SHMPA General Meeting June 3, 2009

A general meeting of the Shepherd Hill Music Parents association was held on June 3, 2009 at 7:00pm.

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

President's Welcome:

President, Don Montville welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the school year.

Secretary's Report:

Jeanne Bigelow was unable to attend and the minutes were presented by Tina Prior. A motion was made to accept the minutes with the following corrections: Website: Jim Boyle clarified that the photo album was *almost* complete. New Business: Barbara's last name should have been Provo, not Veyo.

Treasurer's Report:

Walt Seagrave presented the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements for review. Our present operating budget ended lower than in past years and a lengthy discussion followed with regards to the anticipated expenses for the fall. Connie Galli presented a breakdown of anticipated expenses for: Fall Expenses, Present Needs & Winter Expenses. The present needs of the music department to prepare for the fall are \$9233.00. Since the add book has all of the outstanding bills paid the remaining \$4,165.00 was unencumbered. Jim Boyle asked how much is required to be encumbered to retain our tax exempt status. Don will reply at our next meeting as that information was not readily available.

Director's Report:

Cindy thanked everyone for the flowers and the gift card. She stated that we were invited back to Nationals and several options are available as to where to stay this will occur on Nov 6-8. Cindy mentioned that James has agreed to take on a larger role in the music department and will be assisting Cindy with her varied schedule. Connie stated the auditions are done. Fantasy & Illusion will be traveling to NYC March 19 & 20 to perform at Nationals at Lincoln Centre and Oliver Ames is scheduled for Nov 13 & 14. Summer camps are scheduled: Show Choir, July 18 & 19 and Aug 22 & 23. Band Camp is Aug 17-21st.

Old Business:

<u>Scholarship Committee</u>: Four scholarships were selected out of 12 applications submitted. Kristen Marengo will present them at graduation. New suggestions will be presented at the next meeting and the scholarship funds will be encumbered in the fall.

<u>Senior Gifts</u>: All of the blankets were presented and were appreciated by the seniors. Any extras will be placed in the closet for next year.

<u>Music Parents Website:</u> Jim Boyle stated that the photo album for the web site has been completed and that he will continue to update the site.

New Business:

<u>Financial Requests</u>: A motion was made and approved to pay for the total present needs of \$9233.00. \$4,333.00 of the expenses will be paid immediately and the remaining \$4,900.00 will be encumbered until the fall. A request of \$350.00 for the Tri-m stoles which was previously approved for up to \$360.00 was paid.

<u>Ad Book:</u> This will be discussed at the next meeting although it was previously stated that the encumbered funds of \$4,165.00 were released as all bills have been paid.

<u>Yard Sale:</u> The yard sale has been approved for September 12th. There is a small expense for the storage containers. Advertising has been submitted to the cable channels and flyers will be sent home with music students. Jeanne Bigelow will be looking for volunteers for drop off times and the day of the yard sale.

<u>Craft Fair:</u> We have received 110-115 application so far and many of them are new crafters... Raising the application fee was addressed and due to the economy it was recommended that we keep the price stable for this year. We will jury the applications at Barb Provo's house on 6/23 at 6:30.

<u>Fundraisers:</u> Several ideas for fundraisers were presented.

<u>Travel mugs:</u> Jeanne Bigelow has done comparison pricing between Guertin Graphics and Jungle Inc, and Jungle will match the price of \$1.89/mug. They will be black with a gold "g" cleft. Set up fee is \$35.00, 250 @ 1.89 plus shipping. A motion was made and approved up to \$560.00 for the mugs. The music parents and booster club parents will meet to discuss the feasibility of selling them at the football games as a mutual fundraiser.

<u>Sweatshirts:</u> Discussion resumed regarding selling shirts/jackets to the parents at both camps this summer. Deb Zieminski mentioned that we could order embroidered polo shirts and have them available for purchase at the two camps. Payment would be net/10 giving us time to sell the shirts and also take future orders. Availability would be 2 weeks giving us time to place the order. There is no price yet. It was voted and approved to purchase 10 each for the band and show choir.

<u>Additional fundraisers</u>: Both a pizza fundraiser (easyfundraising.com) and a CD production for Christmas was discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Our next meeting will be held on August 19, 2009 at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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