

Revere Music Parents Association Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2016 – 7:30 PM

In attendance: Marianne Grandon, Ken Post, Bob Sigsworth, Michele Dye, Kathie Jandrey, Dianna Herchuk, Deanna Moore, Ching Choy, Adam Besenyodi, Stephen Dutkiewicz, Jay Nye, Chantelle Nye, Dennis Gentner, Deanna Durbin, Lori Lesiak, Lisa Oakley, Janet Griffin, Dana Garcia, Julian Garcia, Barb Nonno, Jerome Boots, Esther Post, Dannette Revesz, Tracie Gamblin, Alice Forney.

Welcome: Bob Sigsworth called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

I. **Secretary Report:** Marianne Grandon presented the August meeting minutes and thanked Dennis Gentner for taking the minutes in her absence. Adam Besenyodi motioned to approve the minutes, Tracie Gamblin seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

II. **President Report:** Bob Sigsworth discussed the mission of RMPA: to support the Revere music program across the district with our time, talent and treasures; to advocate for the Revere music program to the board of education and the administration; to raise funds as we are a 501-c-3 organization and function independently of the school district, bound by our bylaws and operating procedures; and, finally, to have fun! Thanks everyone for supporting RMPA.

Thanks to everyone that supported Tag Day, especially the parent drivers, to the photographers and videographers and to all the committee chairs.

Revere's 11th annual Invitational is on Saturday, Sept. 24. This is our 2nd biggest fundraiser. As such, we need "all hands on deck". Please say "yes" when called upon to help out.

The November RMPA meeting has been moved up to Tuesday, October 25 due to Bands in the Round on our standard meeting day.

Check out www.reveremusic.org for all other information and updates.

III. **Vice President Report:** Kim Peters sent in a report that she is loving the volunteer turnout and looking forward to a successful season.

IV. **Treasurer Report:** Dannette Revesz presented the July and August financial reports. Some highlights include a bank fee due to inactivity, Tag Day revenues were typical of the last 3 years with an additional \$1000 so far from mail-ins (and 3 via Paypal on the website), and a new expense of Tag Day printing (in past this was donated). Marianne Grandon motioned to approve the financial reports, Dennis Gentner seconded the motion and the financial reports were approved.

V. **Director's Reports:**

Mr. LeBeau - no report, busy working with band!

Mrs. Rizzo - no report, busy working with band!

Mrs. Forney reported that the MS has a new choir director, Mr. Michael Wiley. Mr. Wiley is part-time and Mrs. Forney asked RMPA to advocate for a full-time position. High school choir has gigs coming up with the Homecoming football game and the Revere Invitational. Also, a select group of students will be invited to participate in the Kent State All Star Choir Festival this fall. Choir has formed a choir council and elected officers. Deanna Durbin asked Mrs. Forney to send any choir schedules updates so she can include on the website, www.reveremusic.org.

VI. **Band Council Report** - no report, busy practicing the show!

VII. **Chairperson's Reports:**

Dennis Gentner: Revere Invitational - Saturday, September 24

We are in desperate need of Trophy sponsors (need about 16 more). Perhaps some sections can go in and sponsor a trophy and the cost would be less per person.

Ten bands are registered including Medina, Mentor, Ava, St. Edward, Amherst, Perry, New Philadelphia, Black River and Tallmadge, for a total of 1300 students.

Signup genius coming for invitational volunteers. We need 100 workers. Chairs needed for 50/50 and director's check-in. Please volunteer. Signup genius link is also on the website, www.reveremusic.org; once you are registered on signup genius it will list all opportunities you have been invited to help out.

Kathie Jandrey also reported that she will be graduating out and will need a new pie tent chair for next year. Get involved this year to learn the job- it's fun!

Last call for Best wishes ads! They are \$10 each and a great way to honor your band member for all their hard work! Email your ad to Dennis by this Friday at dgentner1@roadrunner.com.
Dennis Gentner: Chaperones
Smaller band this year, so only 3 busses. So far so good!

Cheryl Sigsworth / Tracie Gamblin: Tag Day wrapup
Tracie reported that Tag Day was a success and the new chairs have been trained.

Tracie Gamblin: Uniforms
Uniform fitting went smoothly this year- got the entire band done in 4 days with very little alterations!
Desperately need new parents to help out this year. Typically uniform committee has 6-10 members, this year we only have 4 parents helping. And of the 4, 3 are graduating out this year. Please, if you have time, come help on Fridays before or after games, or on competition days.
The uniform committee has put detailed directions together for the new committee next year.

Michele Dye / Barb Nonno: Hospitality
Michele Dye thanked Dannette Revesz for getting her set up with the Sam's Club account. Also thanked Jay Nye for help with water coolers on Tag day. Everyone was fed and happy at Tag day. Bob Sigsworth also thanked the committee for their work at parent preview.
Up next for the committee is dinner for the judges (10) at the Invitational. Please volunteer to send in food.
Marianne Grandon asked about snack time for Saturday's competition rehearsal and performance. Ken Post suggested supporting Cloverleaf with concessions. Marianne will ask Mr. LeBeau if students can bring a snack and/or buy concessions. [Addendum: Mr. LeBeau said kids can bring a snack and eat before getting on bus. We perform late in the show and he is not sure concessions will still be open after their performance.]
Tracie Gamblin said for long competition days, RMPA usually provides some snacks.

