



Revere Music Parents' Association (RMPA) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 4, 2018 – 7:30 PM

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Revere Marching Minutemen Band **RMPA Website:** reveremusic.org

Revere High School Choirs

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Mr. LeBeau's Webpage: revereschools.org -> Schools -> RHS -> Teachers -> LeBeau

To Volunteer for Fall Events: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa9af2ea5f49-revere14>

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To Volunteer for the Invitational: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa9af2ea5f49-revere15> **Check back often for changes!**

In Attendance:

Robert Benza,
Adam

Besenyodi, Jennifer Dalley, Stephen Dutkiewicz. Alice Forney, Marianne Grandon, Dianna Herchek, John Leong, Megan Meyer, Barb Nonno, Kimberly Peters, Linda Phillips, Esther Post, Tessa Schmidt

Welcome: Kimberly Peters welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:35.

- I. Band Council and Choir Officers' Reports:** Not present. Kimberly will ensure the band council is notified of meeting dates and time.
- II. Secretary Report:** Tessa Schmidt presented the August minutes with following amendments: under Hospitality change Beckler to Gilreath, in the Connect w/RMPA box change @minuteman1 to @minutemen1. Stephen Dutkiewicz motioned to approve the August minutes as amended. Seconded by Barb Nonno.
- III. President Report:** Kimberly Peters thanked everyone for their participation and volunteer efforts for the events so far this season.
- IV. Vice President Report:** Marianne Grandon had nothing to report.
- V. Treasurer Report:** Linda Phillips reported a decent response of ~\$1,600 for Tag Day mail-in donations. The overall Tag Day goal of \$17,000 was surpassed. Band camp expenses have been paid. **Expense reimbursement:** For anyone approved to conduct business on behalf of RMPA (chairs, advisors, etc.) - every receipt submitted for reimbursement must include the event and reason for the expense. Use the Check Request Form (available on reveremusic.org -> RMPA-> RMPA Forms) and attach the receipt. If using a school credit card, specify which card was used.
July/August financials were presented. Tessa Schmidt motioned to approve. Seconded by Stephen Dutkiewicz.
May/June financials were presented. Marianne Grandon motioned to approve. Seconded by Barb Nonno.
- VI. Director's Reports:** Mrs. Forney reported a Disney letter to parents will be sent home this week. The choir schedule is different this year. A Fall concert will be held 10/25. RMS choir will have a performance that week as well. Development of a Choirs in the Round event is under discussion. New this year, Mrs. Forney is offering a guitar class. The Men's Choir has two dedicated members.
[Info about who is teaching what in band/strings- LeBeau 5th and HS, KRizzo MS band, BRizzo- strings 4-8.](#)
- VII. Committee Chairperson's Reports:**
 - Activities & Events:**
 - Banquets:** Tessa Schmidt/Debbie Hermann: Fall Banquet – early November dates under consideration. Tessa will check dates with Mr. LeBeau and St. George's re: availability. Suggestion was made to include Band Council in decorating the banquet hall.
 - Chaperones:** Barb Churchill Nonno: Thanks to all who have volunteered. There are still some open slots. Check SignUp Genius. Before each game or contest, the chaperone bin will need to be taken down before uniform distribution begins. Equipment crew will take care of this. New carts needed for water a few are being tested before purchase. Plume bag needs to be replaced – now. Approval was given to order two smaller bags at an approximate cost of \$150.
 - Choir Liaison:** Scott Borcharding: Not present
 - Color/Winter Guard Liaison:** Sonja Guilda: Not present

Communications/Publicity/Handbook: Adam Besenyodi: Feedback received from first home game – open the circle by the band room so kids aren't dropped off in the street. Safety concerns were voiced about having visitor buses in main entrance circle. Suggestions: Have visiting band arrive later. Or have visiting band and team park at RMS. Team can be shuttled to field house, visiting band can march directly to visitor stands. ***** If you want something publicized or communicated, please include the copy/content you'd like included in the communication. Adam is happy to send out communications, but his role doesn't include developing content. ***** No handbook update to report.

Cookie Shack: Deanna Moore: not present

Equipment: Ken Post / Stephen Dutkiewicz reported they are in good shape with volunteers. Currently we don't have vehicles that can accommodate instruments and show props plus everything else that is usually transported on the equipment vehicles. Mr. LeBeau rented a UHaul when show props were purchased. Stephen will check with him re: the size of truck needed and get a local UHaul quote. School district will also be consulted to see whether there's a vehicle and driver available to assist.

Hospitality: Michele Dye: Update provided by Kimberly Peters. **Parent Preview Night** - Thank you very much to all families who brought sweet treats to share at our dessert social! It is always a fun way to kick off marching band season! **Louisville Invitational** - Will provide snacks (chips, fruit, granola bars, etc.) and water to the band for the bus ride. **Revere Invitational** - Will provide **FREE** dinner from 5-8 pm in the RHS Cafeteria for all band students **AND** parents who are volunteering that day. Menu - Whitey's chili, hotdogs, nachos, veggies, fruit, coffee, water. *****Request for Mr. LeBeau/Mr. & Mrs. Rizzo: Please tell student volunteers to come to the RHS Cafeteria - maybe also can send out a text to everyone - thank you so much!*** Looking ahead to October: Senior Night** - Will be ordering corsages for all seniors and their mothers (after confirming count with Mr. LeBeau). **New Philadelphia Invitational** - Pot Luck Hot Pasta Dinner! Will send out SignUp Genius requesting pastas and salads to feed our band before their competition. Thank you in advance for helping us maintain this delicious tradition!

