



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



OJR MPO Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2019, 7:06PM, OJR middle school band room

Attendees: MPO board members (Kelly McGrath, Kelly Erb, Caroline Charron, not present – Joe Schall)

Staff members: Jason Hess

Approximately 10 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: 7:07 PM by Kelly McGrath

Officer reports

President (Kelly McGrath) – Kelly currently organizing all of her responsibilities in order to pass along to the next president. Kelly's term is over in approx. 3 months and she is not seeking reelection.

Vice-President (absent) – No report

Secretary (Kelly Erb)

- Notes from the February meeting were distributed in the weekly update email.
- Motion to approve minutes by Dave McGrath, second by Jen Thoms.

Treasurer (Caroline Charron)

- Group reviewed expenses and income, bill came in from the school for the cavalcade (approx. \$3,800), budget committee meeting will be held soon to review budgets for groups for next year.

Professional staff reports

Mr. Mengel – (not present – read by Kelly E)

TRIPS / SPRING PERFORMANCES: Not much to report other than the fact that, at the moment, we're moving forward with all of our plans for the trip and other spring performances & events and taking direction from our school district as the situation evolves day-by-day. If any decisions need to be made, they will be made in conjunction with our school district and our travel company and will be in the best interest of everyone involved.

SENIOR AWARDS: I am in the process of putting together our order for senior plaques which will be presented to the seniors at our spring concert as usual.

SCHOLARSHIPS: All band seniors have been made aware of the MPO and RICHARD WELLS Scholarships and have been reminded of the April 1st deadline for both.

BAND UNIFORMS: I believe the band uniforms will be up for approval at the next school board meeting this coming Monday. It will be a very tight timeline as to whether or not we will have them for the start of the season next fall, so it will be best to plan on using our current uniforms for the start of the season.

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Mr. Hess – Thank you to the MPO for the funds to purchase music books, new maracas, crash symbol stand. Concert a few weeks ago was fantastic. MS jazz band performed in Boyertown and the trumpets and a soloist were acknowledged. Marching band planning beginning – planning music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. PMEA event is cancelled (next week), the jazz band is supposed to go to Arcola next Friday but those plans are day-to-day due to COVID-19 concerns. Color guard still going strong.

Mr. Klick – (not present – no report) Mr. Hess commented that Mr. Klick has held jazz band auditions.

Dan Herbein – (not present - no report)

Committee reports:

Vera Bradley bingo (Lisa Zak read by Caroline) – Thank you to all who helped, it was successful. Over 200 people and lots of volunteers. Great donation drive by Mr. Hess and MS contingent.

Gertrude Hawk candy sale – (Caroline Charron) Candy being delivered week of 3/18.

Restaurant nights – (Kathy Taylor) February restaurant night at Giovannis on Wednesday 26th – check available to pick up on Friday. New night scheduled for March 24th at Texas Roadhouse. Flier forthcoming.

Website/communications (Jeff Buettler) – Nothing to report.

Membership – (Jen Thoms) We are at \$2230 in membership. Got one new membership plus one last month.

Field equipment and transportation – (Dave McGrath) Jeff T and Dave are working together to fix the band truck doors.

Pasta dinner – (Pete) May 1st at Cedarville United Methodist Church. Mr. Naypaver is the emcee, Danielle will do the tickets and we need a raffle person. Flier is nearly complete. Food handlers are Sharon Myer and Jeff Ackerman, need someone to shadow Kelly ;)

2020 Cavalcade (50th anniversary) – Meeting on March 4th for planning, facilities are reserved already, date is October 3rd. Event will involve alumni students and band directors. Chairs are Allison D, Kelly E and Jen T. Notes from the meeting will be distributed to all. RJ Duske has agreed to develop the 50th design by July 1st.

Truck wrap ads – Mr. Hess will restart the process to re-up ads on the trucks (\$200 per spot for two years).

Old business – Nominating committee named: Lisa Zak and Sue Kucharik. All four MPO officer positions are up for reelection.

New business – John Young offered to liase with Thrivent for anyone who is an accountholder, they offer grant dollars that could help offset costs if they are used for fundraising. More to come on this effort.

Fall preview – Needs a coordinator/chairperson. Mr. Hess will reserve the facilities for that night.

(Danielle) Uniform help is needed the night before we leave for Disney. Currently Danielle Blackledge with help from Caroline and Kelly E, also need help at the first practice to address any uniform issues. Truck will be arriving at the school in the afternoon of Monday. Loading should start around 6pm.

(Brad Gubanich) Kiwinas club of Phoenixville runs a duck race for a fundraiser. We could sell tickets for the race for \$5 and keep \$2.50. Race is in July. We will look into this as a potential fundraiser idea for next year

Scholarship committee needs to form – deadline is April 1st, committee will review applications and decide on how funds are allocated. Jeff Thoms, Jeff Buettler and Kelly Erb volunteered.

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Yearly audit – According to the by-laws, an audit must be performed. Jeff Erb volunteered to lead the audit, which will occur between now and the budget planning meeting (tbd).

Next meeting - April 14, 2020 at 7pm in MS band room.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM by Kelly McGrath.

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