



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



OJR MPO Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2020, 7:00PM, ZOOM meeting

Attendees: MPO board members (Kelly McGrath, Kelly Erb, Caroline Charron, Joe Schall)

Staff members: Todd Mengel, Jason Hess

Approximately 9 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: 7:01PM by Kelly McGrath

Officer reports

President (Kelly McGrath) – As the last meeting as president of the MPO, Kelly thanked fellow board members and parents and staff for the great times over the past nine years.

Vice-President (Joe Schall) – As outgoing vice-president, Joe thanked Kelly and Dave McGrath for their many years of service to the MPO.

Secretary (Kelly Erb)

- Kelly offered thanks to Kelly and Dave McGrath for their years of service to the MPO.
- Notes from the May meeting were distributed on May 31, 2020 and posted on the website.
- Motion to approve minutes by Tim Bodor, second by Jeff Ackerman.

Treasurer (Caroline Charron)

- Caroline offered her thanks to Kelly and Dave for their service to the MPO
- Group reviewed expenses and income on Zoom screen share.

Professional staff reports

Mr. Mengel – Thanks to Kelly and Dave McGrath as well as thanks to Caroline for distributing all of the trip refund checks and managing that inflow and outflow of funds. Once those checks are distributed, that will close out this year and planning is currently underway for next year. Lots of questions and uncertainty remain but there will be more school meetings in the next two weeks and more will be known and shared as information becomes available.

Mr. Hess – Thanks to the McGraths and a special thanks for making the MPO a fun organization to be a part of over the past few years. Funds were used to purchase back up instruments that Mr. Hess keeps on hand for any student who might need it, so thank you to the MPO for those funds. Also new silks were purchased for the MS color guard, which is very exciting and was much needed so thank you to the MPO for those funds as well.

MS band looks like it will be about 125 kids strong next year, 75 are registered for marching band right now. Sectionals are to begin the week of August 3rd and much like Mr. Mengel, Mr. Hess is in a wait-and-see mode and will convey information as it's available.

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Mr. Klick – (not present) Mr. Hess reported that the elementary equivalent of district band, known as Bandfest, is tentatively scheduled to be hosted at OJR in the late winter/early spring. This is entirely dependent on what happens with regard to state mandated guidelines but if it's held, it's a single day concert and might present an opportunity for the MPO to fundraise through concession sales.

Dan Herbein – (not present - no report)

Committee reports:

Scholarship (reported by Kelly M) – MPO annual scholarship awarded to Sam Turley.

Website/communications – (Jeff Buettler) – not present, no report

Membership – (Jen Thoms) – no report

Fall preview – Need a chairperson to head in the even that the fall preview is able to proceed, it will be held Friday August 21st.

Cheesecake (Kelly M) – The cheesecake company rep, Jim Messina reached out to Kelly and Kelly asked for the same timeframe as last year for the sale so it will begin October 13th with delivery by Thanksgiving.

Cavalcade – (Kelly Erb/Jen Thoms) – Still waiting on making decisions regarding the feasibility of having a show in October. Whenever the 50th show occurs, RJ Duske designed an image for the shirts and program that features band uniforms from the past 50 years.

Band trip – Refunds distributed this week, all future trip funds will kept out of the general fund and will move through a trip fund account.

Concessions (Jeff A) – We are still waiting to see what the fall brings but Jeff is proceeding with the county for annual inspection in the even that we are able to proceed. Jeff is confident that if we are able to sell concessions in the fall, we can make whatever accommodations are required.

Old business – None

New business –

Mr Mengel announced drum majors for the fall to be Maddie Bodor and Mette Olsen.

Jeff Thoms asked Mr. O if he had considered any set designs for the fall that could begin construction sooner rather than later.

Pete Chronowski offered thanks and appreciation to Kelly and Dave for their years of service to the MPO.

Mr. Hess informed the meeting of a potential fundraiser idea that he had just experienced through an area musical group called the Crossmen, where they created a video of their past performances and memories from alumni, broadcast on youtube with a host, asking for donations. They raised a considerable amount of money for their program this way so it might be something to consider in the future.

Next meeting - July 14, 2020 at 7pm with new board. Board meeting will be scheduled prior to next monthly meeting. Zoom meeting info for July 14th meeting will be posted on the website ahead of the meeting and sent in the update email.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36PM by Kelly McGrath.

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