

## **SHMPA General Meeting**

### **February 4, 2009**

A general meeting of the Shepherd Hill Music Parents Association was held on February 4, 2009 at 7 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 January 14, 2009 general meeting. Changes to the minutes: On Page 2 under Scholarship Committee the words graduating senior should read graduating family member. 2. There is a committee of 5 with 1 chairperson should read there is a committee of 5 including 1 chairperson. 3. Last paragraph beginning A brief discussion... should read A brief discussion was had about financial assistance from us. This matter will be discussed at a later date. The minutes were accepted with these corrections to be made.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

In Walter Seagrave's absence, Don Montville presented the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss reports prepared by Walt for review. The amount collected for the V-dance coat room should be \$129, not \$1029. We have received grades from another scholarship recipient. Thank you note was read.

#### **Director's Report:**

Connie Galli reported that Perspectives made approximately \$3300 with one bill left to pay. This was not a MPA event but a music department fundraiser with money to be used to defray expenses for the Orlando Trip in April. There was a hope that the students would be able to reduce their last payment. Due to getting an earlier flight there has been additional need for a meal on Thursday night that had not previously been planned on. A motion was made to provide \$600 to cover a meal for the students/staff/chaperones on Thursday night. This was approved.

When initial arrangements were made for the group to travel to Orlando one of the choreographer assistants was not able to accompany them. It wasn't until after the trip arrangements were made that she was added onto the trip. A request was made by Mrs. Galli to help fund this additional person's travel expenses (air/motel) so she could join them. A motion was made for the MPA to pay \$500 to help with this person's airfare/motel so she could be added in the place of another student who has since canceled. We talked about putting a "rule" in place that once travel arrangements have been made and students have been given their individual prices for travel, if anyone is added afterwards the MPA would not be responsible for these extra costs incurred.

#### **Old Business:**

**Scholarship Committee:** Jim Boyle has been able to update the disk with the changes that were made by the committee last year.

**Senior Gifts:** Paula Downer will call Jungle about the blankets. Don will get a count from Connie Galli.

**New Business:**

We have received a financial request from Mrs. Snow for \$1500 for a pit arranger for winter percussion. This was not needed last year so when she prepared the request for this year's season it was inadvertently left out. A motion was made to provide the \$1500 for a pit arranger for this year's winter percussion. This was approved. As we had already approved \$8600, this brings the total to \$10,100 for winter percussion.

A request has been made to pay the UMass students who are instructional assistants for winter percussion now. Usually we wait and pay them at the end of the season (5 people x \$200 ea). The request is being made for early payment to help them out with gas expenses etc. for traveling from UMass to Shepherd Hill. A motion was made and accepted to pay the \$1000 now.

**Show Choir Festival:**

Help is needed in the kitchen on Saturday. For the pizza delivery on Friday night we will have someone there for payment of the initial Dominos delivery and then total payment at the end. The cash boxes will need to be here for 5:00 or 5:30.

Chloe said the judge's room will have a grinder wheel and a veggie platter, baskets of granola bars and the rest of the food will be in the kitchen.

Some additional expenses needed by Bubba for back drop for the Guard for a black velvet wall for \$423.00 and from Jim Boyle for \$113.26 for materials for the backdrop. A motion was made and approved for these two amounts.

**Winter Percussion/Guard Show:**

March 22, 2009. The day will start at noon and end at about 5-6.

**Open Discussion:**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: March 4, 2009 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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