

Revere Music Parents' Association (RMPA) Meeting Minutes February 7, 2023

Participants: Dave Balnave, Katie Gehring, John Leong, Kathy Torma, Hillary Steiger, Ellen Anderson, Carol Kraynak, Tony Nigro, Pam Cadile, Marianne Grandon, Jen Restivo, Kelly Heider, Bob Cook, Amy Raubenolt, Jennifer Palmer, Amanda Pospisil

Welcome: Dave Balnave called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Band and Choir Council Presidents Report - Cassie Keaton

- No report

Director's Report – Band, Choir, Orchestra

- New band and color guard uniforms are on order and will be delivered by the end of the year.
- 29 students have expressed interest in color guard for next year.
- All music groups have Winter concerts scheduled for late February- early March.
- OMEA events will occur in March. Revere is hosting an OMEA adjudicated event for bands on 3/10.

President's Report - Dave Balnave

- RMPA recruitment- Dave discussed critical need to invite music parents to participate in RMPA and replace many roles on the executive board and committee chairs. Representatives from RMPA will be speaking at the upcoming concerts to share information about RMPA and invite parents to volunteer/support the music programs.
- Members noted that the Orchestra and Choir are doing fundraising this year. RMPA board clarified that the fundraising efforts go to RMPA to help cover expenses. QR codes in the concert programs direct potential donors to RMPA. Parent members discussed the perception that the Winter Concert program offered patron, shout out, and ad space to benefit the Choral programs. There was some confusion about whether these donation benefit only choir or the RMPA as a whole. The other concern was that the sponsorship opportunity wasn't available to all music parents.
- Attendees discussed that RMPA recruiting should begin earlier like the elementary/middle school. RMPA could attend the 5th grade music instrument introduction session. RMPA could also assist with events at the middle school. This would create the opportunity to connect the middle school and high school students and improve retention as the students transition to the high school music programs.
- Other ideas/suggestions include hosting an event/cook out following the Memorial Day parade. RMPA could host a table at Froshfest.
- Marianne Grandon offered to connect with prior RMPA leadership to see what recruiting materials are available and could be leveraged.

Secretary's Report - Katie Gehring

- A motion to approve the November meeting minutes was made by Ellen Anderson and seconded by Hillary Steiger.

Treasurer's Report - Kathy Torma

- If a receipt is needed for an item donation, the receipt template is available on the RMPA website.
- \$5,000 has been donated to the Debbie Hermann scholarship fund. The first \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded at the end of the school year. This scholarship will be in addition to the existing scholarships.
- Kathy will be sending thank you notes to all who donated.

Chairperson's Reports

Communications - John Leong

- John introduced Pam Cadile as the new Communications chair.
- There will be a sign up genius sent out for parent volunteers for the March 10th OMEA event.

Hospitality - Jen Restivo

- Hospitality will provide a judges meal for the March 10th OMEA event.

Concessions - Ellen and Willie Anderson

- Concessions will set up a grab and go stand near the A wing for the March 10th OMEA event.
- Ellen confirmed that she has volunteers to staff the stand.

Website- David Neidlinger

YEAR	MONTH	USERS	SESSIONS	PAGE VIEWS	PAGES/ SESSIONS	AVG SESSION
2023	February	261	339	646	1.91	1:30 min
2023	January	309	355	568	1.6	0:45 min

Fundraising - Amanda Pospisil

Restaurants:

- Trying to confirm Boston Market event for February.
- April 12- Chipotle fundraiser from 4-8 p.m.
- May 22- City BBQ- all day

Fill the Truck- March 18th:

- Donations must be delivered to Parma by noon on 3/18
- Donations will be accepted from 5-7 on March 15 and 16 and 8-11 on March 18
- Volunteers will be needed to staff the donation periods and to unload the truck in Parma on March 18

Old Band Uniforms:

- Working on some prototypes for memory items created from the old band uniforms.
- Discussed creating a survey to see what the kids might be interested in purchasing.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Videographer needed for the 2023-24 school year
- Watch email for Sign Up Genius for volunteers for the March 10th OMEA event and Fill the Truck.

The March RMPA meeting will be Thursday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn by _____ was seconded by Carol Kraynak at 8:35 p.m.