

Revere Music Parents Association Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2017 – 7:30PM

In attendance: Kimberly Peters, Marianne Grandon, Sandi Kraus, David Peters, Adam Besenyodi, Esther Post, Barb Nonno, Judy Nadzam, Jay Nye, Michele Dye, Dennis Gentner, Stephen Dutkiewicz, Robert Benza, Scott Borchering, Sonja Guilda, Bart Sauer, Laura Sauer, Lisa Oakley, Nick Modney, Dianna Herchek.
Guests: Max Nye, Sydney Borchering, Ellie Edwards.

Welcome: Kimberly Peters called the meeting to order at 7:32PM.

I. Band Council and Officers' Reports

Max Nye: The Band is having a great season. We have scored a 1 and qualified for States at both competitions to date. The show is on the field and small adjustments are being made. The students are looking forward to the double-header competition next weekend.

There will be a Chipotle fundraiser for Band Council in mid-October for which support was requested.

Sydney Borchering and Ellie Edwards: The choir performed the National Anthem at the band show and their debut was from the Press Box this year! The choir performed the Alma Mater (with the Band, as is the tradition) and National Anthem at the Homecoming Game.

Preparations for 5@5 concert and have started in earnest with evening rehearsals starting.

Veteran's day music has been selected and the choir is starting to practice for this event.

Eight students have been selected for the Kent State All-Star weekend. There will be a concert which will be open to the public on the second day. All interested are invited to support the choir students.

II. Secretary Report: Sandi Kraus

The minutes from the August meeting were presented. Marianne Grandon motioned to approve the minutes, Barb Nonno seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

III. President's Report: Kimberly Peters.

Thank you everyone again for your ongoing support. Kimberly shared some of the various numbers affecting RMPA and our students during the past month.

- 3 Home games
- 2 Away games
- 2 Band Competitions, 1 of which we hosted and grossed \$29K
- 2 Superior ratings
- Awards including Best Color Guard Class A, Best Percussion Class A, First Place Band Class A!
- Countless volunteer hours and support. The program would not be a success with our yours and the communities support. THANK YOU!

For October the numbers continue as we're in the home straight for fall

- 2 Away games
- 2 Home games
- 2 Competitions (Double Header)

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

No official report

V. **Treasurer Report:** Dave Peters

The financial report from September (attached) was presented. Barb Nonno motioned to approve the May financial report, Dianna Herchek 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

Uniforms went out for dry cleaning and should be back Wednesday.

The marching minutemen will perform in the OMEA State Competition on Friday Night, November 3rd

The Double Header competition is scheduled for next week. The students will be returning to school for the annual Pot Luck dinner between the two competitions. Details of Pot Luck Dinner Oct 14 were discussed and finalized. Mr LeBeau will put in a request for a janitor so that set up can occur while the students are traveling back from the first competition.

The two week agenda will be sent out as soon as concrete details are secured.

The Band will be performing the Pep Show at Kent Football game and the full competition show at Aurora.

Mr LeBeau thanked all "for an amazing Invitational. We got rave reviews as always. Dennis is great and so are all the other parents that make it happen and there are many.."

Choir and concert band members will need help during the school day to fit the students in dresses and tuxedos. Can this be done the week of October 16-20?

We are having an amazing season; the kids are great and doing everything they have been asked to do...

Band Banquet will be held November 10th at 6pm at Todaro's Party Center on Akron Peninsula Road.

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Mr. Modney

Preparation is going well for 5@5 and other scheduled events.

The choir enjoyed singing with the band at the Homecoming football game.

Parent volunteers may be needed to assist with fitting choir for uniforms.

VII. **Chairperson's Reports:**

Revere Invitational: Dennis Gentner

- Dennis extended thanks to all who assisted in any way. He attributed success of event to volunteer hard word, although many commented that the leadership and commitment that Dennis has personally provided has been a huge contributing factor to the success of the event over the years.
- The preorder for programs in Sign-up Genius worked well.

- The biggest challenge this year was the parking and traffic for which some suggestions were made and will be documented for next year.
- Kimberly and Dennis and a few other volunteers will have a brainstorming session and try to put together a “manual” to ensure that ideas and lessons learned are captured to enable the ongoing success of the event.

DriveOne 4 Schools: Ken Post and Jerome Boots

- Drive One 4 UR School fundraiser at Montrose Ford was held on Saturday, Sept 30th at 9:00AM-2:00PM
- About 25 drivers participated for Revere, for which we should receive about \$500.00.
- We did not use Flyer Central to publicize this event, and may want to consider in order to boost participation for next year.

Fruit Sale: Esther Post

- The sale will take place Oct 1st to November 3rd. The order will be placed on November 10th.
- Students have received envelopes and order forms.
- Fruit should be delivered to the school the first Friday in Dec.
- All hands in deck needed for delivery of community orders received by mail and from fliers in local newspapers. Students are expected to deliver any fruit that they sell.
- Watch your email for further communication.