Lynn Abou-Ghaloum / Ruth Ann Pardo: Banquets
Bob Sigsworth reported that Lynn and Ruth are new chairs this year. No date set yet for Marching band banquet.

Lynn Abou-Ghaloum: Volunteer Coordinator
Bob Sigsworth reported that Lynn is gathering data.

Jay and Chantelle Nye: Concessions
First game was a success. Now selling grilled burgers and hot dogs, and a new pretzel that sold out by half time!
Jay needs extra help on Friday, September 30 as he and Chantelle will be out of town. Lisa Oakley is coming out of retirement to assist, but we still need a few people to come early to set up and some grillmasters! If you can help at the Invitational, Jay can teach you the procedures.

Ken Post: Equipment
Ken thanked Kevin Haddad and Jay Nye for outfitting the trailer/building shelving. Now working on most efficient way to load the equipment truck. Also investigating options for outside design. Had a sample and quote (\$1800) from Becker signs.
Critical need for drivers to competitions including this Saturday. If you have a f150 truck with big towing package, or larger truck, please talk to Ken.

Ching Choy: Cookie Shack
Always a hit at home games! Plenty of cookies. Thanks!

Kimberly Peters: Communications
Bob Sigsworth shared Kim's report: If you have videos to share please send to Noah Sigsworth at NoahSigs@gmail.com.
Marianne Grandon to check with Revere High School office staff to make sure no band/choir/color guard students are on the do not photo/video list.

Deanna Durbin: Website www.reveremusic.org
Deanna reported the website had 365 sessions, with each session averaging 2.5 pages and 2.5 minutes. Friday, Sept. 2nd was the busiest day and got 34 sessions from the link at Fox 8. Most visited pages include marching band, invitational

(62), calendar and 30 visits to donations (resulting in 3 donations). There is no cost to have a link to Paypal on our website- we pay 30 cents plus 2.2% of transaction amount for any donations.

Deanna thanked Adam Besenyodi for sharing publicity information. Deanna made a request for better quality choir photos. She will check with Mrs. Fagnilli to see if yearbook has any they can share. Please send any updates/suggestions to Deanna at ddjdurbin@yahoo.com

Adam Besenyodi: Publicity / Handbook

Invitational information went out in the September issues of Bath Country Journal and Richfield Times. Will appear in West Side Leader as well.

Information about the Easter Seals and Bands in Round/Soup Supper sent to the publications for October release.

Adam will work on handbook updates/volunteer manual in winter.

Esther Post: Fruit Sale

Fruit sale will be included as an insert in October publications. Sales start on October 1st with delivery 1st weekend of December. No tangerines this year.

Esther will present to the students in early October, have a sign at Invitational and a table at bands in the round.

One suggestion was to copy the form with your students name included and put in neighbors mailboxes.

Bob Sigsworth said, per the bylaws, we will approve this for student credit fundraising at the October meeting.

Marianne Grandon / Maria Johnson / Beth Chonko: Bands in the Round / Soup Supper

Date is Tuesday, November 1st. Prices are the same. 5th grade participating this year.

“Come for the Soup, Stay for the Band”

[Vacant]: Choir Liaison

[Vacant]: Color Guard Liaison

VIII. Old Business

Easter Seals “Fill the Truck 2” Fundraiser – Saturday, October 22, 10 AM – 4 PM

Will need a few helpers.

New this year, Easter Seals will take CDs, DVDs, and videos, dish wares and small toys. No electronics or electrical items. Best payout is for clothing/textiles.

IX. New Business

New Fundraiser – BJs Restaurant

Tracie Gamblin is pursuing this as a fundraiser. RMPA would make 20% of sales. More details to come.

Drive One 4 Your School- Jerry Boots is chairing this. Will be Saturday, October 1st from 10-3 at Montrose Ford in collaboration with Firestone High School. For each household (one driver per address), we get \$20 if you go test drive a car (or sit as a passenger). No subsequent sales calls from Ford. Jerry is going to send out info via RMPA email and PeachJar.

Bob Sigsworth presented Drive One 4 Your School as an option for trip credit, whereas 50% proceeds will be placed into trip set aside account. People participating can specify an individual student to receive trip credit. Adam Besenyodi motioned to approve this fundraiser for trip credit, Dannette Revesz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Adam Besenyodi asked if RMPA was going to have a table at open house. Bob Sigsworth said no plans for it.

Adam Besenyodi suggested an 8th grade engagement similar to what Hudson and Green have done where the 8th graders play in one of the last football games- pre show or fight song- as a way to encourage participation in HS. Adam will reach out to Mr. LeBeau and Mr. and Mrs. Rizzo.

Barb Nonno suggested a fundraiser at Menches as an option.

Ken Post moved to adjourn the meeting, Adam Besenyodi seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

X. Important Dates:

Friday, September 9 – Football game - @ Normandy (Byers Field, Parma)

Saturday, September 10 - Cloverleaf Invitational

Friday, September 16 – Football game @ Highland

Friday, September 23 – Football game @ Copley

Saturday, September 24 – REVERE INVITATIONAL!

Friday, September 30 - Home football game vs. Kent Roosevelt (Homecoming)

Saturday, October 1st- Drive One 4 Your School, 10-3 at Montrose Ford

XI. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:30 PM - RHS – Room 200

Please go to www.reveremusic.org for all the latest RMPA information!