Plymouth Schools Music Association
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 23, 2025 PNHS - Library

1. Call to Order

Beth Lopes calls meeting to order at 6:04 pm

2. Attendance

Officers present: Beth Lopes (Pres), Lauren Papa (VP), John Machado (Treas), Althea O'Brien (Asst Sect)
BOD present: Tom Bodie, Maria Dunn, Tamao Buffalo-Ellis, Rianardo Ellis, Trace Melody, Kate Holl
Members/Liaisons: Megan Schilling, Jen Powers, Brian Westell, Amy Westell, Beth Welch, Katie Coe, Danielle Civale, Lindsey Jil, Ken Magno, Heather Sears

3. Quorum Established

4. Treasurer's Report: John Machado

- Balance on Hand $18,045.56
- Marching Band & South Tri-M Escrow Total: $4,498.65
- Alex & Cory are paid out, Marching Band banner is paid back
- $30 more to deposit (MB)
- Corey able to get ipad from school, $350 for other accessories
- $494.10 for shock and boom stands purchased through Amazon, Beth and John making sure everything is accounted for

5. President's Report: Beth Lopes

Social Media Update: Althea & Patrick: posts are awesome!

- Patrick to take on Linktree
- Liaisons to post in band app for social media coverage

Battle of the Bands:

- Only 3 bands (PSHS) signed up

- MOTION to Cancel
- VOTED: unanimously to cancel
- Staff, Directors, Students to be notified
- Students that signed up will be reimbursed
- Social Media to announce cancelation, push $20 is Plenty / $50 is Nifty

Scholarship Definition Vote:

- Last year 2 scholarships went to PSHS orchestra students
- MOTION to clarify (South) that they do not go to the same ensemble: one to band / orchestra / guard and one to vocal / theatre
- VOTED YES to clarify

Future of PSMA:

- Trace (board seat / liaison), Stacy (secretary), Lauren (VP (/ liaison)) are "graduating", most board members leaving 2027 - any interest in shadowing please see Beth
- Make it your own!
- Bylaws state board members cannot be school employees
- Mike Caple wants to leave group dormant but not possible due to tax reasons

Ice Cream Social:

- Open House for grades 6-8
- PSMA to host ice cream portion
- Directors want event to occur in March, we want in the fall
- If in March, extend to grade 5
- Compare to "Meet the Coaches"

Town Hall:

- PSMA Coffee and Donuts Explanation
- Board VOTED NO through Band App on 9/17 to continuing under new circumstances, NOT worth the cost

Discussed covering concessions at football games: ANY school organization can run, find out how to get on the list! (Google Docs?)

Racewire: Heather will reach out

- Specifically for events, not general funds, must be 501
- No age restrictions, anyone can volunteer, $100 per person

Restaurant Fundraisers: Rio

- Chipotle: 120 days in advance, waiting for February 11th (½ day) to open
- Papa Ginos? March?
- Texas Roadhouse: ON HOLD, Maybe April or May?
- Sweet Frog or Friendly's: date to line up with concert?
- Squinny's: John waiting to hear from Dickie Quintal

Director Allocations: to vote in October

- PSMS chorus t-shirt, $1000
- $1133 busses for grade 7 to see Wicked in Providence (8th grade does NYC trip)

Concert Schedule Spreadsheet:

- If you are a liaison and something is wrong, PLEASE update
- Changes Made: PN Chorus Concert: 11/13
- Concert Programs will not be pushed up, Grossman said he will use electronic program book, make clear there will be NO SHOUTOUTS in this program
- Grossman leaving for paternity
- Colleen Egan changed to Ty Farro
- Tom to start up Program Books: sell ads, & shout outs

6. Liaison Reports / Updates

- Lauren Papa, PCIS Band & Orchestra: Molly to take over

- Chrissy Manca, PCIS Chorus & Drama: Fuller currently auditioning for Moana

- Megan Schilling, PSMS Band & Orchestra: Brent will put in for allocations

- Jen Powers, PSMS Chorus & Theater:

- Annie Jones, PNHS Theater: requesting among parents for volunteers at concessions

- Trace Melody, PNHS Chorus & Acapella: temporary director is great

- Beth Lopes, Marching Band, PN & PS Gig Bands, PSHS Band & Orchestra, Winter Percussion, Color Guard: preparing for Senior nights (MB) PS as scheduled, PN on HoCo

- Althea O'Brien, PNHS Concert Band & Orchestra: Winter concert date set

- Cathy Tsourides, PSHS Chorus, Acapella, & Theater: Ride the Cyclone was great, $305 in concessions

John: Forms for Donations

- No longer giving teachers cash?
- Cash to VPA to write check?
- Stay "as is", responsibility of teachers?

7. Fundraising Reports

- G & G: total fundraised $759.74
- Indie Ferm: Oktoberfest Oct 4th SHARE ON SOCIALS! Sign up Genius?
- Plymouth Calling (RIP)
- Concert Programs: Gross $3880.65, Net $3065
- Town Hall RIP
- Battle of the Bands RIP

- John to look into volunteers at Barett's

8. Committee Reports

- Finance Committee: Chair John Machado, Tom Bodie (+2): (n/a)
- Membership Committee: Chair Tamao Buffalo-Ellis, Stacey Burke, (+2):
- Planning Committee: Lauren Papa: (n/a)
- Communications Committee: Chair Althea Tetrault, Maria Dunn:

Next Meeting: Funding Meeting, October 23, 6pm PNHS Library
Following Meetings Tentatively Booked for:
Wednesday, November 19, PNHS Library 6pm
Monday, December 15, PNHS Library 6pm
Tuesday, January 20, PNHS Library 6pm