

SHMPA General Meeting
Wednesday August 19, 2009

A general meeting of the Shepherd Hill Music Parents Association was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

President's Welcome:

President Don Montville welcomed all to the first meeting of the 2009-2010 school year and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the June 2009 meeting taken by Tina Prior were reviewed and accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements were presented by Walter Seagrave. He reported that we need to release some funds from the encumbered reserve to pay some expenses until monies come in from the yard sale and old home day. A motion was made to unencumber \$2000 from reserve to cover expenses. Motion was approved. Our total equity as of this meeting prior to transfer of \$2000 is \$ 824.80. Our accountant has been asked how much we need to maintain our balance at the year end to maintain our tax exempt status, and there is no set amount.

Directors' Reports:

Cindy Snow reported two trips have been approved for the marching band for the coming school year; Annapolis for Nationals in November with the band/guard leaving on November 5, performing on November 6 and returning via a day in NYC on November 7. During Thursday – Sunday of April vacation week there will be a trip to the Philadelphia area.

Connie Galli reported that the middle school show choir was a huge success, and the kids loved it. She has received no negative feedback; \$3500 was raised to be used to defray music department expenses. She discussed maybe including other area schools for next year.

Show choir will also travel this year. Pending school committee approval, to Lincoln Center in New York in March, Fantasy was invited to Philadelphia to the New England Division of American Choral Directors' Conference which will be a quick trip for 30 students the Thursday/Friday before February vacation, pending approval.

Old Business:

MPA shirts and mugs. The shirts are being sold for \$10 apiece and mugs \$5 apiece at all music department events throughout the coming year. Mrs. Snow is working on order forms which include sweatshirts and jackets to be ordered through Jungle.

New Business:

Yard Sale. Jeanne Bigelow reported that donation dates continue on Tuesday and Friday nights through September 11. A lot more donations are needed. We need to borrow tables for Friday and Saturday. The appropriate requests will be made. We talked about left over yard sale clothing, shoes, etc to be donated (and picked up) by Dee Larsen to be used as a fundraiser for a dance group who will be competing in Germany that her daughter belongs to. These leftover items will be picked up by Dee. We will also contact Dudley Women's Club to see if they would be interested in any leftover items we may have for their yard sale which is after ours. We also offer perennials for sale as part of the yard sale. A volunteer sheet was passed for donation nights as well as Friday for set up and Saturday for day of event. We talked about possibly having the yard sale in the tennis courts. We hope to have a nice day to be able to have this outside. A request will be made to Mrs. Pierangeli.

Old Home Day. Volunteers are needed. A sign-up sheet was passed to help out with selling burgers, nachos, Gatorade and soda at a booth on the common in Charlton during Old Home Day festivities. We also need a few people to bring canopies, crock pots and grills.

Ad Book. Dawn Vayo reported on the status of the ad book. Deadline for one-liners and sponsors is September 15. People were encouraged to fill these out and get them in ASAP. Sheets will be made available for the last day of band camp as well as at Fantasy camp this coming weekend.

Craft Fair. Barbara Provo reported that the posters are being worked on. There are currently 33 vendor openings.

Open Discussion:

Volunteers were requested to help to serve pizza and ice cream to the marching band members on the Friday of band camp week. Dinner is at 5. Performance is at 6.

A motion was made to pay Jungle the \$488.40 we owe for the shirts. This was approved.

Don invited all to his home on Friday, September 4 for a get together, weather permitting. Those attending will bring a snack/dessert item.

The scholarship recipients were announced for 2009: Brian Montville, Dave Moulton, Alyson Carey, and Anna Provo.

A thank you note was read by Don from Alexis Leblanc for the blanket she (and other seniors) received at the end of the school year last year.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Bigelow, Secretary
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