



Revere Music Parents Association Meeting Minutes- September 5, 2023

Attendees: Katie Gehring, Joshua Bowman, Montana Fassnacht, Tom Chiera, Danielle Keisling, Christy Pillitiere, Julia Grandon, Corey Lee, Brent Pitstick, James Harrington, Cara Harrington, Abby Matias, Natalie Orr-Andrea, Carol Kraynak, Tessa Schmidt, Bill Haydu, Melanie Nigro, Tony Nigro, Kelley Brubaker, Hillary Steiger, Robyn Jancha, Joshua Jancha, Pam Cadile, Ellen Anderson, Shawn Granson, Bob Cook, Kelly Heider, Sierra Paton, Jennifer Palmer, David Neidlinger

Welcome and President's Report – Jennifer Palmer called the meeting to order at 7:33

Band/Choir Council Presidents Report – Julia Grandon- Band & Abby Mattias- Choir

Band

- The Marching Band has been prepping for the first competition.
- The upperclassmen Big Sibbs are planning a surprise for the Freshman Little Sibbs.

Choir

- The Choir students have learned the National Anthem and Alma Matter and received music that will be performed at concerts.

Directors' Reports

Marching Band- Tom Chiera & Montana Fassnacht

- The March Band is progressing each week. Evening rehearsals are critical to attend so that the band can learn and perfect the rest of the show.
- The directors will be sending a more detailed update for Cloverleaf coming soon.
- The directors thanked RMPA parents for all their assistance and fundraising efforts this year. The band students enjoyed the Kona Ice Truck following the parent preview show.
- Directors are working to obtain visiting band numbers for the Cookie Shack.
- 5th grade students started band instrument testing. Band merchandise store will be opening soon. A link will be sent out to students and parents.

Orchestra- Joshua Bowman

- The High School Orchestra added students and now have a full complement of instruments at the high school level.
- Orchestra registration increased at every grade level. at the high school orchestra- now have a full orchestra
- Expecting a large group of 4th graders for the upcoming school year. 130 have indicated interest in orchestra.

Choir- Sierra Pabon

- The Choir is doing well. Student Leaders have been selected and are established.
- Choir members are learning parts and prepping for OMEA with sight reading, etc.
- The choir is learning concert pieces. This first High School concert will take place on October 26.

Middle School Band- Katie Pflueger

- No report

Vice President's Report –Shawn Grandon

- No report

Secretary's Report – Katie Gehring

- The July/August RMPA meeting minutes were sent via email prior to the meeting.
- Ellen Anderson motioned to approve the minutes. Carol Kraynak seconded.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Torma/Carol Kraynak

- Kathy Torma was unable to attend the meeting. Carol Kraynak provided the Treasurer's report.
- The 2023 Tag Day brought in approximately 22K.
- Carol will be seeing Kathy tomorrow if any RMPA parents need reimbursement for expenses incurred this year.
- Requests for reimbursements should be submitted within 60 days of the expense.

Communications – Pam Cadile

- All music students are in Charms.
- Volunteer opportunities for all band invitationals and Football games are on the Sign Up Genius.
- There will be a separate Sign Up coming soon for the Revere Invitational.
- Parents are encouraged to look again at the Sign Ups, see what's needed for the upcoming week and helping out if possible. Chaperones must have a background check and fingerprints on file with the school district. The district may also accept BCI and FBI prints performed for a job.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS

Concessions – Ellen and Willie Anderson

- The Band Concession stand has a new sign courtesy of Becker Signers.
- The stand has a few new items this year including pickles and Pop Rocks.
- For home Football Games, if volunteers cannot come at 5:30, just put a note in the comments of the Sign Up Genius. Volunteers
- The Concession stand started accepting credit cards and charging fee back to customer. To facilitate payments, the stand needs a hotspot to provide internet access and a device. RMPA parents suggested checking with the district for old iPads. Concessions currently has 2 devices and would like 4. Parents also suggested having the Football announcer communicate that the Minuteman Cafe is able to accept credit card payments.
- The Swenson's Food Truck will be present at remaining home football games which may impact concession sales.
- The Concession stand is currently bringing in approximately 3K each game.
- The District is sponsoring elementary school activity nights. Participating students will be provided with a voucher to redeem at the concession stand. The district will reimburse the concession stand for all the vouchers.
- For next year, the Concessions stand will be chaired by Bob Cook and Dan Raubenolt.

