

Revere Music Parents Association Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2017 – 7:30PM

In attendance: Kimberly Peters, Marianne Grandon, Sandi Kraus, David Peters, Adam Besenyodi, Esther Post, Barb Nonno, Judy Nadzam, Hope Weisburn, Maria Dutkiewicz, Jay Nye, Michele Dye, Dennis Gentner, Steve Dutkiewicz, Debbie Kostar, Darren LeBeau, John Leong, Robert Benza, Deanna Durbin, Scott Borchering
 Guests: Paige Fritz, Sydney Borchering, Ellie Edwards.

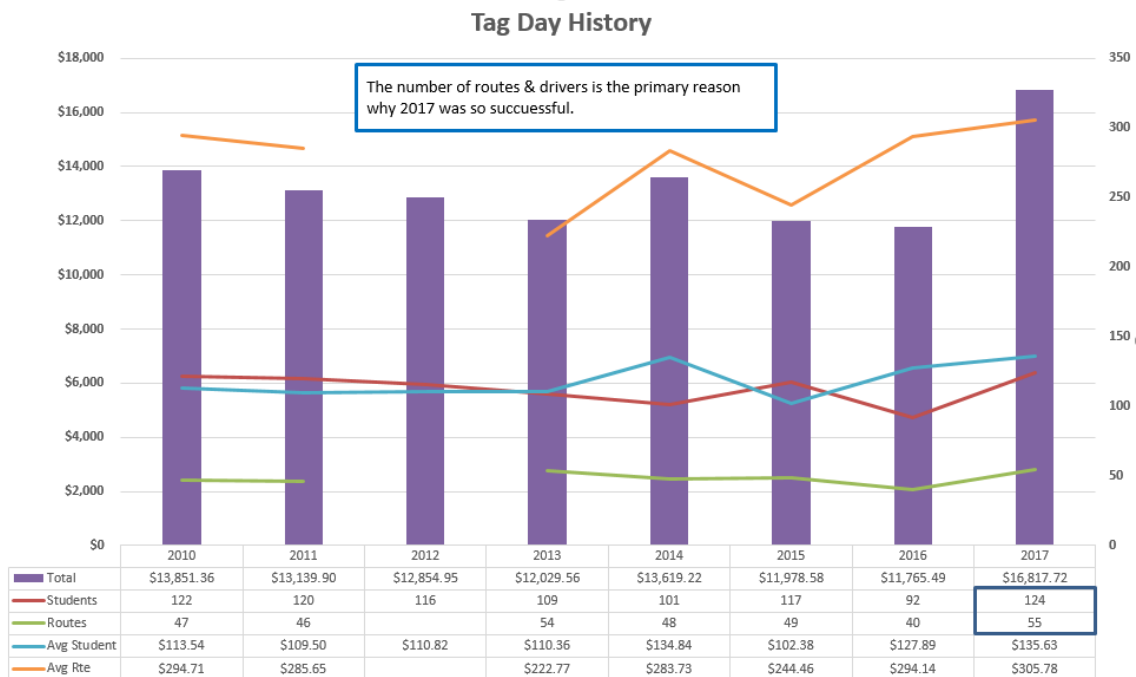
Welcome: Kimberly Peters called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

I. **Secretary Report:** Sandi Kraus

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

II. **President's Report:** Kim Peters.

Thank you everyone again for your support with Tag Day, it was a true success with raising over \$15k the day of the event and then an additional \$1k came from the "Sorry We Missed You" It was a record-breaking year and having a large turnout of students makes all the difference. Thank you, Cathy, and Kit for your diligence and execution! Also, thank you to Michele Dye, Barb Churchill and the Besenyodi's for keeping us fed! Finally, big thanks go out to Dave Peters for accounting for all the donations. It all came down to route coverage, # of students, and # of drivers. Truly the more support we have, the more we can raise for the program.



Parent Preview was a success despite the rain. It was nice to see them on the stage and the encores sealed the deal! Thank you parents for all the sweet treats and refreshments. Michele and Barb thank you for the coordination!

Also, the first away and home game went well. Chaperones, Equipment, Photographers, and Concession worked in harmony. Bart and Laura thank you for braving the concessions it is a big job to take on and we all appreciate it. 2 football games great participation by students and parents

Finally, Eric Dye's Eagle Scott Project expanding the Minuteman Cafe. What a wonderful outcome! More room for opportunity. Bart was observing during the home game last week to optimize our much-needed space. A big thank you to Eric Dye and his crew!

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

Marianne raised the issue that many band parents and even band students do not know the difference between the 2 concession stands at the football games, and that many are not aware that the Minuteman Café exists. We should try to publicize the Minuteman café more widely by asking the announcer to list specific items on our menu that are not available at the Sports Booster concessions. Marianne will reach out to Gretchen Brokloff about putting menus for each of the concession stand in the programs. Selling items or advertising in the stands has been successful in prior years.

