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SGMB Membership Meeting Minutes

Date/Time:	Monday, October 5, 2026 at 7pm
Location:	SGAHS, Room 51 (Zoom link also available)
In Attendance:	Rhonda Wastler, Shawn Berkebile, Stephanie Wethington, Alyssa Young, Alexis Hoke, Katherine Tackett, Tim Bupp, Daniel Brenner, Laura Gutshall, Dan Fake, Abigail Kirkpatrick, Christica Boyer

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WELCOME / QUORUM / CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS (Wastler)
The Wednesday, September 9, 2026 Spring Grove Music Boosters (SGMB) meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. A quorum was determined to be present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Wethington)
Minutes from the Wednesday, September 9, 2026 meeting were reviewed with no changes noted. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Shawn Berkebile and seconded by Alyssa Hoke. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Berkebile)
SGMB balance sheet was presented with the following balances:

	As of Sept. 9, 2026
Checking Account	$116,534.92
Capital Fund	$25,927.10
Scholarship Fund	$48,297.00
Student Fund	$19,844.13
Square Fund	$200.00
Total	**$210,803.85**

Marching Spectacular Fundraising Summary
With all current bills paid and expenses accounted for, the Spring Grove Music Boosters raised $10,457.98 through the Marching Spectacular held on Saturday, September 19, 2026.
This represents the net proceeds from the event after accounting for the expenses associated with hosting the Marching Spectacular. These funds will provide significant support for the Music Boosters and our Scholarship Fund.
Additional Income Still Expected
The final fundraising total is not yet complete. We are still awaiting additional income from:
Tom's
Kona Ice

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Elliott's French Fries
Based on income received from these vendors in previous years, we anticipate several hundred dollars in additional revenue. This will bring our final fundraising total even higher once all outstanding proceeds have been received.

Fundraising Summary Amount
Current Net Proceeds $10,457.98
Additional Vendor Income Pending
Final Net Fundraising Total *11,000.00 plus

This was an outstanding fundraising effort for the Spring Grove Music Boosters.
Wonderful job to everyone who helped make the Marching Spectacular a success! From planning and preparation, to ticket sales, concessions, donations, volunteers, and cleanup, this event required a tremendous team effort. The result is more than a successful event—it provides meaningful financial support that can be reinvested in our students and the Spring Grove music programs.

Shawn Berkebile mentioned putting our Capital Fund into an interest earning CD for a higher profit. More research will be done on this prospect in the upcoming months.
A motion to appropriate $5,000 of our Marching Spectacular profit into the general fund and $5,000 into the scholarship fund was made by Shawn Berkebile and seconded by Daniel Brenner. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was offered by Daniel Brenner and seconded by Katherine Tackett . Motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
There is no report at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS (Brenner, Bupp, Eckersley, Fake, Kirkpatrick, McGreevy, Messersmith, Naglich, Tackett)

Cody Messersmith: Choral music is in full swing, as always in grades 7-12! The high school choral program will have their first public performance of the school year this Friday, October 9th at the homecoming football game. The over 100 person combined choirs will sing the Star-Spangled Banner and The Spring Grove Alma Mater at the beginning of the game. The high school music department is gearing up for our first October concert on the 20th! We're looking forward to starting a new tradition of sharing music year-round with more members of our community!

Coming up next week October 12, I will be hosting the PMEA District 7 Professional Development Day at Spring Grove Area High School. I am still in need of some help during various shifts throughout the day— a big one right now is that I need someone to help with picking up lunch. There will be some Tri-M Music Honor Society members helping out as well, but I am in need of some adult volunteers. Please sign up using THIS FORM.

Additionally, I am hosting the York County Senior High Choral Festival on Saturday, October 17th at Spring Grove Area High School. I am co-hosting this event with the choral director from Hanover High School, Michael West. Michael will have some of his Hanover Music Boosters volunteers helping throughout the day. It would be wonderful to have some SGMB presence at this event as well. Primary times that I could use people for this

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event would be around lunch (picking up food around 11:45 AM from Geneva's) and then during the concert time (concert starts at 4:00 PM). Please let me know if you're available to help!
Katherine Tackett: Fourth grade band students have gotten off to a good start so far. Our lessons meet on a rotation to avoid having to miss the same instructional block each week. We have learned how to make our first amazing sounds and how to play the first note. Tomorrow we get to learn note #2! We have about 40 at New Salem and 20 at Paradise. Due to the smaller numbers at Paradise, I was able to juggle the schedule a bit to try to incorporate some mini music classes for the kindergarten students. That will start this week.
Music classes are one of our 6th classes of the year. Most of the groups have shown a lot of excitement to learn and try new things. First and second grade classes have been working to practice counting, singing and playing beat patterns in various meters. Third graders have been learning how to sing rounds, and fourth graders have been working to learn how to identify and sing pitch intervals.

