

## Revere Music Parents Association Meeting Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – 7:30 PM

In attendance: Maria Dutkiewicz, Stephen Dutkiewicz, Ken Post, Barb Nonno, Dianna Herchek, Adam Besenyodi, Debbie Kostar, Dennis Gentner, Lisa Oakley, Deanna Durbin, Bob Sigsworth, Marianne Grandon, Darren LeBeau, Alice Forney, Tracie Gamblin, Esther Post, Dannette Revesz

Guests: Gina Ciolli, Sydney Borcharding, Charlie Wise, Noah Sigsworth and Spencer Jones

Welcome: Bob Sigsworth called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Spencer Jones, Revere middle school student and band member, gave a presentation about his Eagle Scout project in which he is going to repair and repaint music stands and build a new conductor stand/podium for Revere Middle School Music Program. The music stand repair will take place on April 28 and 29 and requires about \$160 in spray paint. The conductor podium will cost an additional \$100. As part of the Eagle Scout project, Spencer needs to secure donations to cover the cost of the project. If you are interested in making a donation, you can send a check made out to Shauna Jones and mail to Spencer Jones, 4334 Janwood Dr., Copley, OH 44321. If you have any questions about the project you can reach Spencer at [sjones@reverestudent.org](mailto:sjones@reverestudent.org) or by phone at 330-548-5894 (home) or 330-322-5387 (mom). Thank you.

I. Secretary Report: Marianne Grandon presented the March meeting minutes. Dianna Herchek motioned to approve the minutes, Barb Nonno seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

II. President Report: Bob Sigsworth

- thanked the chaperones for going to Disney, everyone that worked or donated to the Easter Seals collection (we made \$839) and Marianne Grandon for stepping up to chair the OMEA MS large group event.
- Congratulations to the HS Band and Choir on their OMEA contest performances last month.
- RMPA is donating about \$50-75 in supplies to help Spencer Jones rebuild the composers stand.
- Great news- a group of parents have stepped up to run the uniform closet! Thanks!
- Still need a few people to lead concessions and soup supper next year.
- Reminder to check [www.reveremusic.org](http://www.reveremusic.org) for latest information and updates

III. Vice President Report: Kim Peters

Not present, no report

IV. Treasurer Report: Dannette Revesz presented the March financial reports. Dennis Gentner motioned to approve the March financial reports, Ken Post seconded the motion. The motion carried and the March financial reports were approved.

V. Director's Reports:

Mr. LeBeau

- great trip to FL, kids were well mannered, great performances, much appreciation to RHS school nurse and Mr. Bob Benza for all their work on the medical forms and medical management on the trip, and of course a great big shout out to the chaperones! Contemplating another trip in 2 years.
- pictures from the trip can be found on cluster
- Congrats to the band on their OMEA large group contest superior rating
- Band will be performing on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 pm for the "State of the Schools" address given by Superintendent Matt Montgomery in RHS auditorium
- May 4th at 7 pm the band will perform the partnership concert with the Kent State band at Kent State's Cartwright Hall
- On May 5 and 6th, Revere will be hosting the OMEA Middle School/Junior High large group contest
- In May we also have our end of the year show and banquet
- As of today, we have 115 students enrolled in marching band for next year, an increase of 35 members. Band camp and marching season calendars will come out after the musical as we are waiting on some decisions on when the band will have access to the stadium, etc. **June dates for marching band camp**

**include Monday, June 5 evening, Wednesday, June 7 evening and Friday, June 9th morning.** The new parent orientation will be planned for one of those evening dates, exact date to be announced.

Mr. Rizzo

No official report from Mr. or Mrs. Rizzo but Bob Sigsworth noted that in the RMPA board meeting that Mr. Rizzo spoke highly of the talent and commitment of the ten 8th graders that participated in the pep band this year.

