

**Skyline Friends of the Arts
Meeting Agenda/Minutes**

Meeting Link: <https://a2schools.zoom.us/j/99972910540>

Board Members: This is a shared document. Please feel free to add items you would like to address and/or notes on listed items in advance of the meetings.

Meeting Date: Dec 6, 2021
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Attendance

			Present?
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS	Colleen Riccinto	President	x
	Gayathri Krishnan	Vice President	x
	Monte Kaehr	Secretary	x
	Tina Norris	Treasurer	Can't make it
AT-LARGE BOARD		VAA Rep	
	Annemarie Dolan	Choir Account Manager	x
	Sandra Lau Martins	Orchestra Rep	Coming for the beginning
	Carrie Bank	Band Rep	x
FACULTY		Theatre Account Manager	
	Carey Allen	Theatre Rep	x
	Jason Smith	Band Director	x
	Lyn CieChanski	Choir Director	x
	Andrea Murray	Orchestra Director	x
	Anne-Marie Roberts	Theatre/ITS Director	
OTHERS	Meredith Giltner	Fine Arts/Traditional/Digital	Can't make it
	Susan Westhoff	Parent	
	Pai Meng	Parent	x
	Robyn Kaiser	Parent	x

Officers Meeting: n/a

General Meeting:

Meeting Called to Order: 6:33 pm

Previous Month's Minutes Approved : We decided to approve the minutes of the previous meeting in January as Monte Kaehr was not available for the initial part of the meeting.

1. Division Reports

a. Band

- i. Christmas Tree fundraiser - is off to a great start. Are you in Ann Arbor? Sign up to have your tree picked up: <http://skylinetreepickup.weebly.com/>
- ii. New York trip is a go for Spring break. We had a rehearsal today for the concert at Carnegie Hall.
- iii. We're trying a vertical fundraiser this year for December fundraising through Vertical Raise. They do take 20% of what we make, but we feel we should try it this once to see. Parents & students add emails to reach far and wide.
- iv. VPAA showcase is 1 week from today!
- v. We're hoping to have the Marching Band banquet (that is usually in November) in May outdoors.

b. Choir

- i. Congratulations to the 6 choir students who participated in Regional Honors Choir and successfully auditioned for State Honors Choir! Ellie Westhoff was selected for the SSAA Honors Choir; Brenden Kaiser and Chris Berlongieri were selected for the TTBB Honors Choir; and Tarun Swaminathan, Thomas Riccinto, and Michael Riccinto were selected for the SATB Honors Choir. They will perform at MMC in January!
- ii. We are excited to announce that our microphone fundraiser has gone very well so far. Thanks to the generosity of our Patreon Patrons and some amazing Blues and Blues family donors, we are close to replacing our 18 handheld mics, which will benefit Blues and all of Choir!
- iii. Students are working hard to prepare for the VPAA Benefit!

c. Orchestra

- i. Congratulations to David Lee, cello, Paulo Martins, cello, and Hannah Hopkins, viola and bass for being accepted into the MSBOA all-state orchestra. They will perform in Grand Rapids as part of the Michigan Music Conference January 27-29
- ii. Congratulations to Jasmine Chou, cello and Adam Gardner, bass for being named all state orchestra honorable mention.

- iii. Winter serenades are on sale now. In person and virtual serenades. Purchased a winter serenade to send anywhere in the world by clicking [here](#).
 - 1. Cost: donation
 - 2. Deadline: Purchase by Dec. 17th
 - 3. Delivered: by email Dec. 20-22nd
- iv. Serenade recording session Dec. 7th from 3-4:30 PM in the Auditorium
- v. VPAA benefit rehearsal Dec. 8th from 5-9 PM
- vi. Symphony rehearsal with choir Dec. 9th from 3-5 PM
- vii. Symphony and Concert Benefit performance Dec. 13th
- viii. In person serenade performances Dec. 17th all day during school
- ix. Concert Uniforms-begin fitting tomorrow
 - 1. Sizing instructions sent home
 - 2. Uniform fee due by Jan. 7th

d. Tri-M

- i. Participated in Skyline helping Skyline winter gift donation
- ii. Meeting Thursday December 9th at 7:00 PM on zoom
 - 1. Guest speaker is the Director of Bands from U of M. Michael Haithcock.

e. Theatre

f. Visual Arts & Applied Arts

- i.

