

**Revere Music Parents Association Meeting
August 4, 2015 – 7:30 PM**

In attendance: Esther Post, Kim Peters, Tracie Gamblin, Barb Nonno, Iris DiCresce, Julie Zhan, Marjorie Dye, Dennis Gentner, Debbie Kostar, Lisa Oakley, Bob Sigsworth, Jay Nye, Marianne Grandon, Chris Tomsic, Tracy Besenyodi, Adam Besenyodi, Ken Post, Dannette Revesz, Dana Garcia, Julian Garcia

Welcome: Bob Sigsworth called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Bob pointed out the RMPA music handbook, available at the meeting and on the RHS website, is something that every parent should review. At the back of the handbook is the volunteer form. RMPA has about 300 parents and we need everyone's help. If each family contributed to 3 events over the school year, that would cover all the volunteer needs!

I. Secretary Report: Marianne Grandon

The June 2015 meeting minutes were submitted for approval: Dennis Gentner moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Kim Peters, and minutes were approved.

II. President Report: Bob Sigsworth

Bob reviewed the basic tenet of the RMPA: to support the band, choir and their directors at every level in the Revere Local School District. Right now, the emphasis is on marching band. This includes physical help of time and talent, and fundraising to pay for equipment, instruments, support staff, etc.

The RMPA meetings have been moved out of the cafeteria because the acoustics are really bad with the vending machines. Meetings this year will be held in the band room or room 200. Pay attention to emails for meeting location.

Bob met with the new superintendent on behalf of RMPA. Mr. Montgomery is a former band member. He will be speaking at the October RMPA meeting.

Any questions/concerns about RMPA, please email Bob.

III. Vice President Report: Kim Peters

Thanks for coming to the meeting and volunteering!

IV. Treasurer Report: Dannette Revesz

Dannette had two reports to present; the year end report and the July financial report. Marianne Grandon moved to approve the year end report, Tracy Besenyodi seconded the motion and the year end reports were approved. Kim Peters moved to approved the July financial report, Ken Post seconded the motion and the July financial reports were approved.

In addition, she wanted to clarify that RMPA just 'holds' the funds of the student band council. RMPA does not contribute to band council or supervise their funds.

Dannette is working on the 990 to submit to the IRS by November 15, a requirement of our 501-c-3 status.

Bob Sigsworth thanked Dannette for her transparent, detailed financial reports.

V. Director's Reports:

Mr. LeBeau- not present, no report

Mrs. Rizzo - not present, no report

Miss Ward- not present, no report

VI. Band Council Report

Ashley Oakley, president of Band Council, reported that band camp was going well, everyone has a good attitude despite the heat. The first week they learned the basics and beginning marching. This week they are working on drill. This is also spirit week: Monday was beach day, Tuesday 80s day, Wednesday twin day, Thursday squad day, Friday section day.

Ashley also pointed out the music checkoff charts in the band room. Students are required to learn their music and perform it for a staff member or drum major preferably by the end of band camp. Students get a grade for music that is checked off.

Noah Sigsworth, vice president of Band Council, talked about the council's plans for Richfield Community Days. On Sunday, August 9th from 9 am to 9 pm, band members can volunteer for 2 hour shifts to sell pizza or work in the instrument tent showing kids how to play different instruments. Noah is coordinating volunteers with sign up sheets at lunch in band camp. Leah Weisburn is working on sanitation of the instruments between users.

Noah also discussed about the party at the Gentners house after the parade on Friday, August 7th. Details being distributed at band camp. This party and post -game bonfires are not school or RMPA-sponsored events. If you are interested in hosting a bonfire at your residence, please contact a band council member.

VII. Chairperson's Reports:

Cheryl Sigsworth/Tracie Gamblin: Tag Day – Saturday, August 8, 9:00 AM

Tag Day is the largest fundraiser for the music program, about \$12,000 profit. Students pair up (usually a freshman and an upperclassmen) and go door-to-door to solicit support from the Revere community. Only adults/parents can drive the students on the routes. Please report at 9 am to the auditorium where directions are given and routes assigned. Pizza lunch is provided around noon.

