SMITHSON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA BOOSTER CLUB

Parent Meeting Agenda

October meeting · 2026–2027 season

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, October 14, 2026	**6:30 – 7:30 PM**	**SVHS Orchestra area (right after rehearsal)**

Welcome back, Ranger families! We have a full hour and a lot to get through, so this sheet lists what we need to decide, who has signed up so far, and where we still need a hand. Write on it, and hand the slip on the last page to any officer before you go.

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JOIN OUR REMIND GROUP

Code: k749ke

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WHAT WE NEED TO SETTLE TONIGHT

- ☐ Which fall fundraiser we are running, and who leads it
- ☐ The Christmas party date, then a top three for the location
- ☐ Who takes the last meal leads (Pre-UIL concert, UIL varsity, UIL JV)
- ☐ A parent lead for each spirit night location

1 Welcome and Board Introductions

- Welcome back, and welcome to anyone joining us for the first time
- Quick board introductions

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	TREASURER	SECRETARY
Garrett Larson	**Rachael Hall**	**Leslie Morgan**	**Deanna Hafer**
Leadership + governance	Operations + project planning	Finance + compliance	Records + continuity
president@svhsorchestrahub.org	rachaelhallcreative@gmail.com	svhsboosterclubtreasurer@gmail.com	djhafer@att.net

Follow-ups from the September meeting

FOLLOW-UP FROM SEPTEMBER 16	WHERE IT STANDS	STATUS
Uniform racks	Three racks at $105 each, $315 total. Leslie offered storage containers.	☐ Done ☐ Open
Student music folders	Last year's invoice is paid. This year's order is still waiting on the count and the engraving names from Mr. Weinelt.	☐ Done ☐ Open
Fundraising plan	Concept approved in September. The final draft comes to this meeting (item 8).	☐ Done ☐ Open
Year-end banquet	Parents want to look somewhere other than the Hampton Inn Events Center.	☐ Done ☐ Open
Bach, Boots & BBQ	True Texas BBQ suggested. Emily Chamberlain contacting H-E-B. Vendor approval still needs checking.	☐ Done ☐ Open

2 Director Updates

Mr. Weinelt, plus parent notes for the group

- Program updates since September. Enrollment stood at 40 students, 20 JV and 20 varsity.
- State Recording on Sunday, Oct 25 at Reagan HS: what it is, who goes, call time, and what students need
- Halloween Concert on Oct 22: call time, dress, and what students need to bring
- UIL dates, so we can plan meals and snacks (see item 10)
- Folders: the count and the names for engraving, for freshmen and anyone else who needs one, so this year's order can go in

Notes: _____

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3 Approve the September Minutes

Housekeeping. The September 16 minutes are available to review, and we just need a vote to approve them.

PROPOSED MOTION

"I move that we approve the minutes of the September 16, 2026 meeting as written."

Motion by: _____ **Second by:** _____

☐ Approved ☐ Approved with corrections ☐ Tabled

4 Donation Page and Giving

The donation page is live at svhsorchestrahub.org.

- Any feedback or ideas on the page: what is missing, what is confusing
- Please share the links with family, friends, and local businesses
- Sharing is what pays for student meals, celebrations, and recognition this year

We need a supporter hoodie and T-shirt design

Our supporter levels come with a hoodie or a T-shirt, and both still need artwork. Any students who want to design them? This is a great one for the orchestra to own.

Students interested: _____ **Designs due:** _____

5 Treasurer Update

Leslie has the floor.

Current balance: _____ **Deposits since last meeting:** _____

Expenses paid since last meeting: _____ **Outstanding or upcoming:** _____

Student dues

Dues paid so far: _____ of 40 students

If you have not paid this year's student dues yet, please take care of it soon. Dues cover the academic side of the program, and the budget we approved counts on them.