IV. **Treasurer Report:** Dave Peters

The financial report from August (attached) was presented. Barb Nonno motioned to approve the May financial report, Dennis Gentner seconded the motion. Financial reports were approved as submitted.

Dave outlined the cash flow report and answered questions submitted by members. Dave asked again that all concerned delay payments for expenditures where possible until after the Invitational revenue is collected.

V. **Director Reports:**

Mr. LeBeau

All is going well. Students are getting used to going out and marching. Props for the band show include benches which the students have helped paint. Additional parents will be needed for equipment to move and position benches for the show performances and home games.

The Homecoming Football Game is scheduled for Thursday September 28th, 2017; with the Homecoming dance on Saturday September 30th.

The Veteran's Day assembly will be on November 10th (during the school day. It is an early dismissal/ trimester exam day, but schedule has been adjusted to allow students to participate as usual.

Mrs. Forney / Mr. Modney

No report available.

VI. **Band Council Report:**

Paige Fritz introduced herself to the parents and gave a summary of band progress and events. She was very positive about the progress to date feels that the adjustment especially given the large number of Freshman in the band has been outstanding.

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

Choir Officers' Report:

Sydney Borchering and Ellie Edwards introduced themselves and gave a summary of events including the fact that Mrs. Forney is out on maternity leave and that Mr. Modney is the long-term sub assigned to her position. Mr. Wiley is also coming up from the middle school, every other day, to help with sectional work.

The choir will be singing the National Anthem at the Revere Invitational on September 23rd and the National Anthem and Alma Mater at the Homecoming Game on September 28th. Good progress being made with selections for 2 concerts in early November.

VII. Chairperson's Reports:

Tag Day: Cathy Rundo and Kit Sheetz

Kit and Cathi submitted the following report as they were unable to be in attendance.

- *A huge Thank You to all who helped with Tag Day. The parent drivers and students went above and beyond our expectations!!!!*
- *Only had 4 routes not go out. These routes have not done well in the past.*
- *Thank you letter to the community was published in West Side Leader, Richfield Times and Bath Country Journal.*
- *Looking ahead for next year.... Kit has been updating maps with feedback from drivers. Looking into possibly using Sign-Up Genius for parents so we know how many drivers to expect. Will possibly put routes on Sign Up Genius so parents can choose a route they would prefer to drive. This may entice parents to want to help if they are able to drive a route they are familiar with. We did give a few routes to students who live in the neighborhood. We did not notice a significant increase in donations due to the fact that the student was familiar with the neighbors. We just want to make sure that our most profitable routes are driven.*
- *Also looking at possibly changing time for lunch. We may want to push it to 1:15PM. Quite a few of the routes are farther out and to come in at 12PM for lunch then go back out was inconvenient for drivers. It just did not make sense time wise. Some drivers stayed out until 1:30PM to finish the route but then there was not enough pizza.*
- *Another suggestion was to have students at stores...one possible problem is that our community is home to several school systems. If we were to have students at Acme, Wal Mart, Target, etc. we would run into Copley, Highland, Akron parents who may not be willing to donate. Giant Eagle in Richfield could be an option however.*
- *We do not want to make changes that could hurt Tag Day. We are open to any/all suggestions since this was our first year.*

A consensus was reached that Cathy and Kit deserved a standing ovation in their absence due to the success of the event and all their hard work.

Revere Invitational: Dennis Gentner

- Working hard on preparation for Revere Invitational which will be held on Saturday Sept 23rd.
- Best wishes and other requests coming in. A few more trophies are needed.
- Good response this year. It will be bigger than prior years, 15 visiting bands and RHS Minutemen performing for 16 total bands.
- There is lots of opportunities to be involved. All encouraged to watch email and sign up on Signup Genius.
- Performances will begin at 6pm with the presentation of awards scheduled for 10:30PM

DriveOne 4 Schools: Ken Post and Jerome Boots

- Drive One 4 UR School fundraiser at Montrose Ford scheduled for Saturday, Sept 30th at 9:00AM-2:00PM
- Test drive a new Ford with no sales pressure. Revere music department will receive a \$20 donation from Ford for each test drive/ride.
- Remember that the event will take place at Montrose Ford across from Acme in Montrose. (18+ year old drivers; One driver per household).
- We will be joining with 3 other schools so show up early if possible because it is first come, first serve for 300 slots.
- SignUp Genius will be used to Understand commitment but parents' may also just show up the day of the event.

Fruit Sale: Esther Post

- This is a large fundraiser for our music program.
- The sale will take place Oct 1st to early November.
- 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-Ghaloum and Ruth Ann Pardo

No formal report.

