



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



## OJR MPO Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2020, 7:00PM, parking lot next to stadium and band!

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

Staff members: Todd Mengel, Jason Hess

Approximately 26 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: 7:04PM by Kelly Erb

### Officer reports

President (Kelly Erb) – Thanks to parent volunteers for help with the treats for band camp. The kids were great.

Vice-President (Brad Gubanich) – no report

Secretary (Annie Flogaus)

- Minutes from the August meeting were distributed on August 19, 2020 and posted on the website.
- Motion to approve minutes by Chuck Blackledge, second by Marla Lewiski

Treasurer (Caroline Charron)

- Amazon sales continue and some monies from sale of used Dinkels. Discussed budget worries with no income from concessions and cavalcade.

### Professional staff reports

Mr. Mengel – There are two performance evenings tentatively scheduled!

- October 2 - possibly freshmen parents at 7pm, senior parents at 8pm
- October 16 - possibly sophomore parents at 7pm and junior parents at 8pm

Tickets - we should have tickets for Mr. Mengel to hand out to band kids to be able to limit the number of spectators attending. 250 people total.

Food - we are able to offer some concessions although the stand is officially shut down for the season. Chuck and Jeff discussed doing some sort of food in the stadium parking lot, if possible (we would have to get school approval for that, I believe).

- Donations - we will not charge admission for the events but we can ask for donations.
- Senior night - we could possibly do something for the seniors the night of October 2nd. Tshirts, senior walk with parents and picture

Mr. Hess – Thanks for our kids!! He hopes they smiled after the first day of class today.

Asked to be included in all MPO emails.

Looking for feedback on masks with blowholes and got some after meeting

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Mr. Klick –

Mr. Hess reports that elementary lessons are happening. The recruitment website is ready or almost.

Dan Herbein – no report

**Committee reports:**

Fall preview – thanks to Brad Grant for the terrific production and execution. Congratulations to the band for pulling off a fantastic show! The performance has 6,000 views and counting.

Membership – (Jen Thoms) – 33 new members

Cheesecake – nothing new but should be coming in October

Cavalcade – (Kelly Erb/Jen Thoms) – Cavalcade is officially cancelled - we can't proceed with this under the current restrictions and come close to breaking even or turning a profit. Maybe try something for spring.

Chaperones (Montiero) - lots of interest for new chaperones – 40 with clearances! Sign-up Genius is not yet available as there are no official events.

Spirit Wear (Favara) – store closes 9/22!!

Concessions (Jeff A/Chuck B) – discussed options for performance night, probably prepackaged stuff, snacks only. Set-up in the stadium lot so we might need some logistics to block it off, funnel people through, etc.. - two volunteers to help with set up and flow

Website/communications – (Jeff Buettler) – website will promote the 2 events and will also be on the MPO Facebook page

**Old business** – hold up on the Class of 2020 gift for now because of uncertainty with budget going forward.

**New business** – restaurant fundraisers – Kathy Taylor will explore

**Fall Performances October 2 and 16**

Tickets

Physical tickets - Jen Thoms can create

Ticket takers - one or two parents

Donations

One person to make some announcements and ask for donations as well as collect any donations - Brad Gubanich offered to do this.

Video

Brad Grant has agreed to do this again.

Senior night - 35 seniors in marching band

paper "shirts" that kids can sign for seniors - it's a big craft project to create them all. I can ask Kelly McGrath for her help with this but could use another 2-3 parents to help coordinate the shirt and get supplies.

Balloons – Caroline Charron will take care of this

Seniors get their pictures taken with Mr. Mengel. We need a photographer for this. I can ask Kelly McGrath to do this as well and if not, I have another potential candidate.

The board will meet September 22 to finalize the plans for the Fall Performances.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 7 pm. Location TBD**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM by Kelly Erb.

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