

Revere Music Parents Association Meeting
October 27, 2015 – 7:30 PM (November meeting)

In attendance: Dennis Gentner, Lisa Oakley, Adam Besenyodi, Ching Choy, Debbie Kostar, Kimberly Peters, Esther Post, Tracie Gamblin, Ken Post, Becky Weihe, Dannette Revesz, Marianne Grandon, Bob Sigsworth, Alice Forney
Guests: Ashley Oakley, Noah Sigsworth

Welcome: Bob Sigsworth called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and noted that this is the November meeting. RMPA next meeting is Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

I. Secretary Report: Marianne Grandon

- October 2015 meeting minutes were submitted for approval. A correction was made to the middle school activities update: “no report” was removed. With said correction, Kimberly Peters moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ching Choy, and the minutes were approved.

II. President Report: Bob Sigsworth

- Congratulations for the band, director and assistant directors for the 3rd superior rating of the season at the New Philadelphia show.
- Thank you to all the parents that helped out with the pre-show potluck. Leftovers were donated to the Richfield and Bath fire departments. Please consider joining our hospitality committee as you all did a terrific job feeding the band.
- Thanks to the superintendent for coming to our last meeting. Subsequently Bob Sigsworth meet with Mr. Montgomery and he reports that the superintendent was really impressed by the parent involvement in RMPA and that we have student representatives at our meetings.
- Thanks to all that have helped with marching band this season. Bob Sigsworth has seen an increase in the number of volunteers. We are well on our way to getting every family to help out!
- Bob Sigsworth asked the committee chairs to consider how to make RMPA better/easier and will be looking for input/discussion at the next few meetings.
- Per his meeting with the superintendent, Bob Sigsworth reports that the high school is considering changing the bell schedule from five 78-minute periods to nineteen 20-minute periods for next school year. The initial plan for band was 40 minutes daily (two 20-minute periods). Mr. Montgomery said that was unacceptable and asked the committee to revise their proposal for band to be 60 minutes daily. Bob Sigsworth will keep RMPA apprised to any further develop to the schedule change and if/when parents need to start lobbying on behalf of the band. Bob Sigsworth shared the history of band approximately 5 years ago when a band director retired and his position was eliminated to save costs. That caused much turmoil to the band program across the district. We, as band families, can never let that happen again.

III. Vice President Report: Kim Peters

- The pot luck dinner before the New Philadelphia was great. Note for next year: sign up genius needs to be adjusted to increase the number of macaroni and cheese trays. Many thanks to Michele Dye and Dennis Gentner for their help.

IV. Treasurer Report: Dannette Revesz

- Due to early meeting, no financial report was available. However, Dannette Revesz reported that we have \$12,969 in checking, \$10,456 in savings/trip credit account and about \$4500 in the savings/uniform account.
- Dannette Revesz ordered the kit to print the 1099's which are for the band assistants that are paid \$600 or more.
- Dannette Revesz also extended our 990 tax return until February.
- Dannette Revesz gave an overview of how the student credit works. Previously documented in dollars, the student credit is now accounted as credits. Students can earn credit by participating in tag sale and the fruit sale and other fundraisers where it is an option for all RMPA students to participate. For example, 40% of tag day profits are placed into the student credit account and allocated as credits for those students that volunteered. For fruit sale, students will receive ¼ credit for selling each box of fruit and ¼ credit for delivery of each box of fruit. Many fruit sales come in through the PO Box and students are needed to deliver those sales. This account is controlled by RMPA; it is not a savings account of cash value to the students. Student credit deductions will come off of the last payment statement of a band/choir trip. If a student graduates or leaves band/choir, credits can be transferred to siblings still in band/choir at the high school.

V. Director's Reports:

Mr. LeBeau

Not present, but report provided by Bob Sigsworth: "Band is doing well. Had a great senior night. Thanks for pot luck dinner. Planning a meal for state competition." Tracie Gamblin reported that the dinner will be consumed once the band gets to Columbus and will include Chick FilA sandwich, chips, donuts, water. Additionally RMPA is providing a post-practice snack of fruit and granola bars. Chaperones to help serve in Columbus.

Mrs. Rizzo

Not present, no report.

Mrs. Forney

Choir students are helping with entertainment for soup supper.

The choir is small but mighty, and busy preparing for upcoming shows including 5 at 5 (November 8th) and Veterans Day.

VI. Band Council Report

Noah Sigsworth gave thanks for the food provided for the pre-show pot luck. He also reported that the band received their highest numerical score in years at the New Philadelphia show and received 2nd place in class A and 4th overall. Noah also thanked the Keatons for the Halloween bonfire. Noah was preparing a 10-page newsletter for the 2 ½ hour drive to states.