6 Uniforms, Shirts, and Folders

WHAT WE ARE ORDERING	SIZES COLLECTED TONIGHT	READY TO ORDER?
Polo shirts		☐ Yes ☐ Still waiting
T-shirts		☐ Yes ☐ Still waiting

- **We still need a design for our T-shirts.** Who is taking that on, and when do we need it?
- Polo shirts and T-shirts are for everyone — we need sizes tonight so the order can go in
- We lost about $400 in uniform items last year. Every piece needs to come back this year, so let's make every effort to track what goes out and what comes in.
- No new garment bags needed, and no new storage bins needed right now
- Folders: last year's invoice is finally paid, now that we have the ACH information. This year's folders have not been ordered or paid for yet — we need the count and the names for engraving from Mr. Weinelt first.
- Uniform racks: three at $105 each, $315 total. Did we buy them, and do we still need the storage containers Leslie offered?

Thank you, Deanna!

Deanna deep cleaned a pile of shirts that had been set aside for stains, and they are back in service.

Uniform room: Deanna Hafer is coordinating, with Michelle Romo helping.

Other helpers: _____ **Order placed by:** _____

7 Halloween Party — Student Officers

APPROVED BUDGET **Halloween Party $600**

The student officers met last week and will walk us through their plan. Friday, Oct 16 is the date on the director calendar.

- **Their plan:** set up after school, start at 5:45 PM, and finish by about 8:45 PM, with the last 15 minutes for cleanup.
- **Food needs to be ready by 5:45 PM,** so shopping and pickup have to be done before then.
- **It will be in the orchestra room.**
- What else they need from parents: supplies and supervision
- Does the $600 cover it?

Parent helper: _____ **Amount they need:** _____

8 Fundraising — the Final Plan

In September we approved the fundraising concept and said the final draft would come to this meeting. We said we would rather run one quick fundraiser than a long product sale, so we need to pick one tonight and get it running before the holidays.

OPTION	HOW IT WORKS	WHAT WE KEEP	PICK
Poinsettia sale	Order-form sale in November, families deliver. The director calendar still lists a November poinsettia sale.	Confirm with vendor	☐
Double Good popcorn	Four-day online pop-up store. Ships straight to the buyer, so no handling or delivery for us.	About 50% (verify)	☐
Nothing Bundt Cakes	Order form or store code through the local bakery.	10–20% (verify)	☐
Driven Coffee	Online store, ships to the buyer.	Ask for their terms	☐
Concert fundraiser	Student officers suggested this in September, with Screaming Goat as a possible venue.	Ticket or door split	☐
Something else:			☐

Confirm terms and delivery dates with the company before we announce anything — the percentages above are what we have heard, not quotes.

- Kickoff date, and how long the sale runs
- Delivery or pickup: does it land before the Dec 17 concert?
- What we want the money to do. The approved budget counts on excess fundraising to cover 2027-2028 Student Trip Savings of $2,500.

PROPOSED MOTION

"I move that we approve the 2026–2027 fundraising plan as presented."

Motion by: _____ **Second by:** _____

Fundraiser lead: _____ **Kickoff date:** _____

9 Spirit Nights and H-E-B

One parent per location: call them, set the date, and get the flyer out to families.

LOCATION	PARENT LEAD	TARGET DATE
Chick-fil-A		
Chili's		
Chipotle		
Moe's BBQ		
Thai Kitchen		
Gennaro's Italian With a student performance?		
Mr. Weinelt's band location Mr. Weinelt to suggest		
The Cottage		
H-E-B Spring Branch Concert, donations, gift card	**Emily Chamberlain**	

10 Concert and UIL Meals

APPROVED BUDGET **A generous $500 for each pre-concert meal**

EVENT	DATE	MEAL LEAD
Halloween Concert	Thu, Oct 22 · 7:00 PM · SVHS Auditorium	**Emily Chamberlain**
Christmas Concert	Thu, Dec 17 · 7:00 PM · SVHS Auditorium	**Jessica Myers**
Pre-UIL Parent Concert	Thu, Feb 25, 2027	
UIL event — Varsity	Date to come from Mr. Weinelt	
UIL event — JV	Date to come from Mr. Weinelt	