Dennis Gentner - Revere Invitational – Saturday, September 26

This year is the 10th annual band competition that Revere has hosted. About 10-12 bands usually perform in hopes of getting a superior rating and a bid to the state competition. This is also a fundraiser for RMPA as we make about \$1000 for every band that attends in terms of admission ticket sales, t-shirt sales, concessions and the famous pie tent. We need about 100 volunteers to make this a success. Dennis is currently talking with the various committee chairpeople to verify their needs.

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

Marianne reported that Soup Supper is on election day this year and that the committee is looking for a third co-chair to assist with this community music event. If anyone has connections with restaurants in the Revere community to secure a soup donation, please contact the committee.

Additionally, the RMPA board is discussing the future of the silent auction at the bands in the round event. No one has volunteered to chair this event. The silent auction brings a profit of \$2000, but there was a concern that it is the same music parent making the bids. Unless someone volunteers to chair the silent auction, we will have to find a way to raise that money elsewhere. Marianne suggested possibly selling advertising on placemats for the soup supper.

Jay and Chantelle Nye: Concessions

Concessions are ramping up for the marching band season and Jay has the RMPA Sam's Club card. Currently they are providing water for parades and refreshments/lunch for tag day. A sign-up genius will be coming soon for the first home game on 9/11.

Ken Post: Equipment Manager

Volunteers are needed to help transport equipment to away games (4 people) and contests (6 people). We are in dire need of a volunteer that has a truck with a towing package (F150 for example) that could

drive to contests or games. Equipment team get free admission to away games! Thanks for Dennis Gentner for coordinating the signup genius for the equipment team. Ken also reported that we had an emergency repair of new batteries for the golf carts. Thanks to Steve Banis for his help on that project.

Dennis Gentner: Chaperones

Dennis will be sending out the signup genius for chaperones for this marching season. Due to the increased size of the band we now need 10 chaperones (2 per bus) for all away games and competitions, and 6 chaperones for home games.

Tracie Gamblin: Uniforms

2015 Uniform Closet report for first week of band camp

*Labels made for hats, ziplocs (accessory bags), and hangers.

*Ziplocs labeled and attached to hangers.

*Checked in "R" shirt/short shipment; reorganized their storage space and put away.

*Lunch bags labeled (for accessory hand-out)

*Delivered some hat/plume orders (for memory sale)

*Made purchases for uniform closet needs (hair needs, air fresheners for closets, ziplocs, lunch bags, shoe shelf, electrical tape {raincoat labels}, sharpies, feminine products, etc).

*Color Guard closet created within uniform room; hangers labeled, shoe shelf.

*Plastic bins for extra hangers, vintage tees, alumni polos/tees, vintage uniforms for Revere Players to borrow.

Need more bins for extra hats. These bins replace the musty, mildewy cardboard boxes.

*Made hair bows.

*Inventoried socks, bows, gloves; placed order after reviewing current orders as of Fri, 7/31.

*Students fitted for shoes on Fri, 7/31. The shoe order arrived on Tues, 8/4. We will label and pass out the shoe boxes sometime this week. The students will try them on before taking them home. If they fit correctly, the shoes will be marked for each student. We recommend leaving the shoes in the band lockers throughout the band season – this saves stress on families due to forgotten shoes for performances!

*New plumes arrived and were switched out with old.

*New berets arrived and put away.

*Megan's Field Commander uniform was unpacked and fitted.

*Resupplied emergency uniform bag – still needs new hat.

*Wiped down uniform cabinets & shelves with Lysol wipes.

*Handed out "R" shirts/shorts Thurs, 7/30 & Fri 7/31 to new students and returning students who ordered.

*Began packing lunch bags with accessory orders – waiting on sock/glove order to arrive to finish before hand out. Expect those to come home sometime the third week of band camp.

*Attached section/squad leader braid to appropriate hangers.

*Discovered the gauntlets were made incorrectly. Mr. LeBeau contacted the rep who had them pulled. The gauntlets are being remade correctly and will arrive in about 3 weeks. The demo gauntlet pair is being sent for individual pics next Thursday.

*PICTURES ARE THURSDAY, 8/13 @ 3:30!

*Twiddled thumbs waiting for new uniforms....

