GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
BAND & ORCHESTRA

GPSB&O Band Meeting Minutes
Date: February 7, 2017
Location: 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
Grosse Pointe South Band and Orchestra Classroom

Attendance: Debbie McSunas, Chris Takis, Rob Remelius, Hans Hummer, Renee Troscinski, Stacey Chen, Jill Chown, Cindy Teranes, Lisa Caradonna, Mary Koukios, Seth Adams, Gerry Ferry, Corinne Chadwell, Matina Simopoulos

Welcome - Mary Koukios
Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

Approval previous Minutes - Debbie McSunas
Jill made a motion to accept and Cindy seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report - Rob Remelius
The treasurer's report will be complete by next week. All totals will be reconciled for all events at that time. The change to Flagstar Bank will be next week. Rob will be working with the bank to set-up the sub accounts for Chris and James.

Mary had a few questions about Corporate Travel and the trip credits. Rob indicated he has a money order for Corporate Travel and he will deliver it to them tomorrow. Corporate Travel will be allocating the funds tonight to the student's accounts for trip credits. Trip credits were not credited when the bills when out to parents, but that has now been corrected.

Band Report - Chris Takis
Chris had two band students attending the meeting and helping to give the band report: Corrin Chadwell and Seth Adams. Corrin C. (Band Treasurer) noted that on Jan. 28th the chamber orchestra, brass, and mixed ensembles competed in the MSBOA district competition and all received 1's and will be going to the State MSBOA. South Bands and Orchestras had over 50 events at the MSBOA District Solo & Ensemble. Over 1/2 of events received 1's and the rest received 2's. The Pre-festival concert will be held at Pierce Middle School at 7PM, Monday, Feb. 13th. The Festival is Friday March 10th at Dakota High School. The Concert band performs at 4:35PM, Symphony Band 6:55PM, and Wind Ensemble 8:35PM. The ensemble groups would love to have people to come out and support them.

Seth A. stated that the Jazz band performed at CMU for a Jazz weekend. 15 AA bands performed and only the top 3 bands are recognized. GP South Jazz Band played very well. Over 50 high schools attend the event. Carl Allen was the guest musician and he is a drummer. The students really enjoyed the professional musician. Timor Betzer won the 3rd place outstanding soloist.

Chris T. noted that the Coach bus company was excellent - Carr Motorcoach. Carr was cheaper and had better busses. The MSBOA Jazz Festival is March 23rd at Waterford Mont or Royal Oak, but nothing is set yet. Saturday, March 18th is the MSBOA Solo & Ensemble State competition at Chippawa Valley High School. Solo forms due by Thursday, February 9th. The Jazz Band will be performing at Cliff Bells on Thursday, May 4th.

Orchestra Report – James Gross (Absent, but emailed report)

- All 4 South HS Chamber Ensembles (Brass Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Clarinet Choir, Stravinsky Ensemble) Earned Division I ratings Sat., Jan. 28 and qualified for State Chamber Festival Mar. 18 at Chippewa Valley HS.
- We had 50+ events at Solo & Ensemble this past Saturday and most all qualified for State Solo & Ensemble on Mar. 18 at Chippewa Valley HS.
- Pre-Festival Concert Wed., Feb. 15 South Auditorium, Jed Fritzemeier, Clinician
- In Class Clinic Thur., Feb. 16 Jed Fritzemeier, Chelsea HS Clinician
- MSBOA Orchestra Festival Fri., Mar. 3 Clawson HS
  *4:25 Concert Orchestra
  *8:05 Symphony Orchestra
  *Traveling by bus
- May, 2017- Chamber Orchestra will be performing with Ivan Moshchuk downtown Detroit. Date, Location and time TBD.

New Bylaw - Hans Hummer

We do not need a bylaw to have separate accounts set-up for James and Chris. It is at the discretion of the Treasurer. Just need board approval for the accounts. Board approval was obtained at the last board meeting, January 10, 2017. The goal is to have sub-accounts so that James and Chris can access their designated funds quickly to conduct band and orchestra business. The hope is that the new bank will allow such accounts with no fees. The funds will be folded back into the general account at the end of the year. The sub accounts would get separate monthly statements. Rob R. is making sure that it is doable with the bank.

Mother's Club Alumni Project - Jill Chown

Jill noted that the Mother's Club is hoping to fund a special fundraising project for each group at GP South. They are asking each group to determine what they would like the Mother's Club to provide funds for. Chris and James will come up with something in writing to Jill and Stacey by next month.

Bert's Bash - Lisa C.

Mary and Lisa went to see Bert and Mark U. catering at Assumption. The cost of the "Bert's Bash" event would be the same both locations. All issues from last year's event at Bert's were addressed with Bert in the meeting. There was a discussion

among the board about the two locations. The board decided to continue having "Bert's Bash" at Bert's. Mary K. and Lisa C. will be trying to secure June 3rd for the "Bert's Bash" Event.

Chris T. asked what is the event raising money for this year? The board plan is for this to be a fun night out that raises money for the band and orchestra boosters. Bands playing include: Marching band, Jazz band, orchestra and independent groups student bands. Because of the number of interested student groups an audition process will more likely than not need to occur.

Artwork is needed for the posters and t-shirts.

Additional Events – Mary K.
The Awards Banquet will be held at Assumption and the date is Tuesday, May 30th. The Spring Concert will be May 16th at Brownell Middle School.

Marching Band Uniforms - Debbie M.
Lisa and Debbie will be meeting after winter break to plan the checking, organizing and cleaning of the marching band uniforms. Part of the plan is to get National Honor Society credits for students who help organize the uniforms. Lisa is emailing Klein about NHS credits. The plan is to have a Saturday workday.

Meeting Adjourned