



## **Revere Music Parents Association Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2023 7:00pm**

**Attendees:** Katie Gehring, Ellen Anderson, Shawn Grandon, Carol Kraynak, Pam Cadile, Montana Fassnacht, Tom Chiera, Sierra Paton, Joshua Bowman, Tammy Parsons, Kathy Torma, Jennifer Palmer, Christy Pilotiere, Hillary Steiger, Denise Timpone, Jennifer Restivo, Denise Duale, Melanie Boros, Christine Friedt, Chris Parsons, Melanie Nigro, Marianne Grandon, Julia Grandon, Cara Harrington, James Harrington, Bob Cook, Kelly Heider, Joshua Jancha, Robyn Jancha

### **Welcome and President's Report – Jennifer Palmer**

- Jen called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- Jen thanked everyone who helped and supported the marching band season. The band performed well at states.
- Jen expressed special thanks to the committee chairs for their hard work and keeping her on track.

### **Band/Choir Council Presidents Report –**

Band- Julia Grandon

- Band Council led a few new activities this season leading up to the state competition including placing locker signs on band member lockers for states and chalking the sidewalk outside the band room.
- Band members are looking forward to the celebration banquet and preparing for the senior recognition and student awards.
- Julie thanked the directors and parent volunteers for their support this season.

Choir- No report

### **Directors' Report – Joshua Bowman, Tom Chiera, Sierra Pabon, Katie Pflueger**

Orchestra- Bowman

- 5 teachers were brought in to instruct students on instrument delivery night. Mr. Bowman received great feedback from participants. 7 students are taking lessons with the teachers. RHS students earned volunteer hours.
- Mr. Bowman will plan to submit budget for additional teachers next year.
- Vendors needed for Strings and Shops concert on December 7 from 6-9. Parents are welcome to pass information along to small business owners. The information will be sent out via FlyRCentral.

- The Orchestra liaisons to RMPA will be Tammy and Chris Parsons.

#### Choir- Pabon

- The Fall Choir concert went well.
- The RMS choir and band fundraiser was successful. All classes earned pizza parties for their sales.
- The Choir will be offering an attire sale in December.
- The A Capella group has been branded Reverse A Capella. They are traveling to Kettering A Cappella Fest this weekend. They are attending as a first year group and were selected to perform on the main stage.
- The Choir will be singing the National Anthem at the Veterans Day assembly and will be directed by student Ethan Lee.
- Chorale singing at a Cavs game on 12/18. Discount tickets will be made available to Revere to attend and support the choir.
- All Choir Concert will be held on 12/13- RMPA will be present before the concert, speak at the concert, and host refreshments following the event while students meet and mingle with their mentors
- Looking to next year, in January, eight students will perform in the Honors Choir at Brecksville Broadview Heights. In February, the A Capella group will perform at the Nordon A Cappella Fest.

#### Band- Chiera and Fassnacht

- The Marching Band season concluded with a great Saturday State Day. Proud of the students' rehearsal, team activities, and Superior performance at Medina. The Guard and Percussion won awards throughout the season.
- Thanks to RMPA for organizing the meal on Saturday. Well received and appreciated by everyone.
- Thank you for all the support, helping hands, and funding for our fall season.
- The band performed well at the Friends and Family show, Bands in the Round, New Phil, etc.
- Banquet this Thursday! Veterans Day Assembly this Friday morning!
- Marching Band will be pivoting to concert band setting for December 12 Concert.
- The 5th graders performed their first concert at Bands in the Round. They played great and impressed everyone with their professionalism.
- RHS and RMS students had the opportunity to listen to the Akropolis Reed Quintet on November 7.
- Directors are sharing opportunities to listen to music in the community including Piccolo Christmas and Tuba Christmas concerts. Many music events hosted at EJ Thomas Hall are free to students.
- Uniform parents cleaned out the band closet and sold \$650 of old shirts, tote bags, etc. at the Bands in the Round concert.

