

SCMB Board Meeting 5:45 p.m. April 6, 2026, North Junior High

In attendance: Andy Nelson, Mike Knaak, Austin Castro, Lowell Larson, John Plantenberg, John Creasy, Karl Fischer, Terry Humbert, AnneMary Wielkiewicz,

Absent: Michelle Ziemer-Gehris,

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:52pm
2. Rehearsal 4/27
  - a. **Lowell and Andy** proposed no rehearsal on 4/27
    - i. **AnneMary** motioned to have no rehearsal
    - ii. Motion passed at 5:54pm
3. Memorial Recognition for passed band members
  - a. **Lowell** proposed a memorial/recognition policy/process for band members that have passed away
  - b. **John Creasy** brought up possibly recognizing passed band members at a concert once a year
    - i. **Andy** expressed agreement with this idea
    - ii. **AnneMary** mentioned possibly incorporating passed members accompanying a song
    - iii. **AnneMary** suggested a sympathy card from the Band Board or the band as a whole
      1. **Lowell** and others liked this idea
  - c. Motion to honor recently deceased former band members with a recognition and a card made by **Karl**
    - i. Motion passes at 6:06 p.m
  - d. **Lowell** questioned who would write the eulogy
    - i. Mike Murphy was mentioned specifically by several board members as an optimal choice

4. Web Update

- a. **Mike** says that the website is still being worked on
  - i. Year long process
- b. **Lowell** urges to keep pressing progress

5. SNAP Fundraising

- a. **Mike** reports 9 members have joined the SNAP program
  - i. **Mike** urges members to get band members to engage
- b. **Andy** asked if email list on website would be a good repository for givers
  - i. **Mike** considered this possibility, but needs to sift through emails

6. April 23rd Concert

- a. Concert workers
  - i. Ticketers and ushers needed for the concert
- b. **John Creasy** reports 6 total ticket sales based on advertising
  - i. Ads running are showing low engagement
  - ii. No QR codes on posters
- c. **Mike** suggests spreading posters all over town
- d. **Lowell** suggests every band member emails 5 people, inviting them to the concert
  - i. Include emails in SNAP?
- e. **Karl** expresses concerns about Paramount overshadowing April concert

7. Bus

- a. **John Creasy** motions to charter a bus to attend the concert on April 26th with all band members provided a meal at Teppanyaki Grill in Fridley
  - i. Motion passes at 6:28pm

8. Community Engagement Projects

- a. **Shelly** is resigning from the board and her project (School Outreach)

- i. Temporary leave from Band Board
  - ii. **Terry** expressed interest in taking lead in School Outreach
- b. **Karl, Mike, and Lowell** have been working primarily on SNAP
  - i. Regular updates are possible
  - ii. Coffee fundraiser is still in consideration
- c. **Lowell** brought up more posted advertising
  - i. Posters include promotional images of the band and schedule with concert dates
  - ii. Billboard for SCMB
    - 1. Relatively few people are aware of the band
- d. **John Plantenberg** spoke with **Justin**
  - i. **Justin** will be stepping down from FLEX Band initiative
  - ii. 6 or 7 people attending FLEX Ensembles
  - iii. Vicky brought up as possible candidate

#### 9. Board Members

- a. With Shelly's resignation, new board member is necessary
- b. Tabled until May's board meeting

#### 10. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by **Terry**
- b. Motion passes at 6:53 p.m.