2. SFA Board Officers Reports

- a. **Treasurer -**
- b. **President -**
- c. **Vice President - no report**
- d. **Secretary - no report**

3. Fundraising Reports

a. VPAA event:

- i. Have a donor. The big push this week is the ticket sales. This week, being the first week, we have sold 117 tickets. Action plan is to send an email to Mr. Cory McElmeel to include in the newsletter for pre-sales.
- ii. Any benchmarks from before in terms of ticket sales? Not specifically
- iii. Goal is to sell 450 tickets
- iv. Social media publishing for tickets: Choir has a FB page where they can add information about the event. Band is planning to put up the info on the SFA page and also advertising using google groups.
- v. Indoor signs for VPAA will be unveiled after school on Friday to enjoy.
- vi. VPAA benefit concert will be streamed to the classrooms

- vii. VPAA benefit showcase event available on the SFA page. We should consider doing ticket sales at the door. Colleen was thinking of having a QR code so that people can buy tickets at the door.
- viii. Big Kudos to Robyn Kaiser for setting up a showtix account for ticket sales for any event and for coordinating with Corey and ? to get updates to the VPAA family updates newsletter.

4. Old Business

PR - Idea - ask Mr. McElmeel to put VPAA Section in weekly newsletter

- i. Robyn K willing to support by pulling key info to share
- ii. Recommend a simple google form periodically to pull info from teachers
 - 1. Robyn K will support and request to admin/ Mr McElmeel
- b. VPAA Benefit Concert Event: Lyn, Robyn, Colleen discussed.
 - i. 12/13 / Formal venue for performance
 - ii. Performance and showcase with visual arts in hallway
 - 1. Participants: Band 75, Orchestra 60,
 - iii. Indoors; Cv19 limits audience to 360 tickets (at expensive price)
 - iv. Include livestream / zoom (at inexpensive price)
 - v. Committee: Carey Allen, Robyn Kaiser, Colleen, Tina Norris, Susan Westhoff; Pai Meng
 - 1. Teachers willing to send request to parents for committee
 - 2. Colleen will create recommended email for Teachers to send
 - vi. PR aspect to Skyline internally + external
 - 1. QR code to google doc instead of paper posters
 - vii. Communication - Teachers willing to send request to parents
 - viii. Program design and printing
 - 1. Paper program preferred (Do not want phones used during performance)
 - 2. Ask for a discount ? / Print Tech
 - 3. Pai Meng will reach out to Print Tech; inform Colleen/ Meredith
 - 4. Graphic design- Meredith G. can support with format, etc; Meredith will communicate with the teachers to gather the info, names, etc to create the program/ format
 - 5. Tina will confirm the cost of 2019 program
 - ix. **SFA/ Committee to meet next Mon. 11/15 6:30pm** to confirm VPAA plans
- c. **Move Dec meeting to 12/6** (pull ahead from 12/13 due to overlap with SFA)
- d. Future Fundraising:
 - i. Car wash in spring raises \$1000 ~ \$1300
 - ii. Basket raffle / silent auction
 - iii. Spirit wear sales
 - iv. Gift cards

5. New Business

- a. From Carrie Bank/Band: we could use more theater families and a couple more band people to sign up to volunteer to help out with the tree pickups in January:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4dafa728a3fb6-2022>
 - i. Jan 2nd (need 3 more students)
 - ii. Jan 9th (need 6 students and 2 adult drivers)
- b. Sign up here to have your tree picked up for a small donation!
<http://skylinetreepickup.weebly.com/>

Next Meeting:

**Meeting Adjourned
at:**

7:05 pm

Motion to adjourn
by:

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Gayathri Krishnan
on:

12/6/21

Please send any corrections or clarifications to monte14ihara@gmail.com, Monte Kaehr