- What the meal budget is per event, and who pays up front
- UIL meals and snacks: we need dates from Mr. Weinelt before we can plan

What are we missing? _____

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11 Christmas Party

APPROVED BUDGET **Winter Holiday Party $1,100, and no photo booth this year**

What last year cost

LAST YEAR'S PARTY	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Food	$350.00	$325.92
Misc and supplies, including reimbursed purchases	$350.00	$514.58
Photo booth rental	$600.00	$595.38
Venue rental	$300.00	$375.00
Total	**$1,600.00**	**$1,810.88**

We ran $210.88 over, and Student Activities covered the difference.

This year: $1,100 and no photo booth. Roughly $375 of that goes to the venue, leaving $725 for food and supplies, which came to $840.50 last year.

First, pick the date

> **Watch the December calendar**
> Dec 11–12 is the Region 12 Clinic & Concert, Dec 16 is a rehearsal, Dec 17 is the Christmas Concert, Dec 18 is the last day of the semester, and break starts Dec 21.

Date picked: _____

Then, locations — let's leave with a top three

The loft is one option. What else should we look at? Narrow it down tonight and send someone to check each one.

LOCATION OPTION	COST / CAPACITY	WHO CHECKS ON IT

- Food, music, and student activities

- Budget and parent supervision

Party lead: _____ **Answers back by:** _____

12 Student Leader Topics

For the student officers to take back to the group:

- T-shirt and hoodie designs
- Student T-shirt design
- Christmas plans and party ideas
- Quartet and small ensemble ideas

Who meets with them: _____ **When:** _____

13 Yearbook Pages and Group Photos

We buy a page or two in the yearbook each year, and the deadline comes faster than it feels like it should.

- How many pages we want, and what goes on them
- Ads go through Jostens and are paid by check made out to Jostens. Cindy Johnson-Hunkin at SVHS handles them.
- Last year the deadline hit at the end of January and our ad had to be built by hand after the fact. Let's confirm this year's deadline and ad sizes now.
- **Group photos: can someone take the lead on setting up Sam Roberts Photography?**
  samrobertsphotography@gmail.com · samrobertsphotography.com

Yearbook lead: _____ **Deadline to confirm:** _____

Photo lead: _____ **Target date for photos:** _____

14 Banquet and Bach, Boots & BBQ

End-of-year banquet

- Venue: in September we talked about moving it away from the Hampton Inn Events Center. Where else?
- Do we want to pay for a big ticket show or event again this year?
- What that costs, and when we have to decide

Bach, Boots & BBQ — brief discussion

- We plan to use H-E-B BBQ this year. Mr. Weinelt suggested True Texas BBQ, and Emily Chamberlain is contacting H-E-B.
- Vendor approval still needs to be checked
- Venue change: where else could we hold it?
- Other vendor changes, and what we learned last year

Banquet lead: _____ **BBQ event lead:** _____

15 Next 90 Days

DATE	WHAT	WHERE
Wed, Oct 14	Rehearsal 4:45–6:30 PM, then this Booster parent meeting	SVHS Orchestra
Fri, Oct 16	End of first nine weeks · Halloween Party Party 5:45–8:45 PM	SVHS Orchestra room
Sat, Oct 17	Region 12 Philharmonic Orchestra Auditions	Site TBD · tentative
Wed, Oct 21	After-school rehearsal, 4:45–6:30 PM	SVHS Orchestra
Thu, Oct 22	**Halloween Concert · 7:00 PM**	SVHS Auditorium
Sun, Oct 25	State Recording	Reagan HS