Mrs. Forney

- Ditto what Mr. LeBeau said about Disney
- Congrats to the choir on their OMEA large group contest excellent rating
- On April 30th at 3 pm the symphonic choir will perform in the Choral Collage with Copley, Firestone and Cuyahoga Falls choirs at Fairlawn Lutheran Church
- On Sunday, May 7th at 4 pm, symphonic choir will perform in a collaborative concert with Kent State in Cartwright Hall. There may be a small fee to attend.
- Mrs. Forney and choir members have been actively recruiting for next year with success as the choir will increase by 12 students to 38. Currently setting up a meeting with symphonic choir and planning schedule for next year as Mrs. Forney will be on maternity leave most of the first trimester.
- **Choir camp is being planned for the first week of August**
- 8th grade choir will be performing in large group contest (hosted by Revere) for the first time ever (or at least in 18 years) on May 5th
- Mike Wiley is doing wonderful work with the 6th and 7th grade choirs.
- RMS is changing its schedule and decreasing choir and band time by 50%

VI. Band Council and Choir Officers' Reports

- Gina Ciolli said that Music Man rehearsals are going well. The full band met for the 2nd time Tuesday. Mrs. Gamblin got all the 8th graders fitted for their marching band uniforms to be used in the musical.
- Noah Sigsworth said the concert band is working on new music. Upcoming the band council will help with the spring banquet and hold elections for next year.
- Sydney Borcharding had much gratitude for the chaperones that escorted the band and choir to Disney. Choir had a great time. They are also working on new music.
- Charlie Wise was most excited to share that the symphonic choir will be performing Songs of Jubilation with the Kent Choir and Orchestra. This is only the 2nd time this piece has been performed so it is a huge honor for the choir.

VII. Chairperson's Reports:

Lynn Abou-Ghalioum / Ruth Ann Pardo: Spring Music Banquet – Friday, May 19

- Not present but Bob Sigsworth reported that the banquet planning is underway. It will start at 6:30 at St. George's on Ridgewood. Tickets expected to be \$22. This banquet honors all bands and choirs. Invitations will be out soon.

Dennis Gentner: Chaperones

- Dennis gave his appreciation to his fellow Disney chaperones and thanked those that helped for the choir and band large group contests last month.
- 4 events coming up that will need chaperones include the May 4 Kent concert, May 19 Banquet, May 21 Graduation and May 29 Memorial Day parades

Ken Post: Equipment

Nothing to report

Michele Dye / Barb Nonno: Hospitality

- Barb reported that Michelle is working on flowers for spring events

Kimberly Peters: Communications

Not present, no report

Deanna Durbin: Website [www.reveremusic.org](http://www.reveremusic.org)

- Updated website to include results of OMEA contest
- Added a page for OMEA MS contest with map to Revere

Adam Besenyodi: Publicity / Handbook

- Sent Disney and OMEA contest results to script type, unfortunately not published
- Starting to work on handbooks with priority on the chaperone section

Bob Benza: Middle School Liaison

Not present, no report

Ching Choy / Judy Nadzam: Cookie Shack

Not present, no report

Marianne Grandon / Maria Johnson / Beth Chonko [need replacements]: Bands in the Round / Soup Supper

- Consider how you can help RMPA. This job starts in September and is over early November. Past chairs willing to assist with transition. A great function that involves all music families grades 5-12. Any parents in grades 5-12 can chair this event.

Tracie Gamblin [need replacements]: Uniforms

- It is with great fanfare that we report that a team of parents have stepped up to run the uniform committee spearheaded by Dianna Herchek and Lynn Abou-Ghaloum. The group met over spring break.
- Tracie and Anna Gamblin dressed the 8th graders participating in the Music Man in their marching uniforms

Jay and Chantelle Nye [need replacements]: Concessions

- Another area that is in great need of new leadership. The Nyes are willing to train during the OMEA MS contest and assist transition. Football concessions start in late August and ends by November.

