



Owen J. Roberts School District Music Parents Organization – Band Chapter



OJR MPO Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2020, 7:00PM, MS Parking Lot

Attendees: MPO board members (Kelly Erb, Brad Gubanich, Caroline Charron, Annie Flogaus)

Staff members: Todd Mengel

Approximately 18 band parents attending

Meeting purpose:

- Maintain enthusiastic community interest in all phases of the band department programs of the Owen J. Roberts School District, which consists of all groups from the elementary, middle and high schools.
- Work as a team to manage the financial affairs of the non-profit organization.

Meeting called to order at: 7:05PM by Kelly Erb

Officer reports

President (Kelly Erb) – Hello, good to see everyone in person if distanced. Everything is still up in the air

Vice-President (Brad Gubanich) – no report

Secretary (Annie Flogaus)

- Notes from the July meeting were distributed on August 6, 2020 and posted on the website.
- Motion to approve minutes by Jen Thoms, second by Tim Bodor

Treasurer (Caroline Charron)

- Slow month. Insurance is only cost.

Professional staff reports

Mr. Mengel – Walked over from band camp to say he is trying to make things normal but everything is up in the air. He's moving to Plan B mode. His main priority is to make it FUN for the kids. It's not about the audience, it's just about them and the show.

Mr. Hess – sent his notes to be included here:

Marching Band Roster has settled at 71 kids.

We had to cancel most of our sectionals last week due to weather and power outages.

We are playing "OJR Favorites" - The Hey Song, Land of 1000 Dances, and Handclap

First day of Band camp went great yesterday (8/10). Kids are showing kindness in distancing and wearing masks when appropriate. Great discipline, and the music will catch up quick!

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Excited to welcome Ms. Felicia Mule as our new MS choir director. She's already jumped right in and we are actively planning for a very strange school year.

Bought a megaphone for marching band using MPO funds. - THANK YOU!

Mr. Klick – no report

Dan Herbein – no report

Committee reports:

Scholarship – no report

Website/communications – (Jeff Buettler) – extensive discussion about website with ideas to consolidate various documents into one central website. Also add options for people to pay for things online (membership, cheesecake, etc.) since in-person is a challenge. Board meeting was proposed to discuss further

Membership – (Jen Thoms) – Fall Preview is a big membership drive, how to replace that (send email to band parents?) The registration form is uploaded to the website.

Fall preview – Cancelled, no parents can be in the stadium, discussed ideas for some kind of performance that night

Cheesecake – Kathy Taylor is the chair

Cavalcade – (Kelly Erb/Jen Thoms) – Cavalcade is cancelled. McCaskey and Pinecrest have cancelled.

Chaperones – (Jen Monteiro) needs a few chaperones for picture day. Would like to find her successor

Spirit Wear – (Michele Favara) will be open 9/1-15 and delivery in mid-October then another round later

Uniforms (Kelly spoke for Danielle Blackledge) Thanks to Denise Grant, Mack Grant, Will Erb and Andrew Blackledge for help with freshman uniforms. They are all done.

Band trip – no report

Concessions (Jeff A/Chuck B) – no report

Old business – None

New business – Proposal to clean out white trailer and band room

Treats for kids during band camp? Candy/Kona Ice, etc.

2020 Class Gift to honor Seniors who did not get to go to Disney.

Smaller trip for 2021?

Sue Kucharik said the ramp for the pit instruments needs to be replaced urgently – NOTE FROM PRESIDENT on 8/19 – the ramp has been replaced by maintenance staff. She also wanted to emphasize having some sort of senior night performance

Next meeting - Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 7 PM. MS parking lot

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM by Kelly Erb.

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