

**Revere Music Parents Association Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 5, 2017 – 7:30PM**

**In attendance:** Kimberly Peters, Marianne Grandon, Sandi Kraus, David Peters, Adam Besenyodi, Esther Post, Bart Sauer, Michele Dye, Deanna Durbin, Terri Freeman, Dianna Herchek.

**Welcome:** Kimberly Peters called the meeting to order at 7:35PM.

I. **Band Council and Officers' Reports:** No one present.

II. **Secretary Report:** Sandi Kraus

The minutes from the November meeting were presented. Dianna Herchek motioned to approve the minutes, Marianne Grandon seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

III. **President's Report:** Kimberly Peters.

Thank you everyone again for your ongoing support. Special Thanks to Bart and Laura Sauer for their hard work and dedication in getting in an extra concessions opportunity for RMPA, and to all who helped work the extra concession event.

The banquet was a great success. Thanks to Lynn and the banquet committee for a wonderful event.

Also, thanks to Esther Post for her flawless execution of the fruit sale, despite some weather challenges.

A thank you note from Susie Post for scholarship money received was shared.

Kimberly additionally shared that during the prior month an "emergency" financial expenditure of approval of \$2600.00 for formal wear was approved by the RMPA Board. Due to the increase in number of band students this year, additional formal wear was required to ensure that both choir and members have appropriate formal wear for the upcoming concert season.

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

No official report

V. **Treasurer Report:** Dave Peters

The financial report from November (attached) was presented. Bart Sauer motioned to approve the November financial report, Michele Dye seconded the motion. Financial reports were approved as submitted.

Dave outlined the cash flow report and answered questions submitted by members.

Dave shared information and statistics relating to the financial success of the Invitational.

## VI. Director Reports:

### **Mr. LeBeau**

Fitting of formal wear has started.

Formal wear may not be available for the Holiday concert next week. If that is the case, students will wear dress clothes.

All band students are practicing as one band through the Holiday concert and then will be split into 2 bands

Solo/Ensemble contest on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Lots of groups and solo's participating.

There will be a student teacher in Band starting in January

Mrs. Forney is back at school and choir is doing well.

Concert Band Pictures will be taken early in the year. The possible format will be individual pictures into a composite as has been done with the past by Nancy Williams.

### **Mrs. Forney (Emailed Report)**

Winter Concert (combined with the band) is Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Symphonic Choir and Women's Choir will perform.

The choir has been invited to sing at Hillcrest's staff breakfast on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Women's choir will also be participating in Solo and Ensemble on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

## VII. Chairperson's Reports:

**Kimberley asked that current chairpersons consider their positions for next year and email intentions/suggestions to her so that continuity can be established as necessary.**

**Revere Invitational: Dennis Gentner.** Not present.

- Kimberly will contact Dennis to brainstorm resources and planning for future.

**Fruit Sale: Esther Post**

- The fruit sale was a success, although not a lot of profit generated.
- About one third of band/choir students participated
- Decision will be made as to whether to continue the tradition of the fruit sale. A decision would need to be made in the spring or early summer. A commitment is usually required by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Fruit has mostly been delivered. There are a couple of items remaining.

**Banquet: Lynn Abou-Ghalioum and Ruth Ann Pardo.** Not present.

**Spring Banquet will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> at St. George's.**

**Communications/ Publicity / Handbook: Adam Besenyodi**

- The most current handbook is available on the website. Nothing new to report right now.

**Website: Deanna Durbin**

- This will be Deanna's last report. Terri Freeman will be taking over as chairperson for the website.
- Please send updates for the website to Terri at [admin@reveremusic.org](mailto:admin@reveremusic.org)
- November Stats: 186 users, 344 sessions, 733 page views; 2.13pages per session.
- Very updates were made this month. Traffic to the website was low, as is the usual for this time of year.

Kimberly thanked Deanna for her hard work and commitment to the website; and welcomed and thank Terri for assuming this position.

**Chaperones: Dennis Gentner.** Not present.

**Uniforms: Dianna Herchek**

- All the Marching Band uniforms are back from the dry cleaner and need to be re-assembled.
- The uniform committee will pick a day and ask for volunteers to assist with tis – or may use a band practice night in the Spring and ask for parent assistance at that time
- Formal wear fitting traditionally done by staff and not uniform committee.

**Concessions: Bart and Laura Sauer**

- Final “extra” concession event of the year was a success.
- Special thanks to all who helped especially the Sigsworth’s, Oakley’s and Choir students.
- Extra Pop/Gatorade/Candy et al for sale.

**Hospitality: Michele Dye and Barb Nonno**

- Michele stated that the Poinsettias are ordered and ready for the concert on Monday.
- No other significant events at present time.

**Middle School Liaison: Bob Benza.** Not present

**Choir Liaison: Scott Borchering.** Not present

**Color Guard Liaison: Sonya Guilda.** Not present

**Volunteer Coordinator: Open Position**

- Kimberly reached out again for someone to fill position.
- Specifically looking for someone who would work with Sign-up Genius.

## **VIII. Old Business**

**Middle School Program Task Force:**

Meeting for Task force to be scheduled in December so that a presentation can be made at the Board Meeting on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.

Secure an email list of middle school parents to add to the initiative.

Let Marianne know if there are interested parents who may help with the following.

- Fact Finding about music programs at other schools.
- Looking at the effects of middle school programming on high school program participation and success.
- Research the possible impact of music program on standardized test scores.
- Present findings and other music program related information at board meetings.
- Put out social media blasts about the music program.
- Increase communication about the music program and try to establish mechanisms where parents’ voices can be heard in decision making about the program.

The music program has many students participating and it is important that their voice is heard.

A photo of the current band will be put on band trailer for "Superior" rating

## **IX. New Business**

- Purchase of new concert attire. See under President's Report

Dianna Herchek moved to adjourn the meeting, Lisa Oakley seconded. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8.40pm.

## **X. Important Dates (dates and times are subject to change):**

**Tuesday, December 11, Holiday Band/Choir Concert, 7 PM**

**Thursday, December 14, RMS Winter Choir Concert, 7 PM**

**XI. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2017 at 7:30 PM**

**NOTE: No meeting in January**

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