

Revere Music Parents Association Meeting
Tuesday, August 1, 2017 – 7.30pm

In attendance: Marianne Grandon, Sandi Kraus, David Peters, Adam Besenyodi, Esther Post, Alice Forney, Nick Modney, Tessa Schmidt, Cathy Rundo, Barb Nonno, Betty Lin-Fisher, Terri Freeman, Debbie Sernon, Brian Sernon, Judy Nadzam, Toan Phan, Bart Sauer, Laura Sauer, Jay Nye, Chantelle Nye, Trent Dye, Michele Dye, Dianna Herchek, Ken Post, Dennis Gentner, Steve Dutkiewicz, Debbie Kostar, Jerome Boots, Dave Doran, Sonya Guilda
Guest: Eric Dye

Welcome: Marianne Grandon called the meeting to order at 7.30p.m.

Marianne gave apologies for Kim Peters who was unable to be in attendance. A welcome message and summary of RMPA Functions was read for new members in attendance.

Introduction of 2017 board members

I. **Secretary Report:**

- The minutes from the May meeting were presented. Diana Herchek motioned to approve the minutes, Barb Nonno seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

II. **President's Report:** Marianne Grandon on behalf of Kim Peters.

- 2 key fundraisers coming up. All hands-on deck are going to be needed: Tag Day on August 12th and the Invitational in September. It is important that the students and parents participate.
- If you have any other fundraiser ideas, please bring them to Kimberly's attention we are looking at fundraisers where we can engage the community vs. going back into the music parents' wallets. You can email her at president@reveremusic.org
- Finally coming off the new parents meeting in June, I want to thank our freshmen parents who jumped in already and have taken on committee positions like:
 - Cathy Rundo & Kit Scheetz will lead Tag Day
 - Ellyn Kastelic & Lisa Summerville will lead Soup Supper
 - Bart & Laura Sauer will lead concessions

Also thank you to the returning parents who continue to lead and support RMPA committees!

- A thank you note from Mrs. Forney for the generosity of RMPA and parents/students for the gift for Baby Forney.
- The Rizzo Baby arrived on June 30th little Macy Elena looks happy and healthy.

III. **Vice President Report:** Marianne Grandon

Met with Mr Montgomery, Superintendent. There is a proposal that the 0.5 required PE Credit will be given to students who complete 2 seasons of sport / marching band or cheerleading beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. This might help maintain numbers in the music program. Expect more information from Mr. Montgomery and a possible survey of parents in the fall.

IV. **Treasurer Report:** Dave Peters

The financial report from May, June and July were presented. Dennis Gentner motioned to approve the May financial report, Barb Nonno seconded the motion. Diana Herchek motioned to approve the June financial report, Adam Besenyodi seconded the motion. Steve Dutkiewicz motioned to approve the July financial report and Dennis Gentner seconded the motion. Financial reports were approved as submitted.

Dave outlined a few budgetary line items including the new raincoats and highlighted a possible cash flow difficulty until Tag Day funds were available. All concerned were asked to delay payments for expenditures where possible until short term cash flow concern could be resolved.

V. **Director Reports:**

Mr. LeBeau

Day 2 of band camp and all is going well. We are excited about the size of the band which is the biggest it has been in many years. The band has 57 new members this year. Uniform moms are doing a great job. We only have 120 uniforms so there are some challenges with fitting this year.

We have new sousaphones and a new battery line from funds provided from the school district. Please thank them for supporting band!

Mr LeBeau encouraged parents to get involved in the MANY opportunities as they present themselves and asked that parents stay informed by either following the marching band on Facebook or signing up for the Remind App.

Mrs. Forney

- Choir Camp has been reinstated this year. It is scheduled for 3 days and about 30/40 choir members were in attendance for first day which was today.
- Symphonic Choir has many new members this year... about half of the choir will be freshmen.
- Mrs. Forney reached out to parents to continue to be vocal to support for the music program when opportunities arise to in lieu of Middle school changes for 2017-2018 school
- **Nick Modney was introduced as Mrs. Forney's long-term sub.**

VI. **Band Council Report:**

No Students Present. No report.

VII. **Chairperson's Reports:**

Banquets - No one to give formal report

Comment made that we were overcharged for food at Spring Banquet because of a misunderstanding of how charges were calculated. There was a per plate charge not a per person charge which was ended up significantly higher than budgeted/projected costs. This needs to be addressed for Fall and future banquets.

Tag Day: Cathy Rundo

- Tag day is August 12th from 9am-2pm
- Kathy and Kelly are prepared and have completed much of the setup work required.
- Kathy reached out to parents to be drivers and to support the day to make it a success.
- New this year: Plan to have a couple of student groups at local grocery stores for their shifts.

Revere Invitational: Dennis Gentner

- Revere Invitational will be held on Saturday Sept 23rd.
- Good response this year. Anticipating it will be bigger than prior years, four large bands are signed up including Medina, Nordonia, Brunswick and Mentor.
- There is lots of opportunities to be involved. All encouraged to watch email and sign up on Signup Genius.

Chaperones: Dennis Gentner

- Must be background checked to participate as a chaperone.
- Lots of opportunities. Chaperoning is a great way to get to know the other kids your children is spending time with.
- All encouraged to watch email and sign up on Signup Genius.