Daniel Brenner: Homecoming Parade & Bonfire Update - Select Modern Band will no longer be performing at the Homecoming Bonfire. Unfortunately, the schedule could not be made to work for students who double in multiple groups, though everything is entirely amicable. We are already looking forward to collaborating with the Student Council in the future and are talking through what that may look like!
GroveStock'27 Official Date Announced - Mark your calendars! GroveStock'27 will officially take place on May 8th, 2027. Due to the high volume of participating students, we are expanding this into a larger-scale event that will also accommodate alumni participation. It's going to be an incredible event! If anyone would like to be involved (helping to sell merch, parking cars, etc.), please let me know. You can email me at BrennerD@sgasd.org or stop me after the meeting.
Thank you so much for investing in our new modern band supplies. These resources have already made a remarkable impact on our daily instruction, and I am confident their effect will shine through in a massive way at GroveStock'27. On behalf of all our student musicians, thank you for your generous support! Thank you all for your continued support of our music programs.

Daniel Fake: Band night happened. I feel it was a success for the time it was scheduled. Students seemed to be excited and are asking questions about high school opportunities, so I believe that made it a success. If my numbers are right, we had over 100 students playing stand tunes throughout the game.
About 30 SGMS band students played the national anthem. Ben and Carolina helped out because I was concerned we might not have the melody covered, but everyone who signed up in the trumpet section showed up. I saw quite a few students stay for the whole event. Again, I think I will count that as a success, especially considering it's never been done before.
The band is preparing for the October pep rally. That event is during the school day, on October 30th. We'll play stingers, pep tunes, and stand tunes to complement the action throughout.
Jazz band rehearsals began last week. We're working on winter titles and looking forward to Thanksgiving, when everything starts to make sense and become a reality.
I've begun the conversations and planning for Knoebels. More to come on that next month, hopefully. Last year's cost was $115, I'm hoping for this year to be the same.
For some fun news...Our band numbers aren't as high as I hoped this year, but I am excited that we have 3 students wanting to play bari sax, two for bass clarinet, two percussion switching to winds, and one talking with their parents about oboe. The final functioning middle school trombone was assigned today. One of our 8th graders is trying to learn every instrument she can. While 2 others appear to be challenging each other to reach the highest note possible first. So, I am excited about what's to come.

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Abigail Kirkpatrick: Our fall concert is in 2 weeks on October 20 at SG High School. Next month (November 20-21) is the York County Orchestra Festival. This will be for grades 7-12. Currently, there are 5 high school students participating. We are waiting for a final count of middle school participants.
Paradise elementary students are super excited to start orchestra lessons.
Students at SGI and SGMS are currently working on their music for the winter concerts.

TRI-M REPORT (Student reps)
The Tri-M apparel sale closes in October.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PERFORMANCES (Wastler)
The date for Grovestock '27 has been corrected in our SGMB Event Calendar.
Insert Link for current SGMB Event Calendar

WAYS AND MEANS (Hoke/Henning)
Our first fundraiser of the year (Nothing Bundt Cakes and White Clover Candles) is underway! This sale ends October 8. R&K subs will be our next fundraiser for October with pick up in November.
Cristica Boyer has been quite the busy lady with the Spirit Store! The store crushed it during the Marching Spectacular raising almost $2,000! A review of merchandise and sales trends is underway in preparation for next year!
New fundraising opportunities were discussed. It was decided that the Boosters will sell water, soda, snacks, and candy at the upcoming fall and winter concerts. The first one will be October 20 for the HS Fall concert. A signup genius will be created to recruit volunteers for this effort.
DBF designs (owned by a SG Alumni, SG parent, and music dept. supporter) has offered to partner with us in creating designer merchandise. These will be laser printed designs on this like travel mugs, luggage tags, and key chains.

PUBLICITY / COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE (Wastler)
There is no new information to be shared at this time.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS (Young)
A review of current account balances, transfers, and procedures was given by Alyssa Young. There are a lot of parents and students requesting balance information. Also, there have been many new sign-ups for Raise Right which is great news!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Buhrman)
High School Scholarship: The timeline for Director review of applications will remain the same. Applications will begin January 1 and director review will begin in February.

PROCEDURES AND BYLAWS (Wastler)
The Standard Operation Procedures is still being reviewed. It is still in draft form and will remain that way through November.

WEBSITE (Henning)
There is no new information to share at this time. As a reminder, please share all website documents in Word format for posting on the website.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS
A revised version of the District Choral Festival Proposal was submitted by Cody Messersmith.

ADJOURNMENT
The next membership meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2026 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held at SGAHS in Room 51, with a Zoom link also provided. A motion to close the meeting at 8:42pm was made by Alexis Hoke and seconded by Katherine Tackett. Motion carried.

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