

Revere Music Parents Association Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2023, 6:30 pm

Attendees: Jennifer Palmer, Katie Gehring, Hillary Steiger, Melanie Nigro, Julia Grandon, Marianne Grandon, Shawn Grandon, Ellen Anderson, Danielle Keisling, Christy Pillitiere, Tom Pillitiere, Susie Schultz, Amy Raubenolt, Kathy Torma, Tessa Schmidt, Nelra Seymour, Kim Morel, Linda Camardo, Kelly Heider, Bob Cook, Jennifer Restivo, Carol Kraynak, Marisa Wynne, Denise Timpone, Anthony Nigro, Emily Rauschert, Brett Pitstick, Robyn Jancha

- **Welcome and President's Report** – Jennifer Palmer
 - Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.
 - Jen thanked parents for coming to the first RMPA meeting for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Band/Choir Council Presidents Report** – Julia Grandon
 - Band Council has planned a few activities for the start of the band season including a car wash which made over \$100. The Big Sib/Little Sib project started and Field Day is following band camp in 2 weeks.
- **Directors' Report** – Joshua Bowman, Tom Chiera, Sierra Pabon, Katie Pflueger
 - Marching Band- Tom Chiera
 - Covered most of the highlights at the parent meeting.
 - Excited and fundraising efforts. School district is also prepared to support the music program.
 - Mr. Chiera will provide numbers for visiting bands.
 - The band program is planning a trip for March-APril 2024. More information is coming in September.
 - Volunteers and helpers are welcome to support the band program.
 - Following the parent show on August 19th, the Kona ice truck will provide a treat for the students
- **Vice Presidents Report** –Shawn Grandon- No official updates- Shawn will liaison with board of education and work with school district treasurer
- **Secretary's Report** – Katie Gehring- The May RMPA meeting minutes were distributed via email. Motion for approval was made by Melanie Nigro. Carol Kraynak seconded.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Kathy Torma/Carol Kraynak- Kathy closed the books for the 2022-23 school year on 6/30. Submit any outstanding expenses from last year to Kathy ASAP. Committee Chairs can reach out to Carol or Kathy for assistance with any expenses incurred.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORTS:

- **Communications** – Pam Cadile- Charms was purchased by Cut Time. Parents may start to see some differences. Pam is working with Mr. Chiera to update the roster and add students to Charms. If parents don't want to pay band fees on Charms, they can write a check to RMPA and place it in the gray box. Color Guard also uses Charms.
- **Uniforms**- Marianne Grandon- Extra uniform items are available for purchase via check payable to RMPA. Parents can also order items via Charms. Returning band members will need a pair of plain black shorts. Marianne and other uniform
- **Concessions** – Ellen and Willie Anderson- Looking for parents to shadow and learn concessions this year. A new sign for the Minutemen Cafe was donated by Becker Signs. Volunteers are needed to assist in the concession stand for Friday home games.

Pam will be sending out the sign up link soon. The school district is looking to provide alternative activities for students in younger grades. This could impact concession sales.

- **Tag Day** – Ellen Anderson/Amy Raubenolt- Parents should watch for emails. Students will pair up and determine who is driving. The driving parent should sign up on the sign up genius link. There are lots of opportunities for parents to help. All Tag Day materials will have a QR code for online donations.
- **Banquets** – Katie Gehring- Looking to host Fall Marching Band Banquet on Thursday, November 9. Katie will be reaching out to St. George's to see if they can accommodate the band.
- **Hospitality** - Jen Restivo- Jen's role is to bring refreshments and feed the band. The first dinner is this Friday after band camp. Chad Crawford will manage set up and clean up. Jen will be providing pizza lunch for Tag Day around noon.
- **Publicity**- Tony Nigro- Tony reached out to local media about Tag Day. Publicity will also feature meeting reminders, staff bios, weekly senior feature on social media channels.
- **Photography**- Melanie Nigro and Kelly Brubaker- Melanie and Kelly will manage photography and videography. Could use some additional volunteers to assist.
- **Invitational**- Melanie Nigro.
 - Marianne Grandon will handle programs this year and pass to Sherry Frisbee.
 - Will need assistance with student volunteers- RMS and student athletes. Mrs. Pflueger can assist with RMS recruitment. Work with Mrs Henriety to advertise volunteer opportunities to RHS students. Mr. Chiera would also like to be aware of students assisting with the invitational.
 - Melanie will be sending out a sign up genius link for the Invitational.
 - Ellen Anderson spoke about Concessions for the Invitational event. Some ideas include contacting the Athletic Booster to see if they would like to run their concession stand and/or making arrangements for a Food Truck. Concessions will need an overview of the number of bands participating and the number of members. Mr. Chiera said there are 7 large schools currently registered, but numbers will be finalized in the coming weeks.
 - Payment options- Square was used last year for some items- would like to expand to Concessions. Further testing is needed and donation of iPads to use as POS devices.
 - The Invitational will be discussed further in early September.
- **Website**- Davide Neidlinger- David said there are online store options with Go Daddy. David will be working to update the website with committee chair information.
- **Roadies**- Shawn Grandon- No updates now. Volunteers always welcome. Don't have to help for the whole season
- **Cookie Shack**- Christy Pillitiere- The Cookie Shack asks parents for donations of cookies and volunteers to package cookies for Revere and visiting bands. The cookies can be store-bought.
- **Fundraising**- Looking for someone to help take this over. Events include Fill the Truck and organizing restaurant nights.
- **Bands in the Round Dinner**- The concert is scheduled for November 2- Need someone to coordinate the dinner.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Old Band Uniforms-** Robin Jancha- Made some additional prototypes with the old uniforms. Sought input on design ideas and where to sell the items. Discussed offering the keepsakes to previous band members first.

Next Meeting Date – September 5 at 7:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m. by Hillary Steiger and seconded by Jen Restivo.