

Revere Music Parents' Association (RMPA) Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Attendees: David Balnave, John Leong, Debbie Hermann, Katie Gehring, Kathy Torma, Sierra Pabon, Ellen Anderson, Jennifer Restivo, Natalie Orr-Andrea, Peggy Littlefield, David Neidlinger, Shawn Grandon, Tony Nigro, Melanie Nigro, Hillary Steiger, Jami Kucharski, Bruce Kucharski, Amy Raubenott, Kelly Heider, Pam Firca, Asuka Kondo, Amanda Pospisil, Maureen Vastagh

Welcome: **Debbie Hermann** called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

- **Band Council and Choir Officers' Reports:** Cassie Keaton- unable to attend
- **Director's Report:**
 - Darren LeBeau
 - Day 2 of Band Camp. Kids are doing great. Make sure the kids pack water.
 - Shoe fitting will take place on 8/4.
 - Parents should sign up for text messages on remind. Instructions included in the summer mailings
 - Sierra Pabon
 - New choir teacher for grades 8-12
 - Katie Pflueger
 - RMS band numbers look good. Looking forward to the new school year.
 - Joshua Bowman-
New orchestra teacher covering elementary through high school

- **Vice President Report: Dave Balnave**
- Completed refurbishment and repair of RMPA Golf Cart
- Beginning to plan for investment in new Marching Band uniforms

Secretary Report: Katie Gehring

- The May meeting minutes were approved with no revisions. Motion to approve came from Kathy Torma and was seconded by Jen Restivo.

Treasurer Report: Kathy Torma

- RMPA is currently well-funded. There have been no changes to the budget last presented in May 2022.
- Committee chairpeople should reach out if there are changes needed to their budgets.
- Beginning to disburse reimbursements for the new marching band season.

Chairperson's Reports

Communications- John Leong

- Reach out to John if assistance is needed with your Charms password reset.
- Make sure that email address information in Charms is up to date
- Check SPAM/Junk folder to ensure that Charms communications are going to your inbox

Tag Day- Ellen Anderson and Katie Deliberato

- Tag Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 13 from 9-1:30. The kids pair up and walk the school district to request donations for Revere Music Program. Tag Day is the music program's biggest fundraiser.
- Students should wear their blue "R" shirts or something that indicates Revere.

- A sign-up genius was sent earlier seeking parent volunteers for driving routes and counting money.
- A light breakfast will be provided as well as a pizza lunch.
- Katie is the parent of a graduating senior and is looking for someone to shadow and take over her role for 2023.

Invitational- Debbie Hermann, Tessa Schmidt, Marianne Grandon (programs), Melanie Nigro (shadow)

- The Revere Invitational is Saturday, September 24. This event is the music program's second largest fundraiser and requires all hands on deck.
- A separate sign up genius will be sent for volunteers for jobs (parking, concessions) and resources (canopy tents).
- More information to come at the end of August/beginning of September

Bands in the Round Dinner- OPEN

- Position is open and RMPA is looking for a volunteer to chair the event which is scheduled for Thursday, October 27.
- Katie Gehring is available to mentor and assist the new chairperson. Please contact Debbie Herman if you are interested.

Banquets- Katie Gehring

- Looking to schedule a date for the Fall Banquet in November 2022. The banquet will be held at the Family Center at St. George's in Copley.

Hospitality- Jen Restivo

- Hospitality will be providing bottles of water following the Richfield Parade as well as a continental breakfast and lunch for Tag Day.
- Hospitality will assist concessions with the cookout on August 11.
- Chick-fil-a dinner will be provided to the band on Tuesday, August 16.

Concessions- Willie and Ellen Anderson

- RMPA invested in new equipment for the Minuteman Cafe over the summer.
- Watch for the Sign Up Genius for opportunities to volunteer at the concession stand.
- The Andersons are looking for volunteers to begin to shadow concession operations.

Uniforms- Peggy Littlefield

- Marching band uniform fittings are complete. Peggy is working on some ironing and alterations.
- Volunteers are needed to distribute uniforms before the game and collect uniforms following the game. Watch for the Sign Up Genius for opportunities to help.

Chaperones- Pam Firca and Caroline Franklin

- Chaperones provide additional adult presence/supervision during home and away games as well as competitions.
- Chaperones must have a background check on file with the school district.
- Volunteer to be a chaperon via the Sign Up Genius.

Roadies- Shawn Grandon

- Roadies handle the band equipment and instruments.

- For away games and competitions, roadies load and unload the band trailer. A full team of volunteers is needed to support these efforts. Volunteer by signing up for Equipment on the Sign Up Genius.

Cookie Shack- Christy Pillitiere and Heather Haydu

- Volunteers are needed to provide cookies for home games and bag the cookies to distribute to the Revere and Guest band members after their half-time show.
- Volunteer via the Sign Up Genius.

Website- David Neidlinger

- Working to update the Revere Music website, removing old content and deleting expired links.
- Looking at options for a new website.
- Committee chairs and other members can send website updates to Dave.

Fundraising- Amanda Pospisil

- Planning several restaurant fundraisers for the fall. These fundraisers are easy to organize and result in a donation of 20-30% of the evening's proceeds back to RMPA.
- In the spring, looking to bring back Fill the Trailer event.

Choir Liaison- Wendy Dreveling

Color/Winter Guard Liasion- OPEN

- Looking for a volunteer to keep the large corp of Color Guard connected with RMPA and the band to make sure that information is flowing and needs are met. Please see Debbie Herman tif you are interested.

Photography- Kelly Brubaker

Publicity- OPEN

- This role is responsible for contacting local community newspapers to provide updates on the music program activities.
- Please contact Debbie Hermann if you are interested.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Volunteers are needed to distribute and collect band uniforms and assist with organizing band picture day. Peggy Littlefield shared that she secured volunteers.
- Additional chaperones are needed for the August 19 home game. If you are available, volunteer via the Sign Up Genius.

Upcoming Dates:

8/12- Richfield Parade - 6:00 PM

8/13- Tag Day- 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

8/19- Football- Home vs Woodridge

8/26- Football- Away vs Eastlake North

8/30- Night Rehearsal- 6- 9 PM

A motion to adjourn by Bruce Kucharski was seconded by Dave Balnave. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Next RMPA meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 7:30 PM in the RHS Band Room
Visit www.reveremusic.org for all the latest RMPA information and a link to CHARMS.

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