

**Scituate Friends of Music
Minutes of January 12, 2010 Meeting**

Attending: Paul Lemieux, Co-President
Debra Moxie, Co-President
Robin Hodgkins, Treasurer
Mary Ellen Schloss Robotham, Secretary
Bill Richter, Music Director
Kathy Boluch, Parent
Susan Young, Parent

The minutes of the December 1, 2009 meeting were voted APPROVED.

Robin has updated the website with the November minutes and the Disney news.

The South Shore High School Choral Consortium will be singing with the Plymouth Philharmonic. This is a collaboration dating to 2000. This year they will be performing a piece of music by Vaughan Williams, with words from Walt Whitman. It is a very difficult and mature piece. Unfortunately, this year the performance conflicts with the Senior Dinner Dance, but Bill will help work out the schedule with the kids.

Robin gave the Treasurer's Report. The operating funds available are \$4,528. An additional \$2,944 resides in the Alumni Fund.

The light board has been shipped to Lehigh and should be shipped back to Scituate High School at the end of the week.

The stickers did not sell well at the winter concerts. Only about 75 to 80 of the 1,000 sold. Possibly more will sell after the winter ice-scraping season. Robin will give stickers to Front Street Bookshop and Scituate Pharmacy. She suggested that the stores retain \$0.50 on each sticker as a profit.

Cash donations collected at the Gates and High School concerts goes back to the schools. The funds pay for such items as custodian overtime, piano tuning, amplifier and instrument repair, and other items not covered by the school budget.

The Treasurer's Report was voted APPROVED.

Bill Richter reported that the rock band showcase will be at the High School on January 27th. Five bands will play for a 25-minute set each. They will be using a professional sound system and sound technician, and will be using a professional drum set. This is an all-ages show, and is a wonderful opportunity for young musicians not involved in band to showcase their talent.

On Wednesday, February 10th there will be an acoustic performance night at the High School. Bands need to sign up for this.

Bill has received a new faculty request from Arielle Shachat at Wampatuck School. She is a new teacher in the building and needs to resupply the program with materials. She is requesting \$300 to purchase items for the chorus and the classroom, including hand bells, "boom whackers," and other items. There is also a long-standing request from Sally Tucker to purchase a 12-string guitar for the advanced guitar workshop. This is a \$300 purchase.

A MOTION was made and seconded to approve \$300 for Arielle Shachat at Wampatuck School for purchase of general music materials, and \$300 for Sally Tucker for purchase of a 12-string guitar.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Friends of Music can pay after receipt of an invoice, or can reimburse after purchase.

Discussion turned to the upcoming production of Broadway in Love, being produced and performed by the Show Stoppers. There will be 4 shows at the GAR Hall, in February around Valentine's Day. Scituate Friends of Music will support and receive 50 percent of the proceeds for the Friday show. Susan Young is taking the lead for SFOM's evening.

The cost for tickets will be \$20 each or \$180 for a table of 10. People will also be able to buy tickets on other evenings and have the proceeds directed to SFOM if they designate this when they buy the tickets. The show is intended for an adult audience. GAR Hall seats 122 people.

SFOM will need someone at the front door on the night of the show to get people seated. We will place nametags on the tables. We can solicit help from students, who would get Community Service credits. Students can help seat people, can direct people to the parking area, and can escort people from the parking area to the GAR Hall, and can help set up and clean up.

Doug Trudeau of the Show Stoppers will put an advertisement in the Mariner and Patriot Ledger. Paul will send a notice to everyone on the SFOM email list (about 90 people). There was a discussion of conducting a blast email to all parents. It should state that SFOM is collecting funds to do a major upgrade of the high school auditorium sound and lighting system. A system-wide email would have to be approved by Heather, in School Administration.

Needs include:

- ◆ reflective vests and flashlights for students escorting patrons across the street.
- ◆ Cordon off areas in front of hall where people should not be parking.

- ◆ Confirmation emails to be sent to people buying tickets. They can bring emails to the show.
- ◆ Work out with Joy at Congregational Church a system for receiving funds for those who purchase for other shows but want proceeds directed to SFOM.
- ◆ Bill and Susan will work on a sign-up sheet for student volunteers. Will likely need 12 students over the course of the evening: 4 students to set up, 4 students to break down, and 4 students to escort patrons from parking area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. at High School.

*Minutes prepared by Mary Ellen Schloss Robotham
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