

Revere Music Parents Association Meeting
Tuesday, November 7, 2017

In attendance: Marianne Grandon, Dave Peters, Barb Nonno, Lynn Abou-Ghaloum, Ken Post, Adam Besenyodi, Ellyn Kastelic, Lisa Summerville, Michele Dye, Laura Sauer, Bart Sauer, Esther Post.
Guest: Ellie Edwards

Welcome: Marianne Grandon called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

I. Band Council and Officers' Reports

Ellie Edwards: The choir performed at the All Star Choir Festival at Kent State (12 hours over 2 days); a Foundation event; and Five at 5...all a success. They also put a group together to see the marching band perform at States. They are currently working on the Veteran's Day program.

Marianne inquired about the choir running concessions for the football game Friday since the band will be at the banquet. The girls soccer team will handle if the choir can't, however it's a \$400 charge to the RMPA.

II. Secretary Report: Barb Nonno for Sandi Kraus

The minutes from the October meeting were presented. Adam Besenyodi motioned to approve the minutes and Dave Peters seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

III. President's Report: Marianne Grandon for Kimberly Peters

Congratulations to the band for getting a superior rating at States. As promised, work will begin on getting the band photo on the trailer for this achievement. A huge thanks to all of the volunteers during marching band season. Over the next several months the focus will be on the RMS Everyday Band initiative, Fundraising, and Succession Planning.

IV. Vice President Report: Marianne Grandon

Attended the BOE meeting last month and thanked them for the purchase of percussion and sousaphones. Put in a plug for the RMS Everyday Band initiative. The PE exemption was also discussed. 80% are interested. A decision is expected next month.

V. **Treasurer Report:** Dave Peters

The financial report from October was presented. Ken Post motioned to approved the October report; Ellyn Kastelic seconded the motion. The RMPA will be soliciting a volunteer to review the monthly statements, preferably someone with financial knowledge. It can be done on their own time.

VI. **Director Reports:** Mr. LeBeau

It was a great marching band season. Mr LeBeau would like to get a thank you out to everyone who came to send off the band to States. Uniforms are being dry cleaned. Now moving into concert band auditions. There will be two bands except for the Holiday concert. A new calendar is coming out for concert season. There was a date change on the holiday concert and the old date may appear on previous calendars. The correct date is Monday, December 11th. Bands in the Round was also very successful...standing room only. Mrs. Forney returns to school on Monday.

VII. **Chairperson's Reports**

Soup Supper: Ellyn Kastelic and Lisa Summerville

A successful event. Presented the financial report, showing an increase over the previous two years. Working on a report with suggestions for next year. Of note: door sales were massive and unexpected; pop sales were insignificant; almost 10 gallons too much soup (add bottomless to next year's marketing); need more volunteers and shorter shifts; need better marketing to RMS and Bath.

Banquets: Lynn Abou-Ghalioum

Fall Banquet is this Friday at Todaro's from 6-10p. Still looking for volunteers for set-up (specifically with balloons, center pieces and hanging the back drop) and clean up. Expecting 216 guests. It was suggested that students could help with set up since it's only a ½ day of school. Lynn asked for volunteers to be there at 4:30p. Adam requested that Lynn compile a checklist/folder for next year's banquet chair (separate lists for Fall and Spring).

The date for the spring banquet is May 18th. Lynn will check with St. George's to verify we can utilize a larger space or it will need to be moved to accommodate the expected guests.

Fruit Sale: Esther Post

Continues to be lighter in terms of sales, although there is good community response. The order goes in November 10th. The viability of the event will be discussed at future fundraising meetings.

Hospitality: Michele Dye

The potluck event on October 14th was fantastic. A huge thanks to Betty Lin-Fisher for set up and clean up efforts. Poinsettias are ordered for the holiday concert.

Communications/Publicity/Handbook: Adam Besenyodi
Plans to work on handbook updates after the first of the year.
Adam will submit the bands States rating to the West Side Leader.

Website: Marianne Grandon for Deanna Durbin
Deanna is stepping down as chairperson. Terri Freeman will be taking it over.

Choir Liaison: no one present
Middle School Liaison: no one present

Color Guard: Mr. LeBeau for Sonja Guilda
Winter Guard will be starting next week.

FALL DEBRIEF:

Chaperones: Notes from Dennis Gentner presented by Marianne Grandon
A big thank you to all our chaperone volunteers (and other volunteers) for their help during marching band season. With a large group of band students, everything went very well.

A single signup for all areas was very successful, as were the additional positions of photographer/videographer. And thanks to all who shared their photos and videos.

Wish list for next season: two-wheeled hand truck to haul waters for away football games as well as one for the plume bag; walkie talkie sets for communicating to chaperone/street traffic volunteers at home football games and the invitational, as well as a few more reflective vests and 3-4 baton lights.

Uniforms: no one present
Mr. LeBeau mentioned we need more bow ties and cummerbunds for the men.

Equipment: Ken Post
Thanks to all of the volunteers and a special thanks to Steve Dutkiewicz for all of their help this season. The band may need to look at a tractor trailer set up in the future.

Concessions: Bart and Laura Sauer
A financially successful year for concessions. Thanks to all of the volunteers and a special thanks to the Nyes for their continued assistance. Discussed the need to re-configure the café to make it more efficient for the workers. Will possibly reach out to the Dye's to discuss another Eagle Scout project.
Working on final preparations for Friday night and stressed the desirability of having the choir and band parents not attending the banquet staff the café. Also need the cash boxes.

Cookie Shack: no one present

VIII. Old Business

Middle School Music Program Task Force – discussed critical dates coming up.

IX. New Business

Received a thank you note from Susie Post for the scholarship.

X. Important Dates:

Friday, November 10th, Veterans Day Performance

Friday, November 10th, Fall Banquet

Monday, December 11th, Holiday Band/Choir Concert, 7pm

Thursday, December 14th, RMS Winter Choir Concert, 7pm

XI. Next meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Ken Post at 8:30pm. Seconded by Lynn Abou-Ghalioum

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