DATE	WHAT	WHERE
Oct 28, Nov 4, Nov 10	Varsity-only rehearsals, 4:45–6:30 PM For the Veterans Day breakfast performance	SVHS Orchestra
Wed, Nov 11	Veterans Day Breakfast Performance — Varsity only Tentative · time TBA	SVHS
Wed, Nov 18	After-school rehearsal, 4:45–6:30 PM	SVHS Orchestra
Nov 23–27	Thanksgiving Break — no school	—
Dec 2, 9, 16	After-school rehearsals, 4:45–6:30 PM	SVHS Orchestra
Dec 11–12	Region 12 Clinic & Concert	Reagan HS
Thu, Dec 17	**Christmas Concert · 7:00 PM**	SVHS Auditorium
Fri, Dec 18	End of second nine weeks and first semester	SVHS
Dec 21–Jan 4	Christmas Break — students return Jan 5	—

Still to be announced: the November poinsettia sale, a December spirit night, the Spring Branch H-E-B performance, the Christmas party, February SVHS Solo & Ensemble, the April banquet and Comal ISD Solo & Ensemble, and May graduation.

Deadlines to remember: _____

16 Questions, Next Meeting, and Adjournment

- Parent questions or announcements
- Read back tonight's leads and action items
- Set the next meeting date

PROPOSED MOTION

"I move to adjourn the meeting."

Next Booster Club meeting: _____ **Meeting adjourned at:** _____

Action items from tonight

WHAT WE AGREED TO DO	WHO	BY WHEN

Notes

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Stay Connected & Get Involved

Booster Hub
svhsorchestrahub.org
Dates, the long-range schedule, documents, and student dues.

Get Involved
svhsorchestrahub.org/get-involved
Interest forms: concerts, parties, uniforms, banquet, and Bach, Boots & BBQ.

Stay Updated
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Join Remind for quick alerts and sign up for the monthly newsletter.

Signing up online just tells us you're interested. Someone will follow up with the details before anyone is put to work.

✂ *Cut here and hand to any Booster officer tonight*

Raise Your Hand!

Count me in this year as a ☐ Lead ☐ Volunteer ☐ Donor or sponsor contact. Get in touch with me about:

Parent name: _____ **Student name(s):** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Student instrument / orchestra class: _____

☐ Fall fundraiser	☐ Spirit nights	☐ Concert meals	☐ UIL meals or snacks
☐ Christmas party	☐ Halloween party	☐ Uniforms and sizes	☐ Folders
☐ End-of-year banquet	☐ Bach, Boots & BBQ	☐ Student leader support	☐ Booster meetings
☐ Donations or sponsors	☐ Hospitality	☐ Other: _____	

The Ranger Way: Community, Perseverance, Excellence.

Parent Booster Club Meeting Minutes

Smithson Valley High School Orchestra Booster Club

October 14, 2026 | 6:30 p.m. | SVHS Orchestra area

Opening and approval of prior minutes

The meeting began at 6:37 p.m.

Motion: Garrett Larson moved to approve the September 16, 2026 meeting minutes. Leslie Morgan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Uniform racks

Garrett Larson requested clarification and a vote on the uniform rack purchase. Deanna Hafer and Leslie Morgan had reviewed Amazon options for price, quality and free shipping. They identified a $99 rack and proposed purchasing one to test its suitability before buying additional racks. Leslie had budgeted $433 for up to four racks because of the weight of the garment bags.

Motion: Leslie Morgan moved to approve $433 for clothing racks. Garrett Larson seconded. The motion carried with no opposition.

Treasurer report

Leslie Morgan reported a balance of $20,245 at the September 16 meeting and a current balance of $22,263. Paid expenses included student folders and uniform cleaning. Upcoming expenses were $600 for the Halloween party and $433 for uniform racks. She estimated a balance of approximately $21,673 after upcoming expenses.

Student dues had been paid for 15 of 40 students. Parents who had not yet paid were asked to do so.

Fundraising discussion and decision

Parents considered poinsettia sales, Double Good popcorn, Driven Coffee, Nothing Bundt Cakes, a concert fundraiser and other options.

Motion: Miriam Tatem moved to select poinsettia sales as the fundraiser. Jennifer Martinez seconded. The motion carried with two votes opposed and the remaining votes in favor.

