



RMPA Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2023 @ 7:00pm

Attendees: Jen Palmer, Katie Gehring, Montana Fassnacht, Tom Chiera, Shawn Grandon, Ellen Anderson, Hillary Steiger, Amy Raubenolt, Carol Kraynak, Sierra Paton, Kathy Torma, Bob Cook, Kelly Heider, Melanie Nigro, Tony Nigro, Julia Grandon, Marianne Grandon, Heather Haydn, Christy Pilotiere, Cara Harrington, James Harrington

Welcome and President's Report – Jennifer Palmer

- Jen called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- Starting this month, there is a change in the meeting agenda to increase efficiency during the meetings. The meeting agenda will focus on chairperson reports which need to be discussed. Other chairperson reports which are informational only will appear in the meeting minutes. Please be sure to review the meeting minutes for these updates.
- The meeting time was also moved to 7:00 p.m. based on feedback.
- Please continue to provide feedback.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Revere Invitational.
- RMPA's goal is to create awareness and support for all the music programs at Revere. RMPA wants to engage parents and have more contact with families building on the efforts made last year and expanding to include RMS parents into the RMPA program.

Band/Choir Council Presidents Report –

Band- Julia Grandon

- The Marching Band qualified for OMEA states on Saturday at the Revere Invitational.
- Senior night is in a week and a half.
- 2 bonfires remain for the season.

Choir- Gianna Kosir

- No report

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

Choir- Sierra Pabon

- Choir is going well. The Choir enjoyed helping with the Invitational and Homecoming
- Choir attire sale coming soon.
- Working to develop branding for Revere A cappella.
- Filming and submitting audition video for the A cappella festival this fall.
- All three RHS choirs will perform their first concert on October 26.

Band- Tom Chiera and Montana Fassnacht

- 5th grade and High School Bands are going well.
- Really proud of the band. Directors received good feedback on the Invitational. Thank you to all who helped put on the event.
- Working on finishing the show and preparing for the Maysville invitational.
- OMEA States will be on November 4 at Medina High School. Performance time TBA.
- The information sheet for Senior night is posted in Google Classroom. Senior band members should complete it.
- Completed the first Band Spirit-ware sale. Many orders were placed near the deadline. The shop can be reopened around the holidays if there is interest.

Vice Presidents Report –Shawn Grandon

- No report

Secretary's Report – Katie Gehring

- The September meeting minutes were distributed via email.
- Kathy Torma motioned to approve and Carol Kraynak seconded.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Torma/Carol Kraynak

- Please submit receipts for reimbursement as soon as possible. Receipts can be submitted electronically via email or paper receipts can be sent in with students and placed in the gray box.
- RMPA collected approximately \$22K in gross revenue from the Revere Invitational; however, there are many outstanding expenses which need to be paid before we know the net proceeds from the event.

Communications – Pam Cadile

- No report

CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS- DISCUSSION

Chaperones – Jen Stencel/ Kelly Heider

- There is a shortage of volunteer chaperones.
- The chaperones need to be able to travel on the buses with the band.
- Currently, there are only 2 chaperones signed up to help with the Maysville Invitational. 8 chaperones are needed.
- Chaperones must have a background check on file with the district. If a background check was performed elsewhere within a certain amount of time, the record may be sent to the district. Contact the district to discuss.
- Attendees discussed ideas to attract more chaperones including creating a video to create interest, leveraging the Roadies, and RMPA assisting with the cost of the background checks.
- Chaperones may also need to help with equipment and show props.
- The cost for the FBI and BCI background check through the district is \$46
- RMPA will prepare information on how to be a chaperone and send it out in an email to all parents.
- With a trip to NYC planned for the spring, the preference would be to have chaperones be parents who are active volunteers and know the students.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORTS- UPDATES

Roadies- Shawn Grandon

- Budget allowed for the purchase of a portable generator for the band.
- Uhauls will be rented for the upcoming invitationals/away football games. Both weekends in October have been reserved.
- Thank everyone for the support at the Cloverleaf invitational. Continue to ask people to continue to support the sign-ups for the upcoming invitationals and road football games.

Uniforms- Marianne Grandon and Robin Jancha

- The Marching Band uniforms went to cleaners.
- Documenting abnormal wear/issues
- Probably no hot chocolate allowed going forward- stain not coming out of uniform.
- Thanks to 3 guard parents who hand-washed guard uniforms
- Evaluating options for band jacket/gauntlets for trip to Maysville (will not wear on bus)

Tag Day- Ellen Anderson and Amy Raubenolt

- Will schedule a meeting after 1st of the year with new chairpersons for Ellen to hand off Tag Day information, etc.

Concession Stand- Ellen and Willie Anderson

- Going well. Plenty of volunteers for football games and invitational.

- Big thank you to all of the volunteers who signed up for the invitational.
- Concessions for invitational was very busy. Sold out of practically everything.
- 2 more home games. Will rely on Dan/Amy Raubenolt and Bob Cook to manage/shutdown at these games especially Senior Night.
- Have treasurer crosscheck profits from last year to this year to see if any impact from Swenson's Truck this year.

Banquet- Katie Gehring

- The Fall Band Banquet will be held on Thursday, November 9 from 6-9 p.m. in the Family Center at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church; 3204 Ridgewood Rd; Fairlawn, Ohio 44333.
- An order form for tickets will be sent home with students in mid October. Ticket orders must be turned in to the gray box by Thursday, November 2.
- We will need some parent volunteers to help ensure that the event is a success. A sign up Genius for the Banquet will be sent out also in mid-October.

New Business

Bands in the Round

- Typically RMPA volunteers serve a meal prior to bands in the round concert. Need to make a decision about whether to hold the event this year.
- Email went out seeking volunteers to assist with the Bands in the Round dinner- no volunteers.
- The meal offering evolved post-pandemic. Parents may not see the value in the grab and go options.
- Last year's dinner netted \$1850.
- Decision made not to have the Bands in the Round dinner this year. The event could be brought back in future years if there is a volunteer to lead it.

Support to new volunteers

- RMPA is not a closed group and new volunteers are welcomed. New volunteers need to be supported.
- We want to ensure that interactions with other parents are respectful. Student volunteers must be respectful to adults.
- A few concerns have been brought to RMPA's attention. If members see a poor interaction, please speak up.
- To engage more new volunteers, RMPA will try to engage parents at the Middle School performances, plan a social night with parents/volunteer appreciation. Members also discussed wearing clothes to identify as marching band parents.

Invitational- Melanie Nigro

- Thrilled with collaboration and proud of effort.
- Thank you to choir students- they sounded great.
- Invitational recap meeting will be scheduled- Melanie will send a survey to volunteers for feedback.

Band updates- Tom Chiera

- The parent meeting on 10/9 needs to be moved to 7 p.m. Parents should enter through the band doors.
- Based on the schedule for 10/14, RMPA will not be feeding the band prior to Maysville- parents should send money for concessions. RMPA to provide granola bars/snacks for the return trip.

A motion to adjourn was made by Melanie Nigro at 7:55 p.m. and was seconded by Hillary Steiger.

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday November 7, 2023 @ 7:00pm