

Revere Music Parents Association Meeting
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 – 7:30 PM

Attendance:

Kimberly Peters, Adam Besenyodi, David Peters, Marianne Grandon, Barb Nonno, Dianna Herchek, Sandi Kraus, Steve Dutkiewicz, Tessa Schmidt, Darren Lebeau, Esther Post, John Leong, Cathy Rundo, Ken Post, Lori Lesaik, Larry Lesiak, Peggy Littlefield, Diane Herchek, Dennis Gentner

Welcome: Kimberly Peters called the meeting to order at 7.34pm

I. Band Council and Choir Officers' Reports – none present

II. Secretary Report: Sandi Kraus – Dennis Gentner motioned to approve the April minutes. Seconded by Ken Post.

III. President Report: Kimberly Peters opened by congratulating the freshman parents for completing their first year with the band and choir. Kim also thanks the RMPA board, chair persons, and volunteers. Everyone is looking forward to the last two performances for band and choir this month. Kim will reach out to some parents to join her at the RMS band concert to explain RHS band.

IV. Vice President Report: Marianne Grandon thanked Kimberly Peters for her leadership. Marianne announced John Leong is the new website coordinator. John is setting up a classified ad section on the website where students can buy/sell used instruments. This endeavor will be a service only, there will be no profit for RMPA. To post an ad, email RMPAclassifieds@gmail.com and include a photo and description of the instrument, your name, and the price.

V. Treasurer Report: Dave Peters – no financials available yet because the month just closed. Financials will be forthcoming next week. RMPA received a check for \$1,182 from last month's Fill-A-Truck fundraiser as well as a \$1,000 check from Allstate.

VI. Director's Reports:

Mr. LeBeau – Prepping for the HS concerts next week. Senior recognition awards are ready for the banquet. Scholarship forms are due Friday. Leadership activities with students interested in section leader, etc. are underway. The rest of the summer schedule should go out this week. The band is going to Florida in the spring, including 4 Disney parks, the parade, and Universal. The students will participate in music workshops at Disney which is new. Currently, considering bids from two companies for the trip. Total price will not exceed \$1,200 per student. A deposit will be due late August or early September. Have your student earn money for the trip over the summer. Next year's Marching Band program theme is "Under the Stars."

Mrs. Rizzo

Mrs. Forney

VII. Chairperson's Reports:

Sonja Guilda: **Color/Winter Guard Liaison** – not present

Peggy Littlefield / Dianna Herchek: **Uniforms** – Fittings will start at evening band practices.

Lynn Abou-Ghaloum / Ruth Ann Pardo: **Spring Banquet – May 18th** – forms are due 5/11; an email will be sent out for volunteer opportunities

Adam Besenyodi: **Communications/Publicity/Handbook** – we are planning another Fill-A-Truck; an announcement about the choir going to states to go on the website in the local paper

John Leong: **Website** www.reveremusic.org – fyi – on the mobile version of the website, pictures are not shown so the mobile site is user friendly; John will work with board to explore advertising opportunities for the website.

Dennis Gentner: **Chaperones** – Thank you to all who volunteered for the Bath groundbreaking; May events needing volunteers will include graduation and the parade

Dennis Gentner: **Invitational** – there will be a June meeting organized to begin planning the invitational. A Google drive document has been created for this event.

Scott Borchering: **Choir Liaison** – not present

Bob Benza: **Middle School Liaison** – Not present. Marianne Grandon is taking over this role next year.

Michele Dye / Barb Nonno: **Hospitality** – Barb Nonno – handling flowers for seniors at concert and water for the Memorial Day parade.

Ken Post / Steve Dutkiewicz: **Equipment** – No urgent business; thank you to Board for the new portrait on the band trailer for \$189.

Bart and Laura Sauer: **Concessions** – Not present

Deanna Moore: **Cookie Shack** – Not present

Ellyn Kastelic / Lisa Summerville: **Bands in the Round / Soup Supper** – Not present

Esther Eckart-Post: **Fruit Sale** – Exploring using technology i.e., online sales

Kit Scheetz / Cathy Rundo: **Tag Day** – Cathy Rundo – Thinking about changing the time for the food so teams don't have to come back to the school for lunch and head back out on a route. May have Tag Day 9-1:30 and everyone takes a snack on route, everyone back for lunch at 1:30. Additional counters will be needed. May use Sign-Up Genius for route drivers and put people at the Giant Eagle in Richfield.

IX. Old Business

- RMPA Raffle – Update – Adam Besenyodi - 24% have been returned; due 5/4. Considering electronic raffle tickets for next year.
- Fill the Band Trailer – Results! \$1,182 earned. The new company was easy to work with.
- Band photo on trailer – see Equipment update above
- Approval of 2018-19 Budget - \$99,000 budget, comparable to this year's spending; proposed two raffles next year; propose an increase in membership fees as follows: returning students from \$60 to \$100 and new students from \$125 to \$150. For choir the proposed increase is from \$10 to \$20. The increase is needed to start a reserve fund for future uniform replacement. With the increase in band participants, the existing reserve was used to purchase additional uniforms for current students. Life of a band uniform is 5-8 years and the current uniforms are polyester and many are showing signs of wear already. Revere's fees are lower than other bands compared. The increase can be explained as a uniform rental fee. Much discussion ensued. All supported an increase and members proposed making the increase even for returning and new students. A secret ballot vote was taken and increases to \$100 and \$165 were approved. For choir an increase to \$20 was approved. Steve Dutkiewicz motioned to approve the 2018-2019 budget, seconded by Tessa Schmidt
- Election of 2018-19 RMPA Board Nominees – a secret ballot vote was taken and the following were elected:
 - Kimberly Peters, President
 - Marianne Grandon, Vice-President
 - Tessa Schmidt, Secretary
 - Linda Phillips, Treasurer
 - Esther Post, Asst Treasurer
 - Adam Besenyodi, Board Member
 - Steve Dutkiewicz, Board Member

X. New Business

- Proposal - New "Fill the Band Trailer" event in June to align with Bath/Richfield community garage sales
- Special Planning meeting for Invitational, Google Drive to collect documentation, May or June

XI. Important Dates (dates and times are subject to change):

- May
 - Raffle Deadline for Band & Choir, May 4
 - 4 Choirs Concert, May 6
 - Spring Choir Concert, May 8, at 7 PM ; Spring Band Concert, May 10, at 7 PM
 - RMS Spring Concert (RMPA Representation), May 15, at 7PM
 - Band & Choir Spring Banquet, May 18th
- June
 - New Parent's Meeting, June 5th
- Aug
 - Tag Day, Aug 11, Time TBD

XI. Next meeting: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 7:30 PM

XII. Positions

**Upcoming Open Chair Positions (Contact Kimberly Peters at kpeters203@gmail.com if you have interest):
2018-19 School Year**

- Chaperones (1 person) – Chair
- Invitational Coordinator (2-3 people)
- Fall/Spring Banquet Coordinators (2-3 people)

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