*THE UNIFORMS ARRIVED TUESDAY, 8/4!!!! We began fitting students today, beginning with the largest boys. We will continue to work our way down through the boys, then begin with the girls. Some of the students grew, despite admonishments not to! So far, we have been able to accommodate all but one student.

Thanks to Joan Myers and Peggy Littlefield who took time out of their schedules to help out with some of the more tedious activities.

Thanks to Jason Choy, Garrison Peters, Richie Jankura, Dan Larson, John Wilson, & Dylan Kostar for carrying heavy things for me and putting away really heavy bins!

Janet Taylor (veteran parent!) and Janel Ciolli (current parent!) will be organizing the raincoats this week. They began the lovely process of cleaning out the raincoats of last year's leftovers. New raincoat bags are on their way. Thanks to Esther Post who researched & found a less expensive bag! They will arrive in about 2-3 weeks.

A call has been put out for more parents to join the crew. Deanna Durbin is signing on beginning Wednesday, 8/5. There was an auto correct issue causing my email to be sent out incorrectly (twice!!!). Anyone else wanting to join the fun can contact me @ sewtlg@roadrunner.com. All the current uniform parents will graduate with their students with the Classes of 2016 & 2017 and we need people to step up and learn the ropes. This committee has something for the crafty, the organized, the paper pusher, the social. Believe me, we do it all(as evidenced by the list above)! The kids know you (by name!) and you know a ton of kids. I wouldn't trade this group for any other! [Sewing experience not necessary!]

In addition to this report, Tracie reported that the shoes should be kept at school in the students band locker. We are still taking orders for the memory pillows- you can find the order form on the RHS website in the music program section. Tracie is also trying to schedule the french braid party for all the girls of band and color guard. As part of the marching uniform the girls wear a double french braid, the party happens before the season. Details coming.

Bob Sigsworth explained that the new uniforms were half paid by the fundraising of the RMPA and half paid by the district.

Esther Post: Fruit Sale - No report

Becky Weihe: Banquets

Bob Sigsworth informed those in attendance that the RMPA hosting two banquets a year; one after marching band season, and the other in May.

Kimberly Peters: Communications/Website

If you are not getting emails from RMPA, please add your email to the sign-in sheet. Kim is planning to transfer last years seniors to the alumni list and then to confirm that the lists are correct. She is planning to start a regular alumni communication.

We still need someone to take over the RMPA website. This could be a student! In the meantime, go to the RHS website music program page for the best source of information.

Ching Choy: Cookie Shack

Bob Sigsworth explained that the cookie shack is a fine example of our Minutemen hospitality to both our band and the visiting teams band. During 3rd quarter break, all band students get cookies from the cookie shack. An email will be coming asking for donations of cookies (homemade, store bought, oreos, etc.) for each home game. If every family donated for one home game we would be set!

Ken Post: Drive One 4 Your School

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 10th. On this day, all you have to do is test drive a Ford and RMPA will get \$20 for each driver (one per household, must be at least 18 years old). There is no sales pitch or contact from Ford thereafter.

[Dennis Gentner / Esther Post]: Middle School Activities

Bob Sigsworth reported that Bart and Laura Sauer have volunteered to be the new MS chairpeople.

[Kimberly Peters]: Flowers- no report, new chair needed

[Vacant]: Silent Auction (Bands in the Round)

[Vacant]: Publicity

Bob Sigsworth expressed that this is a vital position that is desperately needed. Basic job responsibilities include press releases for the weekly and monthly publications in the Revere community.

[Vacant]: Choir Liaison

VIII. Old Business

Parent Preview – Friday, August 14

Dennis Gentner explained that the students will perform on Friday, August 14 at 7 pm in the stadium a ‘sneak preview’ of their show. Afterwards, parents and band members will gather for a dessert social and RMPA members are available to answer questions. Families will be asked to contribute a drink or dessert to the social.

IX. New Business

Nothing new reported.

X. Important Dates:

Friday, August 7 – Richfield Community Day Parade (6 PM)

Saturday, August 8 - TAG DAY!!!

Thursday, August 13 - Picture day

Friday, August 14 - PARENT PREVIEW (7 PM)

Thursday, August 20 – First Day of School

Friday, August 28 – First Football Game (at Buckeye)

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

Tracie Gamblin moved to adjourn the meeting, Marjorie Dye seconded, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.