

Revere Music Parents Association Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2016 – 7:30 PM

Attendance:

Kim Peters, Adam Besenyodi, Deanna Durbin, Michele Dye, Bob Sigsworth, Barb Nonno, Dan Fritz, Dianna Herchek, Tracie Gamblin, Esther Post, Marianne Grandon, Dannette Revesz

Guests: Matt Montgomery, Gina Ciolli, Noah Sigsworth, Charlie Wise and Sydney Borcharding

Welcome: Bob Sigsworth called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

I. Secretary Report: Marianne Grandon presented the minutes from the November meeting (held October 25th). Kim Peters motioned to approve the minutes, Barb Nonno seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

II. President Report: Bob Sigsworth congratulated the Marching Band on the Superior rating at states/OMEA. He thanked everyone for all the great activities of the last 6 weeks - soup supper/bands in the round, banquet, fruit sale, and choir concerts.

The bylaws need to be reviewed/updated every two years ending in an odd number, so this spring is time. The president will appoint a committee, but volunteers are welcome. Ideally 3-5 people should be on the bylaws committee with at least 1-2 people who expect to be around again for the next review in 2019 to help with transition and be available to answer questions. Contact Bob if you are interested in helping out.

Nominations for the 2017-2018 RMPA board will begin with the appointment of the nominating committee in March. The nominating committee will talk with RMPA members to secure individuals for the executive committee and open committee chair positions. Bob Sigsworth and Dannette Revesz are unable to continue due to students no longer in the music program. Consider how you can get involved.

III. Vice President Report: Kim Peters

No report, but many thanks!

IV. Treasurer Report: Dannette Revesz

Dannette presented the October and November financial reports. Marianne Grandon asked for a description of the trip set aside accounts. Account 1002.10 is funds raised from Tag Day 2016 that will be distributed evenly amongst the students that participated that day. Funds from the Ford event and fruit sales have not yet been added. Account 1002.05 is funds raised in prior years by current students or older siblings. According to bylaws, funds unused by end of senior year, or end of music tenure, can be passed on to younger siblings currently in music program.

Tracie Gamblin motioned to approve the October and November financial reports, Deanna Durbin seconded the motion and the financial reports were approved.

V. Director's Reports:

Mr. LeBeau was not available but provided a written report, presented by Bob Sigsworth. It included thanks for awesome banquet, that the band was recognized at the November Board of Education meeting for their superior rating at state marching band finals and that auditions are complete for Symphonic Band and they are working on Holiday show that is on Monday, December 12.

Mr. LeBeau has set up a Google Classroom where he will be posting weekly questions about band. At this point, not all students have joined the google classroom- please check with your student to make sure they have joined. Questions are to be answered by Wednesday of each week and can be completed in band or at home.

Mr. LeBeau has ordered new equipment including marching percussion from funds secured through the school district. They might be ready for the Disney trip.

NOTE- Solo and ensemble forms have been sent out and need to be returned by **Friday, December 16**. That contest is January 21st at Firestone High School. **NOTE #2-** the **second Disney payment is due before winter break** (and you are late if you forgot the payment before Thanksgiving). Please have student turn into gray box in band/choir room. Do not hand to Natalie Revesz.

Mrs. Rizzo- not present, no report

Mrs. Forney reiterated that the solo and ensemble forms for the choir have also gone out and are **due Friday, December 16th**. They are also performing at Firestone High School on January 21st.

Choir had a busy November with 5 at 5 and Veterans Day. They are also prepping for Monday's Holiday concert. In addition, Mrs. Forney has been working with RMS and they have their holiday show on Wednesday, December 14th.

V.v Conversation with Superintendent Matt Montgomery

Mr. Montgomery gave us an update on many of the projects going on at the district. {I am using bullet points to attempt to capture all the details}.

Technology

- Had successful roll out of the MacBooks to grades 7-12
- Updated access points for internet service and added additional access points in the HS. MS access points were expanded out. Overbuilt the system with the planning of 5 devices per person in the building using the Internet (computers, phones, watches and accounting for guests). So far no issues with internet connectivity.
- K-6 1:1 program being worked on now with deadline of January 4. Kindergarten will have iPads, grades 1-6 will have chromebooks. These devices will not go home but will be housed in each classroom.
- Updating, repairing and replacing Chromebooks and expanding internet connectivity/access points at Bath and Hillcrest.
- Supporting the staff - teachers will spend professional development days doing curriculum mapping and learning about technology. K-6 are focusing on Google, grades 7-12 teachers learning about the Apple software on MacBooks.
- Excited to see students excited about technology.
- Students must use the cases. They cannot use a different case. The cases provided for the MacBooks have been researched and are part of the insurance agreement between school and student/family.
- This year the district bought insurance for the MacBooks through a 3rd party vendor, mainly to put parent minds at ease and to see this year how many insurance claims/damages would occur. This is very expensive. Next year, the district will probably self insure the MacBooks.
- All of the MacBooks will be collected at the end of the school year for maintenance/upgrades and redistributed at the beginning of next school year. The exact roll out next school year is still to be decided.