Mr LeBeau stated that the end of season banquet date has changes and will now be Sunday Nov 12th. There is no school on Monday November 13th. (NOTE: As of 9/25/17 we are negotiating a new date for this event.)

Communications/ Publicity / Handbook: Adam Besenyodi

- Articles/ Notices of upcoming Invitational in Bath and Richfield Times. An article will appear in the West Side Leader the week of the event.
- The most current handbook is available on the website. Nothing new to report right now.

Website: Deanna Durbin

www.reveremusic.org

- Invitational, Drive-4-Ur-School & other updates completed. As you have website updates, please email them to Deanna (ddjdurbin@gmail.com or admin@reveremusic.org)
- August stats: 266 users, 479 sessions, 1239 pageviews, 2.59 pageviews and 2.15 minutes per session

Chaperones: Dennis Gentner

- Thanks to all who have signed up and are chaperoning.
- Must be background checked to participate as a chaperone including many freshmen parents.
- Continue to be many opportunities to support the band/choir program in this way.

Equipment: Ken Post / Steve Dutkiewicz

- Load/unload equipment for all away games and competitions.
- Need drivers/vehicles to tow trailer. Thanks to Don and Deb Kostar for their tireless contributions.
- All encouraged to watch email and sign up on Signup Genius.
- 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

- Dianna sent apologies and Barb Nonno reported on her behalf.
- Things are going well and thanks to all who have assisted so far.
- Still need more volunteers. This is a great way to be involved.
- All encouraged to sign up for a shift to help.

Concessions: Bart and Laura Sauer

Report submitted by Bart Sauer, read by Kimberly Peters

Concessions went well for first game. Will need to reconfigure inside of Minutemen Cafe at some point to make best use, and have best workflow, for new space. But, everyone agreed that the new space was sorely needed and a great improvement - many thanks to band member and Eagle Scout candidate Eric Dye! And thanks to the concession volunteers, especially Chantelle and Jay Nye!

Still Need help for some games. Parents please consider signing up to help.

Cookie Shack: Judy Nadzam

- Going Great!
- Will reach out if more help needed but seem to have sufficient volunteers and cookies.
- Extra cookies are being frozen and will be used for pot luck or other events benefiting the students.

Hospitality: Michele Dye and Barb Nonno

- Michele Dye thanked the RMPA for the donation to enable Eric to complete his Eagle Scout Project.
- Thanked all who donated desserts for parent preview and to the Besenyodi family for donuts on Tag day.
- 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.
- Hospitality need help for many hospitality events on Invitational day.

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
- Anyone with contacts in the restaurant industry who might donate soup or other items, please consider sharing names so that we may contact them.

Middle School Liaison: Bob Benza

Shortened band practices for Middle school present a challenge, but our staff are working hard to have students ready for concerts and competitions.

Choir Liaison: Scott Borchering

- All going well. See Choir Officers' Report
- Mr. LeBeau stated that Mr. Modney may need help with fitting the choir dresses/ Tuxes and reached out to parents to support him.

Color Guard Liaison: Sonya Guilda

Not present. Judy Nadzam reported that all going well.

Volunteer Coordinator: Open Position

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

VIII. Old Business

Raincoat Update:

Ready to go. Still will need to purchase a few more raincoats to ensure that all old ones are replaced. Color Guard will use blue raincoats this year.

The old raincoats will be used to support the Fill-A Truck fundraiser in the Spring.

It was suggested that all raincoats be taken home and washed at the end of the season before being stored for the year.

Easter Seals Update: Marianne Grandon

This fundraiser can no longer be held using the Easter Seals Truck. We could still hold the fundraiser but we would have to use the band trailer.

Marianne will investigate setting this up in the Spring with a collection date after Spring Break.

Middle School Program Update:

We need to make sure Mr. Montgomery is invited to one of our meetings and that the Middle School parents are aware of meeting as this will be an opportunity for any questions about the plans for the Middle school music program for next year and beyond.

IX. New Business:

- We need to thank the Board of Education for their support (new instruments). The next board meeting conflicts with a band rehearsal but Mr. LeBeau will think of something to make sure this happens.
- District Building Plan forum is on 9/11 at 6.30pm. Kimberly urged all members to attend in order to be a voice for the music program.

Bob Benza moved to adjourn the meeting, Steve Dutkiewicz seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8.52pm.

X. Important upcoming dates:

Friday, September 1 – First Halftime Show at Home
Saturday, September 23 – Invitational – All Hands on Deck!
Saturday, September 30 – Drive One 4 UR Schools
October 15-16 Kent State All-Star Choir Festival
Sunday, November 5, 5pm 5@5 Masterworks Choir Concert

XI. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:30pm

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>