

Revere Music Parents' Association (RMPA) Meeting Minutes March 16, 2023

Participants: Sierra Pabon, Dave Balnave, Katie Gehring, John Leong, Kathy Torma, Jennifer Palmer, Lerryn Campbell, Abby Matias, Christy Pillitiere, Tom Pillitiere, Ronni Morrison, Willie Anderson, Ellen Anderson, Susannah Schultz, Amy Raubenolt, David Neidlinger, Hillary Steiger, Jen Stencil, Tony Nigro, Melanie Nigro, Shwn Grandon, Marianne Grandon, Darren LeBeau

Welcome and President's Report: Dave Balnave called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

- Introduced Jennifer Palmer as a candidate for the Vice President role. Jennifer was confirmed by vote of the members present.
- Requested volunteers to serve on nominating committee for RMPA officers for the 2023-2024 school year. Tony Nigro and Katie Gehring volunteered to serve on the committee.

Band Council Presidents Report - Cassie Keaton

- The bands are working on music for OMEA state competition.
- New band officers will be elected in May.

Director's Report – Choir- Sierra Pabon

- The Choir earned a superior rating at OMEA and is on their way to OMEA state competition.
- The Choir spirit ware earned \$500 profit.
- Formalwear- Formalwear used by choir and band is nearing end of life. Choir discontinued for formalwear during Covid.
- If choir would like to use formalwear, band uniform parents may be able to assist with fittings.

Director's Report - High School Band- Darren LeBeau

- High School bands received Superior ratings at OMEA and will be performing at states
- Selecting new music for OMEA the end of the school year.
- Thank you to parents for helping Revere host OMEA.
- Color Guard uniforms were finalized and the new band uniforms are on order.
- Recent Bath Country Journal article mentioned that old uniforms will be offered as souvenir items. From the article, parents have reached out with interest in purchasing items.

Secretary's Report- Katie Gehring

- A motion to approve the February RMPA minutes was made by Christy Pillitiere and seconded by John Leong.

Treasurer's Report - Kathy Torma

- RMPA budget remains in the black.
- Committee chairs should email receipts to RMPAtreasurer@gmail.com
- Committee chairs should submit budget for 2023-2024 school year by April 28. The budget will be reviewed and approved by vote in the May general meeting.
- RMPA can provide receipts for cash or in kind donations.

Chairperson's Reports

Communications - John Leong

- An email will go out via Charms that the Fill the Truck event will end on Saturday at 9:45 a.m. Volunteers are needed to drive to Cleveland and help unload the trucks.
- Full band uniforms will be sold in Charms through April 15.
- Looking for volunteers who can help transform uniforms into souvenirs like pillows and corn hole bags.

Concessions- Ellen and Willie Anderson

- The concession stand at OMEA was successful and generated \$300-400.
- Learnings will be applied to next year.
- Ellen is looking to sell overstock to Revere Players.

Choir Liaison- Ronni Morrison

- Tickets for the spring musical, Mamma Mia, are on sale now. Tickets can be purchase online through the Revere Players website.

Tag Day- Ellen Anderson and Amy Raubenolt

- Researching how to improve Tag Day. The Medina band transitioned their tag day online through Give Better and increased giving from \$9K to \$25K.
- Amy and Ellen would like to explore doing a hybrid event- collecting donations online through a text link or QR code. Students could perform in the community to further support donations.
- Some parents have expressed concern with students going door to door. Further, many of the routes in the community are not walkable. Route coverage is also challenging. There are not enough students to cover the routes in the district.
- With the Give Better site, donors can cover the administration and credit card fees, 95% choose to do so. As a result, the organization gets the entire donation.
- Multiple perspectives were discussed including:
 - Concerns were raised about the timing of the event. Historically tag day is the second Saturday in August and the kids may not be performance ready.
 - Choir doesn't meet during the summer, so an online event would be easier.
 - The community is accustomed to the one day that the music program solicits donations.
 - Older community members may not be online.
- Ellen and Amy will consider feedback and look for ways to incorporate new ideas into the event.

Banquet- Katie Gehring

- RMPA will host a Spring Banquet to celebrate the concert band season, the Class of 2023 and Dr. LeBeau's retirement.
- Alumni will be invited to attend.
- Looking for venue availability to host a choir and band event on the same night at the end of May/early June.

Website- David Neidlinger

- New website is up and running.
- David will be reaching out to directors for photos, videos and bios.
- Website can support social media feeds.
- Web site host gave a 2 year credit to RMPA for the updated SSL certificate.

YEAR	MONTH	USERS	SESSIONS	PAGE VIEWS	PAGES/ SESSIONS	AVG SESSION
2023	March	350	481	1047	2.18	1:17 min

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Melanie Nigro expressed interest in assisting with videography next year. Would require use of video equipment. Could RMPA purpose equipment for multi-group use.

A motion to adjourn by Hillary Steiger was seconded by Ellen Anderson at 8:50 p.m.