Bond issue/building project

- Humbled by the 60/40 spread on the bond passage and thankful
- District has posted for 3 positions: construction manager, architect and an owners representative (which is an advocate for the district that insures that the architect and construction manager and doing their jobs). These job postings have to be up for 4 weeks and will close on Wednesday, 12/7.
- Plan is to hire the architect first. Planning to interview 3-5 firms (state requires minimum of 3) and to complete the 3 rounds of interviews in approximately 6 weeks.
- At November Board of Education meeting, the BOE passed a resolution to sell \$8.5 million notes. This money is expected to be spent by April. For example, the retainer on the architect is expected at over \$4 million.
- Estimating 3 years to complete the building project - 18 months of planning, 18 months of building.
- Expect new fields, bus garage and renovations to Hillcrest and RMS to occur this summer
- Still looking at possibly purchasing property as it will cost \$700,000-800,000 just to break grounds in the wetlands behind Hillcrest.

Visions for programming

- Prebond architect just made recommendations on footprint/building size, nothing in regards to what the building will look like/insides
- goal is to be a better version of Revere than we currently are
- pull together stakeholders (teachers/parents/students/community/etc) and architects starting in January/February {this is where we need RMPA parents to be involved}
- imagining collaborative learning spaces, food court in HS cafe, etc.

High School scheduling

- The schedule at the high school will remain unchanged for the 2017-2018 school year (3 trimesters, 5 periods per day)

VI. Band Council and Choir Officers' Reports

Noah Sigsworth and Gina Ciolli expressed gratitude for the banquet and the hard work and superior rating at states. Music Man auditions currently happening. The plan is to include a marching band component in the show. Stay tuned.

Charlie Wise and Sydney Borcharding were excited about the choirs performance at the 5 at 5 show and upcoming holiday concert. Plans are underway to have choir members providing holiday spirit at the schools entrances by singing holiday carols. Work is underway for choir large group OMEA contest.

VII. Chairperson's Reports:

Esther Post: **Fruit Sale and Cookie Dough fundraisers**

Fruit sale went well, all fruit was picked up by 5 pm.

Evaluating if we continue with fruit sale - is it profitable? dealing with logistics of delivery, etc

Cookie dough- this is a fundraiser for the trip only- whatever a student sells, 40% goes directly into their trip account. Flyers will come home next Tuesday, order forms due after winter break, delivery end of January/early February.

Marianne Grandon / Maria Johnson / Beth Chonko: **Bands in the Round / Soup Supper**

Many thanks to everyone that volunteers at Soup Supper. Attendance was up to 400 attendees, income flat at \$3200 (more pre-sale orders), expenses up (awaiting bill for cook), net profit should be around \$2500.

Will be evaluating the soup supper at Firestone High School for ideas for next year.

New committee chairs are needed for next year.

Lynn Abou-Ghaloum / Ruth Ann Pardo: **Banquets**

Not in attendance

Bob Sigsworth commented on the great job Lynn and Ruth Ann did. Going forward, will need more helpers earlier in the day with setup of decorations

Ken Post: **Equipment**

Not in attendance, no report

Dennis Gentner: **Chaperones**

Unable to attend, but report submitted electronically. Dennis wanted to thank all the volunteers that chaperoned at states and the banquet.

Tracie Gamblin: **Uniforms**

Marching uniforms are being prepped to go to the dry cleaners prior to the Disney Trip. Concert band attire was distributed last month.

Jay and Chantelle Nye: **Concessions**

Not in attendance, no report

Ching Choy: **Cookie Shack**

not in attendance, no report

Michele Dye / Barb Nonno: **Hospitality**

Poinsettias are ordered and will be delivered on 12/12 for the holiday shows.

Lynn Abou-Ghaloum: **Volunteer Coordinator**

Not in attendance, no report

Kimberly Peters: **Communications**

Nothing to report

Deanna Durbin: **Website** www.reveremusic.org

Deanna added Disney trip and concert band info to the website and added more tabs. Averaging 500 users a month, that view 2-3 pages and spend 2-3 minutes per visit. Worked with Jennifer Reece, Revere communications specialist, to set up a link from the music page on the Revere website to this RMPA website. Continue to visit the website for the most current information!

Adam Besenyodi: **Publicity / Handbook**

Nothing to report

Bob Benza: **Middle School Liaison - not in attendance, no report**

[Vacant]: Choir Liaison

[Vacant]: Color Guard Liaison

VIII. Old Business

BJs and Pizza Fire fundraisers - The RMPA executive board decided at a fundraiser at BJs would not be most profitable, compared to Five Guys and others. Adam Besenyodi will investigate the Pizza Fire fundraiser.

IX. New Business

No new business

Adam Besenyodi moved to adjourn the meeting, Kim Peters seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

X. Important Dates:

Monday, December 12 - High School Band / Choir Winter concert -- 7 PM @ RHS Auditorium

Wednesday, December 14 - Middle School Choir concert -- 7 PM @ RHS Auditorium

Monday, December 19 - Disney Trip payment due

Thursday, January 12 - HS Band Solo/Ensemble concert -- 7 PM @ RHS Auditorium

Saturday, January 21 – OMEA Solo/Ensembles @ Firestone HS

XI. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2016 at 7:30 PM - RHS – Room 200

NOTE that RMPA does not meet in January!!

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