#### **Vice Presidents Report** –Shawn Grandon

- Thanks for volunteer support for band season.

- Will look at concession sales and speak with the Athletics if there was impact due to the presence of the Swenson's truck.

#### **Secretary's Report – Katie Gehring**

- October minutes were distributed via email a few weeks ago.
- Christy Pillitiere motioned to approve the minutes and Hillary Steiger seconded.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Kathy Torma/Carol Kraynak**

- Upgraded Quickbooks Online to include budgeting tool. This will allow Kathy to produce reports easier.
- Continue discussions re: NYC fundraising.

#### **Communications – Pam Cadile**

- Pam will be adding RMS Band and new 5th grade band students to Charms.

### **CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS**

#### **Concessions- Ellen Anderson**

- Kathy will review proceeds from the Minutemen Cafe to see if there is an update on concessions sales by the Swenson's truck.
  - UPDATE- Concession profit for 2022 was \$9141.58 and for 2023 it was \$8732.21.
  - This year there was a Thursday night game with less spectators and sales than a Friday night game. Also, the Student Activity night included vouchers for water and candy totaling \$556 for 4 home game activity events.
  - From the data, it looks like there was little effect on sales, but RMPA should keep track and adjust budget accordingly.
- Shawn will talk with the district administration about crowd barriers to prevent people from being behind the Minuteman Cafe.

#### **Uniforms- Marianne Grandon**

- Uniform parents need helpers for band formal wear starting next week - Monday-Friday 11:15-2:30.
- Looking for volunteer guard parents to take home uniforms, wash, and return.
- If parents know children's sizes- send them in by Sunday- Pam will resend communication.
- If formalware was not turned in- please do so. Students can also wear black suits for Concert Band season.
- Parents may need to do some basic alterations
- Richfield Historical Society asked for a retired band uniform.
- Marching Band uniforms were sent to the cleaners on Monday. Will discuss with the band directors the state of the uniforms after one season if anything needs to be addressed with the vendor. Once returned from the cleaners they will be stored until May for the 2024-25 band fitting.

- Thank you to all the parents (a few students and siblings too) who helped this marching season with fitting, repairs, and weekly pass out and return. Marianne will get the direction book updated for Robyn and Courtney for next year. It was great fun getting to know the band and guard students and reinforcing their use of please and thank yous!
- Robyn will need help in August for band camp, so please consider supporting the students and band program with your time.
- Sales of socks, gloves, etc.- we made \$338 in sales throughout the marching season. A couple boys need to turn in their loaner R shirts. Seniors asked about donating their marching apparel (Dinkles)- please hold onto that til the end of the year just in case.
- We had a clear-out the uniform closet sale and made over \$600 (if you still owe for items you took, please get the money in by Friday). We still have items left and will consider another sale at the winter concert or via some other avenue.

### **Hospitality- Jen Restivo**

- Jen will provide poinsettias for the Winter Concerts on December 7, 12, 13 and 14

### **New Business**

- Fall Banquet
  - Additional volunteers are needed for the Marching Band banquet to help with registration, set up and clean up.
  - Pam will send out a reminder with a link to the Sign Up genius.
- NYC Fundraising
  - Seeking input from parents on fundraising ideas. A decision will need to be made in the next week or two.
  - Members offered various ideas including:
    - Krispie Kreme Donuts- Digital Dozens
    - Lottery tickets
    - Popcorn
    - Run concession stands for Cleveland Browns- Groups can make \$2200-2500 per game
    - Calendar sale- give away cash or gift cards
    - Cavalier 50-50 raffle
    - Malley's chocolate bars
    - Photography session- 15 minute sessions
  - RMPA board will discuss/select ideas and ask for help from parents to organize the fundraiser.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hillary Steiger at 7:55 pm and seconded by Denise Timpone.

Lots of concerts are coming up in December. RMPA is looking forward to watching all the kids perform and seeing all the parents!

**Next Meeting Date** – Tuesday December 5, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.