

SHMPA General Meeting
January 14, 2009

A general meeting of the Shepherd Hill Music Parents Association was held on January 14, 2009 (postponed from the previous week due to weather issues) at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

President's Welcome:

President, Don Montville welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary, Jeanne Bigelow presented minutes from the December 3, 2008 general meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Walter Seagrave presented the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss reports for review. Our current total equity is \$ 34,104.52. A motion was made to accept the reports as presented. Approved. Walter reported that he has received transcripts from two of the 2008 scholarship recipients and will send checks accordingly. Discussion was had regarding sending a donation to the Charlton Explores for their help during the 2008 school year. They were present for one event this year which was the craft fair. A motion was made to send the Charlton Explorers a donation of \$150. This was approved.

Directors' Report:

Cindy Snow is currently out on maternity leave so is not present for this meeting. Connie Galli reported that Ollie MacFadden is Cindy's temporary replacement working with marching band and concert band with help from Dave Macuga and Tom Wilson for winter percussion as well as James Flynn for pit band. She reported that Cindy is keeping in touch via phone and e-mail.

Connie Galli reported that the publicity for the upcoming Perspectives show on January 17 has been fantastic. She reported that they are looking for help for the event; a sign-up sheet was passed. She brought in two student reproductions that would be on display that evening. Each song performed is to be represented in a painting. Prior seating tickets are being sold in advance with some remaining tickets to be sold at the door on the evening of the performance.

The Show Choir Festival is on February 6 (junior high groups) and February 7 (senior high groups). Shows are at 6:30 on Friday evening and 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Connie requested that we pay for T-shirts for the show choir groups with \$ 361.41 for the Illusion T-shirts and up to \$500 for Fantasy (these a bit higher as they are multi-color). There are some parents who have ordered shirts who will be paying for those. A motion was made to pay up to \$ 861.41 for show choir T-shirts. Approved. Don asked that directors put in requests for money for T-shirts to be submitted as early as possible.

An issue was raised about the percussion weekend at Dudley Middle School conflicting with the Winter Ball on January 30. Connie said she would contact Cindy and see if some arrangements could be made so percussion students would be able to attend the winter ball.

Connie informed us that James Flynn is in the process of purchasing a home and asked if we be willing to pay him the \$1000 (as pit band director) earlier than we had planned. A motion was made to pay James Flynn his check for \$1000 (given to Connie this evening). Approved.

Old Business:

Craft Fair – Barbara Provo will send out thank you notes to businesses that made donations as well as to the Ellis family for the posters.

Website:

Jim Boyle is working on it. The initial design is done. He asked that anyone having photos put them on a disk for him and not to send them via e-mail.

New Business:

Show Choir Festival – February 6 & 7.

Tina Prior has a volunteer list for people to sign up. We talked about where to get the pizza for Friday night. If a request is submitted to the Big Y main office they may be able to give us a good price. Dominos was also mentioned. The decision on where to get the pizza has not been made yet. Someone needs to be present at the door with a cash box to collect the registration payments both days.

Scholarship Committee:

We award up to four \$500 scholarships. Typically there is a committee of 5 including 1 chairperson. No committee member may have a graduating family member in 2009. Deb Samia spoke about some of the changes and recommendations from last year. The committee will consist of: Walt Seagrave (chair), Kristin Marengo, Tina Prior, Karen Tremblay, and Dawn Vayo.

Senior Gifts for 2009:

The fleece blanket seemed to go over well last year so it was briefly discussed and decided to use that again this year.

Open Discussion:

Coat Room for the Winter Ball on January 30. Don asked anyone who may be able/willing to help to send him an e-mail.

Joanne Gravell thanked people who helped out in any way with the Drama Club production of Mid Summer Night's Dream. A brief discussion was had about financial assistance from us. This matter will be discussed at a later date..

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Next Meeting: February 4, 2008 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Bigelow
Secretary SHMPA
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