[Vacant]: Choir Liaison

[Vacant]: Color Guard Liaison

#### VIII. Old Business

- Pizza Fire fundraiser - Adam Besenyodi said that many Revere families participated but the payment by Pizza Fire was not in line with attendance. Adam is talking with Pizza Fire to get this resolved.
- Biannual review of ByLaws - The final version of the bylaws was distributed by email prior to the meeting. The committee will continue to evaluate the area of student funds/credit for trips and discuss with school treasurer and nonprofit lawyers to make sure we are in compliance with regulations and make any necessary changes by next school year. Bob Sigsworth thanked the bylaws committee (Dannette Revesz, Deanna Durbin and Marianne Grandon) for their thorough review. Lisa Oakley motioned to approved the Bylaws, Dennis Gentner seconded the motion. The motion carried and the bylaws were approved.
- OMEA Junior High/Middle School competition - @ Revere on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6 - Marianne Grandon said a signup genius should be out within a week. Areas needing assistance will be parking, concessions, food for judges, contest door 'bouncers' and greeters. Students looking for volunteer hours need to contact Mr. LeBeau or Mrs. Forney to be band/choir shepherds.
- Nominating Committee report / open floor to additional nominations - Bob Sigsworth thanked the nominating committee of Dennis Gentner, Lisa Oakley and Deanna Durbin for their work securing a slate of candidates. We are still in need of someone to step up to be treasurer. You need to be a parent of a 5th-12th grade music student (band or choir). You do not need to be a CPA, but general financial knowledge is assumed.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Dennis Gentner made the following nominations for 2017-18 RMPA officers:

President: Kimberly Peters (seconded by Barb Nonno)

Vice-President: Marianne Grandon (seconded by Ken Post)

Secretary: Sandi Kraus (seconded by Adam Besenyodi)

Treasurer: No Nomination

Associate Treasurer: Esther Post (seconded by Dannette Revesz)

Nominations were opened to the floor but none were made. Nominations will also be open from the floor immediately prior to voting at the May meeting, but only those nominated at tonight's meeting will have their names placed on the printed ballots.

#### IX. New Business

- Report from RMPA representatives to new school building Task Force (Marianne Grandon, Esther Post)

Esther, Marianne and Mr. LeBeau have attended two meetings of the new school building task force. Esther reported that about 40 stakeholders participated including staff, students, parent/booster organizations, community members and administration. The group had to envision what education might be like in 50 years and the needs of education, and how that translates into the needs of the building. Discussion ensued as to how the buildings might be open to the community. Then each group/area (academics, athletics, administration, library and the arts) met to present individual areas needs. The arts group did a great job covering all of the needs and speaking about proper placement of areas (like having the band room next to the auditorium).

Marianne said the architect has worked on many schools (GlenOak in Canton is a local example) including a school her kids attended in Shanghai, China. Her perception of that school was effective space utilization, current design (almost like a mini college campus) with space for student collaboration and small group work. The architects took all the building needs and committee work and will return in a week to show us what they could fit into the budget. The committee will meet two more times. It is very exciting to be part of this visioning process.

- 2017-18 Budget – initial review

Dannette Revesz presented a modest \$72,000 budget via email to all RMPA members. She requests everyone review the budget and send any questions to Dannette at [drevesz@windstream.net](mailto:drevesz@windstream.net) before **April 15**, so the budget can be finalized for vote in May.

Tracie Gamblin motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dianna Herchek seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

#### X. Important Dates:

Tuesday, April 25 – State of the Schools – HS Band performs – 7 PM @ Revere HS Auditorium

Sunday, April 30 – 3-Choirs Concert, Fairlawn Lutheran Church – 4 PM

Thursday, May 4 – Kent State Partnership Band Concert – 7 PM @ Cartwright Hall

Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6 – OMEA Jr High/Middle School Large Group competition @ Revere

Sunday, May 7 – Symphonic Choir sings at Kent State -- 4 PM @ Cartwright Hall

Tuesday, May 9 – Spring HS Choir Concert

Thursday, May 11 – Spring HS Band Concert

Friday, May 19 – Spring Music Banquet – 6:30 PM @ St. George's, Fairlawn

Sunday, May 21 – High School Commencement @ Akron Civic Theatre (underclass band members play)

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day observances: Richfield Parade and Bath ceremony (band plays for both)

XI. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:30 PM - RHS – Room 200

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