Equipment: Ken Post / Steve Dutkiewicz

- Load/unload equipment for all away games and competitions.
- Need vehicles to tow trailer.
- All encouraged to watch email and sign up on Signup Genius.

Uniforms: Peggy Littlefield / Diana Herchek

- Fitting students right now. Challenging because no extra uniforms.
- Still need more volunteers. This is a great way to be involved.
- Plan to do sign up genius for distribution and collection of uniforms this year. All encouraged to watch email and sign up on Signup Genius.

Concessions: - Bart and Laura Sauer

- 2nd largest fundraiser for RMPA.
- Huge opportunity this year. 6 home games and bigger than ever invitational.
- Due to larger concession stand we will need more volunteers for each event.
- All encouraged to watch email and sign up on Signup Genius.

Cookie Shack: Judy Nadzam

- Overview of cookie shack given for new parents.
- Think they have it covered but may need extra hands for a few games.
- All encouraged to watch email and sign up on Signup Genius to bring 3 dozen cookies on home game days!

Hospitality: Michele Dye and Barb Nonno

- Tag Day Richfield Parade are the first 2 events.
- Other favorite event for students are pot luck for lunches on competition days. Great opportunity to support the band. All encouraged to watch email and sign up on Signup Genius.
- Revere Invitational Hospitality for judges and volunteers. Will need support and pot luck items. Discussed opening volunteer opportunity to RHS senior students to run volunteer hospitality location so that parents can watch parts of the invitational.

Publicity / Handbook: Adam Besenyodi

- Communication: Duties are still being handled largely by Kim Peters. Transition to take place shortly.

- Tag day notice/article in Bath Country Journal; Will be in the West Side Leader next week.
- The most current handbook is available on the website. Nothing new to report right now.

Website: Adam Besenyodi for Deanna Durbin (corrected)

- Changes from Music Directors & Chairs were made to website at beginning of summer – if anyone has any additional updates please email Deanna (ddjdurbin@gmail.com or admin@reveremusic.org)
- June/July stats (below): 264 users, 384 sessions, 953 pageviews, 2.48 pageviews and 2.18 minutes per session (higher than last summer).

Soup Supper: Barb Nonno

- The annual Bands in the round and soup supper will be held on November 2nd
- Planning for this event to commence soon

Middle School Liaison: Bob Benza

Not present. No report

Color Guard Liaison: Sonya Guilda

Sonya announced that she had been approached and was willing to fill this open position.

Volunteer Coordinator: Open Position

Comment [kp1]: Add to agenda to recruit

VIII. Old Business

OMEA Middle School Contest

Evaluate concessions for future events. Jump Rope Competition at the school at the same time affected success of concessions.

New Building Task Force: Marianne Grandon / Esther Post

Update given. Many changes to original plan presented to the community due to financial realities.

IX. New Business:

- Eric Dye, a band member and scout from Troop 35 presented his proposal for his Eagle Scout project which is to extend the existing Minuteman Concessions Shack by extra 12 feet and adding an extra service window. He had already obtained approval from the school board for the project. Eric requested assistance with funding the project asking for \$500 to be donated from RMPA. Dave Peters motioned to approve the donation and make the necessary budgetary adjustment. Motion seconded by Steve Dutkiewicz. The donation of \$500 was approved.
- Dave Peters requested a motion to accept the amendments to Article VI Finance of the operating bylaws. The new Article VI, Section 6 and 7 would read as follows:

Section 6 - A Student Trip Account shall be established to hold a portion of funds generated by RMPA fundraisers in which students are asked to participate. Approval by a simple majority vote of the membership present at a meeting will be required to set the contribution level (if any) to the Student Trip Account for each such fundraiser. However, as long as Section 7 of this Article remains in effect, the percentage allocated to the Student Trip Account cannot exceed 90% of the net proceeds of a fundraiser, as per Section 7, 10% MUST be allocated to the Uniform Replacement Fund.

Immediately prior to any Revere Music Department sponsored trip, with exact timing determined by the Treasurer with approval of the Board, all funds in the Student Trip Account - less a \$100 set aside to keep the account open - will be distributed equally as credits against the final trip invoices for all current Revere Music students traveling on that trip. This will be the only allowable use of funds from the Student Trip Account.

Funds in the Student Trip Account are in no sense associated with or property of any individual student, nor can any such funds or credits be transferred from one student to another, even if related, for any reason including a student being unable to participate in a specific trip. Student Trip Account funds cannot be used for other activities such as banquets, band camp fees, etc.

***Section 7** Beginning with the 2015-2016 fiscal year; 10% of net profit from all fund-raising activities (before any student credits are allocated) will be set aside in a separate account for uniform replacement costs.*

The motion was approved by Dennis Gentner and seconded by Dianna Herchek.

- Dave Peters requested a motion to set the contribution level to 30% the Student Trip Account Tag Day funds per the Bylaws Article VI, Section 6 on Student Trip Account Funding. Motion to approve by Adam Besenyodi and seconded by Tessa Schmidt.

Adam Besenyodi moved to adjourn the meeting, Barb Nonno seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8.38p.m.

X. Important upcoming dates

Tag day: August 12th, 2017; 9am-2pm

Richfield Community Days Parade: August 13th at noon.

Parent Preview: August 17th; RHS Stadium 7pm (Rain or shine)

First Football Game. Away vs. Buckeye August 25th, 2017

XI. Next Meeting: Tuesday September 5th; RHS Room 200 at 7.30pm