

Revere Music Parents Association Meeting December 1, 2015 – 7:30 PM

In attendance: Marianne Grandon, Jay Nye, Bowanne Hansen, Dennis Gentner, Lisa Oakley, Rob Larson, Pattie Larson, Becky Weihe, Yuliana Kvinta, Dannette Revesz, Tracie Gamblin, Kimberly Peters, Bob Sigsworth, Esther Post
Guests: Noah Sigsworth, Ashley Oakley

Welcome: Bob Sigsworth called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and reminded everyone that RMPA does not have a January meeting.

I. Secretary Report: Marianne Grandon

- November 2015 meeting minutes were submitted for approval. Kimberly Peters moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dennis Gentner, and the minutes were approved.

II. President Report: Bob Sigsworth

- Congratulations to all on an outstanding marching season.
- Thanks to the Marianne Grandon, Maria Johnson and Beth Chonko for a wonderful soup supper.
- Thanks to Becky Weihe on a terrific fall banquet.
- Regarding last months discussion on potential change to high school schedule for next year, the staff voted down the proposed schedule change so it is almost certain that no change will occur next year.
- Please note that no member of RMPA is to ever move the desk in the hallway (usually occupied by the SRO).
- Would like to start planning for the future. Within the next 3 years, the band could very well be 200 students. Bob proposed developing a 5 year plan to include budgeting.
- Looking for ideas for spring fundraiser ideas. Please send any ideas to Bob before the February meeting. The goal is 1 big or 2 smaller fundraisers where the majority of the funds are not coming from the music parents, examples provided were tag day or a benefit concert.

III. Vice President Report: Kim Peters

- Attended Veterans Day program. Wonderful job by the band and choir!

IV. Treasurer Report: Dannette Revesz

- Dannette corrected the date on the financial report to read July 1, 2015 not July 1, 2014.
- The November financial report was presented, Jay Nye moved to approve the report, Lisa Oakley seconded and the financial report was approved.

V. Director's Reports:

Mr. LeBeau

Not present, no report

Mrs. Rizzo

Not present, report submitted electronically stating "all is well". Additionally Bob Sigsworth reported from his meeting with Mr. Montgomery that the middle school will be keeping every day band in next years schedule.

Mrs. Forney

Not present, no report

Yuliana Kvinta, RMS choir director, requested help in getting parents email addresses. Bob Sigsworth referred her to Kimberly Peters for parent contact info. Additionally, the MS choir room is in dire need of sound insulation and to get the risers fixed. Currently when band and/or PE and choir are in session concurrently, Ms. Kvinta cannot hear the choir students. Bob Sigsworth said he will bring this up at his next meeting with Mr. Montgomery.

VI. Band Council Report

Ashley Oakley thanked RMPA and Mrs. Weihe for the fall banquet. She reported that concert band started a week ago Monday and the Christmas concert (band and choir) is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 14. Ashley also congratulated everyone on a great Veterans Day and Band in the Round shows.

Noah Sigsworth added that the RMPA fruit sale list in up in the band room as well as the list of additional deliveries that students could do to earn extra trip credits.

VII. Chairperson's Reports:

Esther Post: Fruit Sale

- Truck is arriving Friday, December 4th at 7 a.m. All hands on deck to help unload the 300 boxes. Jay Nye, Bob Sigsworth and Tracie Gamblin agreed to help.
- Orders will be ready for pickup in the theatre between 12-2 pm or from 3-6:30
- We have extra orders that students can deliver for credit. Remember you cannot just drop fruit outside, you must call ahead and arrange a time when buyers are home.
- This may be the last year for the fruit sale due to decreasing profits/less student sales and logistic issues with the fruit company (ie., giving a 3 week delivery window). Last year, after paying for the advertising inserts (\$1200) and student credits, RMPA lost money on the sale. Esther reported that we had more sales from the Richfield Times and Bath Country Journal inserts than we did from student sales. Approximately 50 students participated this year. Low student numbers could be a reflection of less students in choir and students not having to sell for a trip. Dannette Revesz looked at previous years fruit finances (only going back to 2009) and reported our greatest year we had gross income of \$12,600 with profits of \$2600 after paying out the advertising and trip credits. This years gross income was about \$5000.