Tag Day – Ellen Anderson/Amy Raubenolt

- For this year's Tag Day, Ellen tried to split big routes resulting in more routes to be covered by the same number of students. Approximately 70% of the routes were covered. In order to cover more routes, support is needed from student in the choir and orchestra programs.
- Ellen and Amy recommend exploring a hybrid approach for Tag Day due to the size of the school district. Ellen and Amy also looked at options to facilitate e-payments. PayPal was the approach used for this year.
- For next year, Amy Raubenolt will continue to chair the event along with Rachel Luther and Marissa Wynn

Banquets – Katie Gehring

- Reached out to TLC catering at St. George's to request November 9 for the Fall Marching Band banquet. Hoping to get confirmation from the caterer soon.

Uniforms – Marianne Grandon/Robyn Jancha

- Additional volunteer assistance is needed after games to put away uniforms. The uniform volunteers are noticing more kids not wearing their R shirts and band shorts under their uniforms.
- Replacement uniform pieces are available for purchase. Gloves are \$3/pair. Dinkles can also be reordered if needed.

- The previous uniform's shakos will be sold in the coming weeks for \$10-\$15 per hat.

Hospitality -- Jen Restivo

- Jen was not able to attend but wanted to share that Hospitality will be providing Swenson's to the band prior to the Cloverleaf competition.
- Jen and Melanie will also work together to provide hospitality for the Revere Invitational.

Chaperones – Jen Stencil

- Chaperones will need 3 cases of water for both Friday and Saturday.
- New seat cushions will be ordered.
- Need to review first aid bags- Ice packs had expired. Pam/Jen will review the bags and replace outdated items.

Roadies – Shawn Grandon

- Shawn thanked the Roadies for their assistance in building carts.
- Additional help is needed for away games and invitational. For this Saturday, the Roadies will begin loading the trailer and truck at 3 p.m.

Cookie Shack –Christy Pillitiere

- Christy thanked the parents for donating cookies for the first few games.
- The visiting band for the first home game was small, so the cookie shack was able to provide the extra cookies to the band following the night rehearsal.
- Gluten free cookie donations are needed.
- The Cookie Shack is staffing with students and will be adjusting volunteer spots.
- Cookie donations can be sent in with students when they report for band. A runner will take them to the Cookie Shack.

Photography – Melanie Nigro/ Kelley Brubaker

- Photos from games and events are being posted on Facebook.
- Kelley established an online link for pictures.
- A "hype video" for Marching Band was posted.

Publicity – Tony Nigro

- See above mentioned "hype video."

Website – David Neidlinger

- David will be contacting choir and orchestra directors for concert and event dates
- Updated videos are needed for all music groups for the website.

New Business

Revere Invitational - Melanie Nigro

- Event timeline pending input from OMEA- Once confirmed, Melanie will create the Sign Up Genius. A separate sign up will be created for Pie Tent donations and Invitational Program.
- Melanie will pass the links along for the website.
- Trophy form and pie forms will be also distributed.
- The program deadline is 9/13- Parents can purchase ads and Best Wishes (text only), Senior Shout Outs (pictures).
- Melanie will be ordering new practice field signs and will have signs for the handicap entrance.
- Ordered 2 tower lights from Copley Tool Rental.
- Need a videographer for event- reached out to John Leong to assist. Mr. Kos may be able to assist in the future.

Square/Hotspot for concessions- discussed under Concessions.

Bands in the Round

- Still need a chair person to organize this event.
- The concert is scheduled for November 2.

Chaperones

- Chaperones are needed to help with events.
- Fingerprinting information is available on the district website- [https://www.revereschools.org/cms/lib/OH01001097/Centricity/Domain/25/Volunteer BCI FBI Information.pdf](https://www.revereschools.org/cms/lib/OH01001097/Centricity/Domain/25/Volunteer%20BCI%20FBI%20Information.pdf)

Hillary Steiger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Pam Cadile.

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday October 3, 2023 @ 7:30pm