Ashley Oakley complimented on a well done senior night and that the band was working hard in preparation for states on Oct. 31st. Ashley also encouraged everyone to attend the FREE choir concert, 5 at 5, and suggested coming early and sitting in the balcony.

VII. Chairperson's Reports:

Ken Post: Drive One 4 Your School (wrapup)

- RMPA had 25 participants equating to a fundraising profit of \$500. Overall it was a busy day.
- Will have to continue to collaborate with Firestone High School as Ford desires large number of participants at these events

Marianne Grandon/Maria Johnson: Soup Supper (Bands in the Round) – Tuesday, November 3

- Beth Chonko has been working as co-chair on this event
- We are up to 18 soup donors, about 200 pre-orders
- Really need adult help at set up (2-4 pm), have many student volunteers ready to help
- Will have student entertainment/slide show in gym, Players open for ticket sales, and RASBC spirit shack open for apparel sale for the early bird eaters.

Esther Post: Fruit Sale – Orders due Friday, November 6

- The fruit company is changing fruit delivery logistics. Will know by 3rd week of November when delivery is expected, planning for Dec 3 or 4.
- Any student that elects to deliver more orders from PO Box orders should call first to arrange delivery with the customer. All fruit must be delivered that weekend, December 5-6.

Becky Weihe: Banquets – Marching Band Banquet Friday, November 20

- Invitations and the sign up genius for volunteers are out
- Planning to have a table for turning in payment at soup supper
- This year, name tags will be in badge covers with pins to affix to clothing.
- Becky Weihe asked band council to test the slide show in advance this year. Ken Post offered an LCD projector for use that evening if needed.

Jay and Chantelle Nye: Concessions

- Bob Sigsworth reported on behalf of Jay and Chantelle that they will be staying on as concessions chairpeople next school year (16-17). They will be looking for upcoming band parents to shadow them to take over concessions the following year.
- Thanks everyone for helping with concessions.
- Pizza did not sell well (sports boosters also sold pizza this year), so looking at grilling burgers next year. Would need to purchase a grill.

Ken Post: Equipment Manager

- Ken Post wanted to recognize the 3 individuals that hauled the large equipment truck to away games and competitions the entire season: Dan Fritz, Don Kostar, and Bill Sadataki. Many thanks!
- For future, we will need more equipment helpers, especially on competition days.
- Over the summer, the new equipment trailer will get shelving installed and logos placed on the exterior.

Dennis Gentner: Chaperones

- Dennis Gentner reported that we were all set for the remainder of the marching band season and great thanks to all that chaperoned this year.

Tracie Gamblin: Uniforms

- Tracie Gamblin expressed concern that the ENTIRE uniform crew/moms (you don't need to be a mom to take part) will be graduating out next season and we are in desperate need of band parents to step into this role. You do NOT need sewing experience. Basically the job is Friday nights from 5-10 pm with time to watch the game and half time show. Some helpers come late and/or leave early depending on job/family commitments. Please consider stepping into this role!

Kimberly Peters: Communications/Website

- Kimberly Peters is working on a "wrap up" newsletter to highlight this season that would be sent to current 8th grade parents and alumni.

Ching Choy: Cookie Shack

- Ching Choy thanked Julie Nadzam for assisting in the cookie shack this year.
- One concern for next season is finding a place to freeze cookies between games.

Adam Besenyodi: Publicity

- Sent Soup Supper details to the Westside Leader.
- Working with Kimberly Peters to edit job descriptions and other publications as needed.

Lynn Abou-Ghalioum: Volunteer Coordinator

Nothing to report

Bart and Laura Sauer: Middle School Activities

Nothing to report

[Vacant]: Choir Liaison

- Bob Sigsworth asked Mrs. Forney to brainstorm a parent for the choir liaison role.

VIII. Old Business

Disposition of old Band trailer - to be discussed at future meeting.

IX. New Business

Bob Sigsworth reported on behalf of Jay Nye that instrumentalists and vocalists are needed for the Christmas Concert show in Richfield on Dec.6th. Please notify Jay Nye as soon as possible if you are interested.

Adam Besenyodi moved to adjourn the meeting. Tracie Gamblin seconded, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

X. Important Dates:

Friday, October 30 - Away Football (Barberton) – last FB game

Saturday, October 31 - State MB Competition @ Hilliard Bradley HS (Columbus area)

Tuesday, November 3 - BANDS IN THE ROUND

Friday, November 6 – Fruit Sale orders due

Sunday, November 8 – Choir Concert: 5 @ 5 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Akron (5:00 PM)

Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans Day Assembly – choir/select band perform (10:00 AM)

Friday, November 20 - Fall Marching Band Banquet

XI. Next meeting: Tuesday, December 1 at 7:30 PM - RHS – Room 200

[Reminder – RMPA does not meet in January]