Becky Weihe: Banquets – Marching Band Banquet wrapup

- Had 190 paid meals for banquet and we covered our expenses
- This fall was first with no DJ and no one complained, will need to evaluate if DJ needed for spring banquet
- St. Georges is looking for a school group to sign holiday carols on Tuesday, Dec. 8. Jay Nye going to get in contact with St. Georges. Issues with date include musical tryouts and college credit plus meeting (a correction from statement at meeting per Guidance office- the college credit date is still January, not the posted December listing on the website.)
- Becky said it is good to work with St. Georges
- Recycled name badges much better than name tag stickers

Marianne Grandon/Maria Johnson: Soup Supper (Bands in the Round) wrap-up

- Thanks to everyone that volunteered or attended the Soup Supper
- Discounted pre-sale tickets were greater than last year, overall attendance was down due to no 5th grade performance, but profits overall the same as last year
- Soup supper committee meeting to plan for future, comments/suggestions welcome.

Jay and Chantelle Nye: Concessions

- Jay is enjoying his Friday evenings
- Leftover beverages given to the band
- Leftover candy currently at Jay's house. We are not hosting OMEA spring show this year, so it was suggested that the candy could be sold to the MS for activity night as done in years past.

Ken Post: Equipment Manager

- Bob Sigsworth reported for the equipment team that RMPA will be selling the old trailer before the end of the school year and that by next fall the new larger equipment trailer will have shelving and the outside painted/wrapped.

Dennis Gentner: Chaperones

- Thanks to all the chaperones this season

Tracie Gamblin: Uniforms

- The old uniforms are currently in a hallway. The health inspector came to the school on Monday and said the uniforms must be removed from the hallway. Tracie needs assistance moving the boxes on Friday morning, December 4th.
- Still taking orders for memory pillows. They make great holiday presents! Just reposted on Facebook and got a few more orders! So far over \$3000 in sales of memory pillows.
- Plan to sell at Dec. 14 concert.

Kimberly Peters: Communications/Website

- Exploring new website option
- Working on a marching band wrap-up newsletter with a January deadline to be distributed to alumni and MS families. Committee chairs should expect an email from Kim in near future requesting information to be included in the newsletter.

Ching Choy: Cookie Shack

Not present, no report

Adam Besenyodi: Publicity

Not present, nothing to report at this time.

Lynn Abou-Ghalioum/Bowanne Hansen: Volunteer Coordinator

- Bowanne reported that she and Lynn are developing this new position

Bart and Laura Sauer: Middle School Activities

Not present, nothing much to report. All is going well in the MS.

[Vacant]: Choir Liaison

VIII. Old Business

Disposition of old Band trailer - nothing to discuss at this time, see equipment manager report

IX. New Business

Senior berets - Barberton HS marching band had a senior recognition/gift of berets, is this something we would like to consider? Noah will bring to band council for discussion and/or other ideas.

Meeting with Mr. Montgomery - Bob Sigsworth shared some initiatives going on at the district level. Currently Revere has a facilities planning committee of about 30 individuals meeting to discuss the state of our current facilities and brainstorming ideas. Also meeting is a finance team of about 10 individuals. These two committees will come together in January to share their findings and present some ideas for the future. Stakeholders/parents/staff/etc will be invited at that time to provide input. Additionally a strategic planning group will be forming in the January to develop long term goals that are measurable/actionable. There is a potential that a bond issue could be put forth in the next 18 months.

Esther Post reported that several Barberton band parents comments on how our band students were polite and respectful.

Kimberly Peters reminded everyone to come out and support our band/choir kids that will be performing a free holiday show on Sunday, Dec. 6th at 6 pm in the Masonic Hall in Richfield.

Tracie Gamblin moved to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Oakley seconded, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

X. Important Dates:

Friday, December 4 - Fruit Sale delivery/pickup day

Monday, December 14 - 7:00 PM – HS Band and Choir Winter concert (Auditorium)

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 15 and 16 - Middle School choir concerts

Thursday, February 4 – High School band OMEA prep concert / ensembles / 5th grade band

XI. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:30 PM - RHS – Room 200
[Reminder – RMPA does not meet in January]