Banquet: Lynn Abou-Ghalioum and Ruth Ann Pardo

Band Banquet will be held November 10th at 6pm at Todaro’s Party Center on Akron Peninsula Road.

Communications/ Publicity / Handbook: Adam Besenyodi

- Notices of fruit sales in Bath and Richfield Times. An article will appear in the West Side Leader the week of the event.
- Bands-in-the-Rounds will be publicized in October Issues of monthly publications and in the West Side Leader the week before the event.
- The most current handbook is available on the website. Nothing new to report right now.
- Adam asked the any info to distribute get sent to the RMPA email and not to his personal address when it may get missed.

Website: Deanna Durbin

- Updates completed for Invitational, results, fruit sale.
- September Stats: 1,198 users, 2,054 sessions, 4,053 pageviews, 1.97 pageviews, 1.45 minutes per session (2,037 pageviews for Invitational)
- Met with Terri Freeman - she will assist with website. We plan to review over winter break. Thank you, Terri, for volunteering for this!
- Please email website updates to Deanna at admin@reveremusic.org.

Chaperones: Dennis Gentner

- Thanks to all who have signed up and are chaperoning.
- We have had some gaps and sent out additional reminders for assistance.
- Continue to be many opportunities to support the band/choir program in this way.

Equipment: Ken Post/Steve Dutkiewicz

- A parent driver is needed for the double header contest day.
- Parents are all reminded that help with equipment loading/unloading is always appreciated. Even if you have not signed up and you are waiting for your student to be finished, or come out to the car, and see equipment trailers being loaded or unloaded, please help. NO experience needed, and help is always appreciated.

Uniforms: Peggy Littlefield and Dianna Herchek

- Sign-up genius is working well.
- Uniforms are back from dry cleaning last week. They will be reassembled tomorrow night.
- Dianna to communicate with Mr. leBeau re fitting/distribution of concert and choir attire.

Concessions: Bart and Laura Sauer

- Concessions are going well.
- Invitational was a success.
- Need more help for senior night as many parents who have been helping are senior parents.
- Special thanks to Jay and Chantelle Nye, Lisa Oakley and Hope Weisburn for all the contributions to success of Minutemen Café.

Cookie Shack: Judy Nadzam

- Going Great!
- The gesture and treats are always very appreciated by visiting bands!

Hospitality: Michele Dye and Barb Nonno

- Thanked all for help with Revere Invitational hospitality for judges and volunteers.
- Michele outlined pot luck menu suggestions and encouraged all to assist in making this the highlight that it has historically been for the students.
- Volunteers were reminded to label utensils and/or any containers to ensure that they can be returned.

Bands in the Round/Soup Supper: Barb Nonno, Ellyn Kastelic and Lisa Summerville

- The annual Bands-in-the-Round and soup supper will be held on November 2nd
- Planning is going well.

Middle School Liaison: Bob Benza

Nothing new to report.

Choir Liaison: Scott Borchering

- All going well. See Choir Officers' Report
- The Kent State All Star Concert will be held Monday October 16th at 6pm in the Cartwright Hall on KSU campus. It is free, and all are welcome to support the choir.

Color Guard Liaison: Sonya Guilda

All is going well.

Volunteer Coordinator: Open Position

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

VIII. Old Business

Middle School Program Task Force Proposal:

Marianne is proposing a task force to ensure that middle school music program is brought up to speed and that the voices of music parents at Revere are heard.

This is a request for interested parents' to be on a task force which will work on some of 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.

It is felt that parents were blind-sided about recent changes to the middle school program and by the time announcements were made it was too late to have any impact as a group.

The music program has a large number of students participating and it is important that their voice is heard.

Please contact Marianne Grandon or Kimberly Peter if you are interested, or know of anyone who may be interested in assisting with this program.

An RMPA board member or volunteer will attend the **next Board of Education meeting** and give an update and **thank them for their support (new instruments)**

IX. New Business:

- Members were encouraged to attend a Candidates' Night; or to research the three candidates running for the two open school board positions; and to vote in the best interests of the school district.

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):

Saturday, October 14, Double Header Marching Band Competitions: Warrior Legacy; Copley Marching Band

Friday, October 27, Senior Night Football Game, Marching Minutemen Halftime Performance , 7 PM

Thursday, November 2, Band in the Round/Soup Supper, Dinner starts at 5 PM, Performance starts at 7 PM

Friday, November 3 or Saturday, November 4, OMEA Marching Band State Competition

Sunday, November 5, 5 at 5 Symphonic Choir

Friday, November 10, Veterans Day Performance, 9-11 AM Revere HS Main Gym

Friday, November 10, Fall Banquet

XI. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Please go to www.reveremusic.org for all the latest RMPA information!

Important Links:

Signup Genus for Fall Events: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa9af2ea5f49-revere8>

Signup Genus for Cookie Shack: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa9af2ea5f49-rmpa>