

Revere Music Parents Association Meeting Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 7:30 PM

In attendance: Dan Fritz, Esther Post, Tracie Gamblin, Dennis Gentner, Kim Peters, Dave Peters, Dannette Revesz, Lynn Abou-Ghalioum, Dianna Herchek, Jay Nye, Deanna Durbin, Bob Benza, Ken Post, Michele Dye, Marianne Grandon, Bob Sigsworth, Darren LeBeau

Guests: Charlie Wise, Noah Sigsworth

Welcome: Bob Sigsworth called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

I. Secretary Report: Marianne Grandon presented the April meeting minutes. Kim Peters motioned to approve the minutes, Dave Peters seconded and the minutes were approved.

II. President Report: Bob Sigsworth

- May is very busy with OMEA, Spring Music Banquet, shows and parades
- Still need a few volunteers for OMEA
- RSVP for Spring Music Banquet due Friday, May 5th, mailed to Lynn Abou-Ghalioum or put in grey box.
- We have new concession chairs! Thanks Bart and Laura Sauer
- We have a new choir liaison! Thanks Scott Borcharding
- Spencer Jones sent a note of thanks for the \$75 donation from RMPA to his Eagle Scout project. All 126 middle school and high school music stands were repaired. Work was underway on the music podium for the MS. He had great help from his band and church friends.
- MS Schedule change - band and choir are currently everyday. Plans for next year to cut the time in half and only offer band/choir every other day. Most of the area middle schools offer their music everyday, so our kids are at a disadvantage. Bob Sigsworth has met with Superintendent Matt Montgomery to discuss his concerns. Mr. Montgomery met with Mr. Conley, then both met with the MS music staff and Mr. LeBeau. Some changes to the initial plan are likely, but nothing definite has been announced yet. Bob Sigsworth plans to speak at the May 16 Board of Education meeting (6:30 pm in the RHS library) and parent/student attendance in support of the music program would be appreciated.
- New Parent Meeting will be Wednesday, June 7th at 6:30 p.m.

III. Vice President Report: Kim Peters thanked Bob Sigsworth, Tracie Gamblin and Dannette Revesz, all outgoing RMPA board members, for their immense service over the last 7-8 years! You will be missed.

IV. Treasurer Report: Dannette Revesz presented the April financial report. Dennis Gentner motioned to approve the April financial report, Dave Peters seconded the motion and the April financial report was approved.

V. Director's Reports:

Mr. LeBeau

- Thursday is the Kent State Partnership Concert, buses leaving at 5 pm, students wearing formal wear.
- Friday and Saturday, Revere is hosting the OMEA MS band and choir contest
- Banquet RSVPs are due on Friday, May 5th. Senior parents remind your students to get their bios and pictures in via google classroom
- Next Thursday, May 11th, we have RHS band and jazz band concert at 7 pm in auditorium
- After that we are onto Graduation music, parade music for Memorial Day and then we start marching!
- Fall schedules including band camp are ready to be mailed and should arrive in your mailboxes early next week

Mrs. Rizzo

Not here, no report

Mrs. Forney

Was directing the RMS choir show, sent an electronic report and stopped by on her way out:)

- No longer participating in the KSU choir event due to scheduling conflict
- Will be performing at the Fairlawn Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 7th at 4 pm
- 8th grade choir will be participating in the OMEA large group contest on Saturday, May 6 at 9 am at RMS
- HS choir show is Tuesday, May 9th at 7 pm

VI. Band Council and Choir Officers' Reports

Noah Sigsworth presented that the band has been busy preparing for the May 4th concert at Kent State. He thanked the 8th grade participants for their help in the Music Man. Jazz band has been meeting weekly and now with some in class time and will be performing at the RHS band concert next Thursday, May 11th. And, finally, band council elections will be happening in the next few weeks.

Charlie Wise said the choir is winding down. Seniors are preparing their spotlight selections for the choir show next Tuesday, May 9th. The senior song selected for the graduation ceremony is Katy Perry's "Firework". Charlie reminded everyone to get their superlatives and banquet information completed.

VII. Chairperson's Reports [*Italics indicate 2017-18 chairs*]:

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

- RSVP due May 5
- Starts at 6:30 in the smaller, older banquet hall (to the right)
- Signup genius going out for set up help, decorations and photo booth

Marianne Grandon: OMEA Junior High/Middle School competition Friday/Saturday May 5-6

- Parent help still needed, sign up passed around and signup genius will go out again

Dennis Gentner: Chaperones

- Signup genius went out for all the May events. Most have been filled, still need help for graduation

Ken Post: Equipment

- Still need a driver for Thursday's Kent State concert, someone with a big truck to haul the equipment trailer and needs to be available at 4:30 to start loading
- Steve Dutkiewicz will be stepping up to co-chair the equipment committee for next year
- Recognized Bob Sigsworth for this impeccable and precise work with the ladder, and his wonderful leadership!

Michele Dye / Barb Nonno: Hospitality

- Flowers have been ordered from Countryside Florist for the seniors in the choir show (5/9) and band show (5/11)

Kimberly Peters: Communications

- Lots of communication lately
- Deanna Durbin will co-chair next year

Deanna Durbin: Website www.reveremusic.org

- Performing minor updates to the website
- 1st annual statistics on the website - average viewers are on the site for 2 minutes and view 2-3 pages. 1833 viewers total for the year with 9000 page views. Most of the traffic is around the Fall Invitational.
- Kim Peters said that the stats are good enough that we could start selling online advertising
- Marianne Grandon commended Deanna on the website, best website of all Revere groups/district

Adam Besenyodi: Publicity / Handbook

- Not available but report sent in that Kim, Adam and Deanna are working on this and getting ready for the new parent meeting on Wednesday, June 7th.

