen Schloss Robotham