

SCMB Board Meeting 5:45 p.m. May 11, 2026 @ Tech High School

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

In absentia: Andy Nelson, Terry Humbert

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:49pm
2. 4/6 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Members in attendance looked over meeting minutes
 - b. Motion made by **John Creasy** to approve minutes at 5:52pm
 - i. Motion passed unanimously at 5:52pm
3. Concert Recap
 - a. **John Plantenberg** gave congratulations to the band's performance at Tech and Bandwidth
 - b. Positive feedback from **AnneMary** about quality of Tech, but commented on lower attendance
 - c. **John Creasy** sent out information comparing Tech and Paramount
 - i. Lost a little over \$200 compared to Paramount concerts
 - ii. Ticket sales came primarily from door sales
 - iii. Students received free tickets
 - iv. Lack of volunteers
 - v. Tech Concert does not make patrons pay additional fees
 - vi. Tech stage sound and accessibility were heard amongst the audience buzz
 - vii. **John Plantenberg** heard positive buzz about the screen feature
 - d. Advertising
 - i. Facebook Ads
 1. **Patric** spent \$600+ on advertising

e. Opinions

- i. **MaryAnne** expressed approval for spring concerts at Tech
- ii. **Lowell and Mike** considered dates for spring concert in April to 2nd week of May

f. **Karl** motioned for **Mike** to explore Spring concert at Tech

- i. Motion passed at 6:06pm

4. SNAP Fundraiser

a. **Mike** reported that ~20 band members had signed up for SNAP

- i. Anticipated much higher
- ii. Donations are coming in as reported by **AnneMary and Lowell**
- iii. Not too late to sign up numbers or emails

b. **AnneMary** heard other members asking “Why are we doing this?”

- i. **Mike and John Creasy** clarified that we are wanting to establish financial security
 - 1. District raised rental prices by 40% up to 100%
 - 2. General costs are raising, across the board
 - 3. Free concerts make up a majority of performances

5. Financial Report

a. **John Creasy** provided report

- i. \$35-40k for readily-available operating funds
- ii. Legacy funds for important purchases
- iii. We are in decent financial shape, but not a lot

b. **Mike Knaak** brought up membership fees as a possibility

- i. Considering membership dues

c. **MaryAnne** moved to approve Statement of Financial Position, Budget vs Actual, Statement of Cash Flow

- i. Motion passed at 6:28pm

6. Fourth of July

- a. Large number of people expressing negative opinions about last years 4th Concert
- b. Fourth of July Fireworks Committee has been radio silent when **Mike** reached out
- c. Do we want to play at 3:30pm?
 - i. Possibility sometime between 5-7pm
 - ii. Driving in if playing at 6pm
 - iii. **John Plantenberg** proclaimed that the 4th is about playing patriotic music
- d. Do we want to play at the ball field?
 - 1. No
 - 2. FLEX band?
 - a. No
- e. No showmobile desired, BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair)
- f. No interest to be out in the sun, ideal to be playing around 9-10

7. Motion to close made by **Austin**

- a. Motion passed at 6:46pm