Cathy Rundo / Kit Scheetz: Tag Day – Saturday, August 12

- New chairpeople! Note the date - all RHS choir and band students are expected to participate

Bob Benza: Middle School Liaison

- Bob will be continuing on in this position next year
- Discussion regarding the RMS scheduling changes and how parents can express their concern regarding the changes.

Ching Choy [*Judy Nadzam*]: Cookie Shack

Not here, no report

Lynn Abou-Ghalioum [*need replacement*]: Volunteer Coordinator

- Lynn is stepping into the uniform parent role, so has resigned this position, new chair needed

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

Tracie Gamblin [*Dianna Hercheck / Lynn Abou-Ghalioum*]: Uniforms

- Anna Gamblin and Peggy Littlefield dressed 20 8th graders in marching uniforms for the Music Man.
- All the uniforms being sent to dry cleaners.
- Transition book almost complete and on USB
- Marianne Grandon said that RHS PTSA is recognizing Fussy Cleaners with the Friends of Children award for their long standing work with RMPA for all our dry cleaning and storage, and recent efforts with Cinderella's Closet.

Jay and Chantelle Nye [*Bart and Laura Sauer*]: Concessions

- Concessions will be back at work this weekend at OMEA - hot dogs and pizza on Friday, donuts on Saturday.
- Thanks Laura and Bart Sauer for stepping up, Jay said he will help with transition through first football game.

[*Scott Borcharding*]: Choir Liaison

New chair for next year

[*Vacant*]: Color Guard Liaison

If any color guard/winter guard parent would like to help us out, we need a parent to represent the color/winter guard by providing updates on the group's activities.

VIII. Old Business

- Report from RMPA representatives to new school building Task Force (Marianne Grandon, Esther Post)
- Meeting again on Wednesday, May 3. Biggest issue is that the new building will have less square footage than the current high school and how to plan for that.
- 2017-18 Budget – final review and vote on approval
- Dannette presented the 2017-2018 RMPA budget for final review and approval. Tracie Gamblin motioned to approve the budget, Dianna Herchek seconded the motion and the budget was approved.
- Bob Sigsworth thanked Dannette for her work on the budget and to her 7 years as treasurer/assistant treasurer for RMPA.
- Election of 2017-18 officers
- Ballots were distributed with a noted error that the Assistant Treasurer position needed added with Esther Post as the nominee.
- Nominations were then taken from the floor for all positions. Dennis Gentner moved to nominate David Peters for the treasurer position for 2017-2018, Bob Benza seconded and the motion carried.
- Bob Sigsworth called for a motion to close the nominations. Tracie Gamblin so moved and Lisa Oakley seconded the motion.
- Elections were completed by ballot.
- Dennis Gentner and Darren LeBeau tallied the votes.
- Dennis Gentner presented the results of the 2017-2018 RMPA officer election:

Kimberly Peters	President
Marianne Grandon	Vice President
Sandi Kraus	Secretary
David Peters	Treasurer
Esther Post	Assistant Treasurer

IX. New Business

- Proposed ByLaws update on Student Trip Credits
- After much investigation and research, it is recommended RMPA change the student trip account to comply with IRS regulations for 501-c-3 groups. We will be replacing individual student accounts with a group student trip account to be equally distributed towards the trip fees of all students enrolled and attending a trip when scheduled.
- We will need a team effort of all band and choir students to participate in Tag Day and other fundraisers designated to support future trip funding.
- In accordance with our bylaws, RMPA still needs to approve the % of each fundraiser that will be allocated towards future band/choir trips.

The proposed change was presented as written here:

Article VI, Section 6 – PROPOSED (2017-18 and forward)

A Student Trip Account shall be established to hold a portion of funds generated by RMPA fundraisers in which students are asked to participate. Approval by a simple majority vote of the membership present at a meeting will be required to set the contribution level (if any) to the Student Trip Account for each such fundraiser. However as long as Section 7 of this Article remains in effect, the percentage allocated to the Student Trip Account cannot exceed 90% of the net proceeds of a fundraiser, as per Section 7, 10% MUST be allocated to the Uniform Replacement Fund.

Immediately prior to any Revere Music Department sponsored trip, with the exact timing determined by the Treasurer with approval of the Board, all funds in the Student Trip Account -- less a \$100 set-aside to keep the account open -- will

be distributed equally as credits against the final trip invoices for all current Revere Music students traveling on that trip. This will be the **only** allowable use of funds from the Student Trip Account.

Funds in the Student Trip Account are in no sense associated with or the property of any individual student, nor can any such funds or credits be transferred from one student to another, even if related, for any reason including a student being unable to participate in a specific trip. Student Trip Account funds cannot be used for other activities such as banquets, band camp fees, etc.

- This bylaws change will be voted on at the next RMPA meeting, Tuesday, August 1st at 7:30 p.m.
- Bob Sigsworth thanked everyone for a great 7 years. He has had 3 kids go through Revere's music program and they are all changed for the better. Thanks to the great teachers including Mr. LeBeau who puts his heart and soul into the program. Thanks to all the parents that give of themselves. This has not been work, but a privilege to serve.
- Tracie Gamblin motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dannette Revesz seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

X. Important Dates:

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 – High School Choir Festival (4 choirs) @ Fairlawn Lutheran Church – 4 PM

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)

Wednesday, June 7 - New RMPA Parent Orientation at 6:30 pm

Saturday, August 12 – TAG DAY – all hands on deck!!!

XI. Next meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 7:30 PM

[Reminder that per ByLaws, RMPA does not meet in June or July. Regular monthly meetings resume in August.]

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