

SHMPA General Meeting
Wednesday, April 7, 2010

A general meeting of the Shepherd Hill Music Parents Association was held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

President's Welcome:

President, Don Montville welcomed all to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the March meeting were presented for review by Jeanne Bigelow. The minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Walter Seagrave presented Profit & Loss Statement as well as Balance Sheet for review. Our total equity is \$17,996.69. Last year's scholarship monies have been unencumbered. There is a bill for \$260 for the District for the use of the DMS on Martin Luther King Day (school not in session that day and no custodians regularly on duty that day). The bill is for ten hours when the winter guard/percussion was there for rehearsal. Mrs. Galli explained that in the wintertime space for everybody who needs to practice is very tight so DMS is kind enough to provide space. A motion was made to pay the District the \$260 for custodian at DMS on Martin Luther King day. This was approved. Mr. Montville asked directors to include this in the estimated costs paperwork which is presented at the beginning of each new school year.

Director's Report:

Mrs. Galli reported that the show choir will have their last competition coming up in Waltham. There is a district show choir night on April 15. The MPA has offered to pay up to \$500 to feed the students pizza and soda prior to the show. A motion was made to pay up to \$500 for pizza and drinks for the students for district show choir night. This was approved.

Mrs. Galli reported that the New York trip was great. The kids enjoyed the trip. At the last minute they were invited to participate in a workshop with the cast of The Lion King. With time of the essence (no time to call and request funds) Mrs. Galli paid a large amount of her own money for the students to be able to participate in a once in a lifetime experience. A handful of the parents who were on this trip as chaperones were present at this meeting and requested that Mrs. Galli be paid back some of this money by the MPA. A motion was made to give Mrs. Galli \$500 for now to partially refund her money. This was approved. We will further address this at a later date.

In lieu of the \$500 being paid to Mrs. Galli, it was unanimously agreed upon via vote that pizza not be provided by the Music Parents and any student who wished to be provided with dinner on the district show choir night would make a donation of \$5 apiece and pizza would be ordered.

The Drama Club's production of Godspell is going well and is to be performed on May 7, 8 and 9th. This is a joint venture between show choir and drama and includes the pit band.

Mrs. Galli reported that the magazine fundraiser just has not been as profitable over the past two years. We will check on the different options for the fall fundraiser for the Music Department and discuss at a later date.

Tri – M Stolls – A motion was made to pay up to \$500 for stolls for the Tri-M seniors' stolls. This was approved.

Old Business:

Scholarship – The E-Board met and made only a couple of changes to the scholarship application. The updated application is not on the website as of yet. It will be sent to Jim Boyle. April 28 is the application deadline.

Winter Percussion and Guard Home Show – It went well. Preliminary numbers show revenue \$ 3855 and approximate expenses \$2400. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Senior Gifts – We will give the senior music students again this year. An order will be placed to Jungle.

New Business:

An e-mail will be sent out with the following volunteer needs for next school year:

Craft Fair – Country Store, Raffle chairperson, publicity, and kitchen.
Ad book Chairperson

MPA cabinets – Messy! We really need to make an effort at the end of a function to take the time to put things back neatly. Maybe make an inventory list.

E-Board elections – Next meeting in May. Technically any position is open. Two positions will become vacant at the end of this school year – Secretary and Member at Large. An e-mail will go asking anyone who would like their name to be placed on the ballot to contact us.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next meeting is May 5, 2010 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Bigelow, Secretary
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