

**SHMPA General Meeting**  
**November 5, 2008**

A general meeting of the Shepherd Hill Music Parents Association was held on November 5 at 7 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

**President's Welcome:**

President, Don Montville welcomed all to the meeting.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jeanne Bigelow presented minutes from the October 8, 2008 meeting. These minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Walt Seagrave presented the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss reports for review. Revenue from the Marching Band Festival was approximately \$ 6077.74 less a couple of expenses from receipts presented tonight. Our total equity is \$5578.28. The financial reports were reviewed and approved as written.

**Directors' Reports:**

Connie Galli reported that Oliver Ames is coming up on the schedule for the show choir. She also reported that the students will start selling the raffle tickets tomorrow to earn money towards paying for their trip this year. In years past the Music Parents Association has donated the prize money of \$500 so the students could use the money raised towards the cost of their trip. Connie asked if we would be willing to provide this prize money this year. A motion was made to provide the \$500 prize money for the music students selling raffle tickets. This was approved.

The Drama Club will be performing a MidSummer Night's Dream on December 5-7.

December 12 is the Central Massachusetts Concert Choir Festival with spaghetti supper beforehand. We will also be selling bags full of cookies. A request will be sent for parents/students to bake plates of cookies. Concert-goers will be able to purchase a bag and hand pick cookies to fill it.

Connie informed us that the Junior Booster members have offered to help at the craft fair again this year and that they were a tremendous help last year. Deb Samia will discuss this at the Booster Club meeting on Saturday.

Cindy Snow told us the marching band banquet needed to be rescheduled. The new date is November 23 at 6:30. The Music Parents Association usually provides the drinks and paper goods for the banquet. A motion was made to spend up to \$200 for drinks and paper goods for the marching band banquet. This was approved. She also asked if we would be willing to provide the marching band with lunch during their rehearsal day on the trip to Annapolis for national competition. A motion was made and approved to pay \$260.78 for food/beverages for tailgating for the marching band.

We talked about the winter guard show flooring material to go on the new gym floor for the craft fair.

The Dudley Middle School band/guard and the Charlton Middle School band will be coming to join our marching band for the Friday November 14 football game. A request was made for us to provide dinner for the students. A motion was made to spend up to \$200 for pizza and soda to feed the students. This was approved.

**Old Business:**

**Ad Book:** Dawn Vayo has not received a bill yet. The amount printed was 200 for the marching band and 1500 for the show choir. We discussed ideas for next year such as reducing the size, using less expensive paper and possibly asking alumni to sponsor contacting them possibly by e-mail. We talked about checking with the person (s) who arrange for reunions from previous classes to provide contact information.

**Marching Band Festival:** Don thanked all who helped out. We used to be able to borrow fryolators from another organization to which a music parent belonged. This parent no longer has a child in the music program so these were not available to us this year. We talked about making an offer to the Little League to purchase their fryolator as it is currently in storage and not being used. An inquiry will made into this purchase.

**Craft Fair:** Barbara Provo has gotten 4 calls for crafters to fill empty spots. Park & Shop has donated \$25 to be used to purchase juice for the students who will be helping. Walter Seagrave will be out of the country on business on the day of the craft fair and Pat Seagrave has volunteered to serve as treasurer for that event.

**New Business:**

**V-dance coat room:** This will be \$1 per chair with maximum of 2 people to a chair. The evening will begin at 6:30 and end at approximately 11. Volunteers were requested to staff this.

**Show Choir Festival:** February 6 & 7. Junior High groups will be performing on Friday evening and Senior High Groups on Saturday. Chairs for the festival are Claudette Eagleton and Paula Downer. Prospective theme: Rooms to possibly be decorated with things from different artists and students to display art work in the library.

**Open Discussion:**

Walt Seagrave asked if we could have a discussion during or directly after tonight's meeting to talk about how to make a few things run smoother, such as having adequate change for events. A few people did remain after this evening's meeting to brainstorm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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