Middle School Liaison: Marianne Grandon: From Mrs. Rizzo everyday music is helpful with kids building on what they're learning each day. Enrollment dropped a bit, but not a concern. Eighteen students will be in orchestra. Jazz band practice may be offered during RISE, Mrs. Rizzo is working on a proposal. Marianne will schedule a meeting with Mrs. Rizzo to discuss ideas to involve RMS band members and parents. Any ideas on how to involve the middle schoolers are welcome.

Uniforms: Peggy Littlefield / Dianna Herchek: The hard part (fitting) is over. Watch for Sign Up Genius email for game night volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Coordinator/Sign-up Genius Advisor: Elyn Kastelic Not present.

Website: John Leong: www.reveremusic.org *****All chairs – please review your pages on reveremusic.org- >RMPA. Also please check content on your mobile devices and report any problems or changes to Admin@RevereMusic.org***** Website traffic picked up in August as expected. Summer webpage statistics:

Year, Month	Users	Sessions	Page views	Pages / Session	Avg. Session Duration
2018 Aug	291	509	1,563	3.07	03:04
2018 Jul	125	179	461	2.58	01:29
2018 Jun	157	208	492	2.37	01:40

Table 1 www.reveremusic.org statistics

Fundraising:

Bands in the Round / Soup Supper: TBD: *****Contact Kimberly at kpeters203@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about the chair position for this fundraiser, we need to fill this position immediately 2-3 people needed***** This is a long standing fundraiser and support documentation is available to guide someone willing to coordinate. Plenty of volunteer help is available.

Concessions/Minuteman Cafe: Bart and Laura Sauer: Kimberly Peters read an update from the Sauers. First game in the newly configured Minutemen Cafe was a huge success - many thanks to Evan Dye and his Eagle Project! Over \$1,800 in revenue for game 1, which is 56% more than game 1 last year, which is why we sold out of pizza, pretzels and hotdogs. Thanks for all the great help from Minutemen volunteer workers! Game 2 this week!*****Please support the band by purchasing your food and beverages at the Minuteman Café located at the south end of the football field by RMS.*****

Fill-the-Band-Truck: April 6, 2019 – soft goods only. NEED A DRIVER for 2 pm Sat 4/6. June dates TBD.

Fruit Sale: Esther Eckart-Post – work on this is underway.

Invitational: Jennifer Dalley: Sept. 22 ***** This is an all-hands-on-deck event for the band.***** Please plan to volunteer in some capacity. Fifty-one percent of volunteer positions are filled. Looking for lead volunteers for parking and 50/50 raffle. Check SignUp Genius often as changes are made (link above). Pie will be \$3/slice. Thank you to Diane Altier for donating the single slice containers. No whole pie sales this year.

Raffle – Fall: Adam Besenyodi reported raffle sales are okay. We will have a table set up at the entrance to home football games for pregame and 1st quarter. Roaming tickets sales for the rest of the game. Credit card readers are being researched. Hoping to have ability to accept credit cards soon.

Tag Day: Kit Scheetz / Cathy Rundo: Not present. Update provided via email: Here is a recap of Tag Day: New schedule worked well. The veteran parents that we talked with liked staying on their route the entire time instead of splitting the time. We will increase the amount of "Sorry We Missed You" flyers in the route packets next year. There were many comments that people were not home or not answering the door. Since we do have a large number of band members, we will adjust some larger routes for next year as well. Parents liked Sign-Up Genius for route sign up. It did not increase/decrease route totals from previous years. We need to stress to parents to sign up online, not just with Mr. Lebeau. It helps Kit and I get everything organized before Tag Day plus we don't worry as much about not having enough drivers. Routes that have not gone out in the past did quite well this year. We had a few choir parents and students participate. Their help is always appreciated, and we would welcome more to cover all the routes. We will need more window clings. I have attached one estimate. I have contacted 2 other printers with no call backs. Perhaps a band/choir parent knows of a reliable printer who could give us an estimate. Yard signs for advertising Tag Day were suggested and will be considered for next year. Also, the RMPA board is taking ideas for contacting band member alumni for Tag Day donations.

[Ford Drive one for your school- Kim to check with Mr. LeBeau to see if there are dates for fall.](#)

IX. Old Business

- Thank you to those who have volunteered for prop touch-up and light maintenance.

X. New Business

- Volunteer Protocol - From Kimberly Peters – volunteers registered in SignUp Genius are to be given first preference for a position. If you have “extra” volunteers not registered show up, registered volunteers are to be given first right of refusal. Example: someone shows up to help in the concession stand who is not registered in SUG. Anyone registered is given the choice to leave or stay before the unregistered volunteer is utilized. The reason is that if a volunteer registers they have went out of their way to help and possibly rearranging their schedule and/or leaving work early to help, we want to respect that.
- Due to an increase in band members, additional rain coats have been ordered.
- March Membership Meeting Date will be March 12th due to the Disney Trip.

XI. Important Dates (dates and times are subject to change):

- September 13th 6-9pm – **MB Rehearsal at Revere HS**
- September 15th – **Louisville MB Competition**
- September 19th 6-9pm – **MB Rehearsal at Revere HS**
- September 22nd – **Revere MB Invitational at Revere HS (ALL Hands on Deck)**
- September 26th 6-9pm – **MB Rehearsal at Revere HS**
- Don't forget to join us for our Friday Night performances, every week (last game 10/26)

XII. Stephen Dutkiewicz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Adam Besenyodi seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

XIII. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:30 PM

XIV. Positions

**Open Chair Positions (Contact Kimberly Peters at kpeters203@gmail.com if you have interest):
2018-19 School Year**

- Bands in the Round/Soup Supper (2-3 people)

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