Mr. Weinelt suggested a varsity performance at Screaming Goat near Christmas. Robert Morgan will contact the venue. Mr. Weinelt also proposed a spirit night at The Cottage; possible dates are to be identified by the next meeting.

Emma Hernandez suggested orchestra serenades during lunch or prom as a fundraiser. Garrett Larson will ask Ms. Snyder whether this would be allowed. Miriam Tatem suggested candy grams in February.

DRAFT MINUTES - pending approval

Events and Follow Up

Halloween party

The Halloween party was planned for Friday, October 16, with a $600 budget. Linkin Ma requested pizza, popcorn, pretzels, cookies, sodas, Capri Sun, water and lemonade. Leslie Morgan will shop for the party, and Brian will pick up pizza by 5:30 p.m. Students will decorate after school, with the movie starting around 6 p.m. Decoration needs were discussed.

Parent chaperones were Leslie, Garrett, Robert and Brian, with Mr. Weinelt also supervising.

Halloween concert

The concert was scheduled for Thursday, October 22, in the auditorium. Students will uncase instruments in the workshop. The following times were reviewed.

Time	Activity
4:30 p.m.	Deliver the concert meal so students can begin eating immediately.
5:30 p.m.	Stage setup.
6 p.m.	Call time for everyone.
6:30 p.m.	Doors open.
7 p.m.	Concert begins.

Concert meal leads

Concert	Meal lead
Halloween Concert	Emily Chamberlain
Christmas Concert	Jessica Myers
Pre-UIL Parent Concert	Brian Johnson

Christmas party

Student officers preferred the Loft for the Christmas party. Mr. Weinelt said the evening of December 4 or 5 would work best. Deanna Hafer discussed having students bring canned goods for the Food Bank as part of the orchestra's community outreach.

State Recording and UIL

Students were confirmed to be participating in the State Recording Region Contest. The group was informed that UIL could now be held on campus. Pre-UIL was scheduled for February 25, and high school concert and sight-reading contests for March 1, 2 and 3. Junior varsity and varsity will attend on separate days.

Program Needs and Closing Business

Student apparel and music folders

Garrett Larson asked student officers to create apparel designs. Linkin Ma volunteered to design the orchestra T-shirt. Emma volunteered to design a hoodie and T-shirt for parents and students. Designs were due Wednesday, October 21. Mr. Weinelt can sign off on student volunteer hours.

Deanna Hafer will send Garrett Larson the T-shirt and polo shirt sizes for students and Mr. Weinelt. Mr. Weinelt suggested not purchasing new polo shirts every year. Parents asked whether student dues cover polo shirts and, if so, whether students should receive new ones annually. Garrett has extra polo shirts and will bring them next time.

Garrett requested the names of students who need music folders. Leslie Morgan will send Mr. Weinelt a student list so he can identify those who need folders.

Yearbook and group photos

Mr. Weinelt recommended taking group photos before the Christmas Concert so they can be included in the yearbook on time. Student officer Charlotte Solorio will serve as the yearbook lead. Deanna Hafer will contact Sam Robert's Photography, which took the photos last year.

School Christmas tree

Deanna Hafer will lead setup and decorating of the Christmas tree in the school's main hall. Diana Wilson has the tree and some decorations.

Year end banquet and barbecue fundraiser

No additional banquet venues were suggested beyond the Hampton Inn Event Center.

Deanna Hafer reported that the Comal ISD Purchasing Department confirmed H-E-B True Texas BBQ is not an approved vendor. The group expressed interest in having True Texas BBQ cater and serve food at the year-end barbecue fundraiser.

Communications and adjournment

Garrett Larson reminded families about the Booster Hub support and donation links.

Motion: Garrett Larson moved to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Leslie Morgan seconded. There were no objections.

Minutes approval

Recorded by Deanna Hafer, Secretary.

President signature: _____ Date: _____

Garrett Larson, President

Minutes approved on: _____ Corrections, if any: _____