

Norwood Parents Music Association Meeting @ 101 Fulton St. Norwood, MA.

June 13, 2007

Call to order @ 8pm

Attendance: Terry MacDonald, Fran Rush, Dotty Cronan, Ann Cirillo, Brenda Farulla, Kelleigh Moulton, Cathy Moen, Chuck Moulton, Greg Orphanos, Jack Muller, Ed DeJesus, Kathy Mitchell, Steve Conant, Carmel Kerrigan, Beth Maloney, Marcia Notarangelo, MaryEllen Dondero, Kate Schick

I. Call to order

II. Opening: welcome/introductions

III. Reading and approval of May 2007 minutes accepted and filed.

IV. Reports of officers and committees

a. Secretary: Typographical errors to May minutes will be corrected.

b. Treasurer: Transferred Student Encumbered Fund, sum of \$1788.40, to General Trip Fund. Correction to Senior Awards Banquet sum of (\$2131.88). Pop's night 07 will be adjusted when Maureen passes in receipts for ~\$150.00. Pop's night door proceeds got to Scholarship fund.

An agenda item for Sept. '07: Where should student account money go if student has graduated and a sibling is in a lower grade? Should we notify students ahead of time as to what remains in their accounts?? FY 07 ends with (\$1013.99). Reimbursables are submitted to the town but not guaranteed to be paid back. We should keep a record of all reimbursables & submit everything as early as possible. \$1596.00 was billed to the town FY06 (August) and no money has been paid back. As of the end of FY'07 Marching General is (\$2095.89). PMA may need to budget for items if town does not reimburse even when receipts are submitted. No guarantees. Motion to accept the treasurer's report: accepted and files. Thank you to Ann for all her years as treasurer.

c. Vice President: Thank you from Brenda to outgoing board members. Lorraine O'Connor and Kelleigh Moulton will coordinate the Marching Band Classic.

d. Ways & Means: Golf tournament - we are close to 60 players: should net \$6000-\$7000. People are invited to come for the lunch at a cost of \$40.00. More companies will donate if they are approached early enough - this will be a plan for next year. Ernie Boch has a foundation "Music Drives Us" and we will apply for money from that fund. There are three categories: 1) instrumental 2) general 3) scholarships for teaching. The Mercer corporation has 2000 employees. We have asked to be listed on their United Way Drive to be an organization to donate to. Money can be allocated to the PMA if a company has a United Way Fund. That money can be specifically earmarked for the Norwood PMA if an individual chooses to.

We received a letter from Congressman Lynch for the Golf Tourn. This will hopefully stimulate other congressmen to do the same.

Dotty needs volunteers for the tournament.

There has been mention of a comment by a staff teacher that they don't believe that the PMA supports the grammar schools and middle schools. Maybe we need to be more prudent in letting people know what we provide: ie) plaques that students receive "Donated by Norwood PMA".

This was probably just one individual's remark and not reflective of the entire music staff's opinion. Cathy reassured the board that the music staff, at all levels, knows what the PMA does.

Car Wash netted \$1460. The students were paid ~\$12/hr worked. Parents who helped also get credit towards their student's account.

Norwood Day _ A check to Town Hall needs to be turned to reserve a table. This duty will be handled by the new ways & means: Carmel & Deb.

Please check your e-mail accounts and delete trash. Fran can set up an account for new board members. Check with Fran for any "News" postings. Alumni Link to be added to website.

Jackie, a NHS alumnus, spoke on behalf of the alumni and their intended support for the Music program and PMA. They will have a booth at Norwood Day. They will establish a facebook account. They have already had meetings with a focus on events for students: ie) Harry & the Potters benefit Concert". Guitar Hero video game tournament. They are looking at how to get out-of state alumni to donate to the PMA. ?? on-line Pay Pal account. Looking at compiling a list of needs that we have and earmarking donations to that specific need. She wants to be able to tell the alumni exactly where their money is going and what it supports. The group would have a member on the PMA board. A motion to invite a representative from the alumni group to our next meeting, after they have had a meeting to discuss how they would like to proceed and whether they want to be under the PMA umbrella. Motion accepted.

e. Fine Arts Director: Cathy spoke in regards to changes in the elementary school music program due to budget cuts. Cathy has been left out of the loop on these decisions. Currently there are 2 - 30 minute music sessions per week in elementary grades. This will be reduced to 1 -40 minute class (grades 1-3). Cathy & her elementary Lead Teacher were not part of these decisions. The time taken away from music will be given to library time for research for the students. (grades 1-3) For purposes of this meeting Cathy wants the PMA to be aware of the cuts and that the decision was not hers. Changes have not been adequately discussed as to what these reductions will mean down the line. What are the objectives for these changes? Cathy is asking us to raise the awareness and to raise questions to elementary principles and to let other parents know of the changes.

f. Standing Committees:

1. Data Base:
2. Publicity:
3. Webmaster:
4. SHS Perf. Coord.
5. SHS Jazz Band Coord:
6. SHS Marching Band Coord:
7. SHS Perf. Coord. Choral:
8. CMS Perf. Coord. Instr.:
9. CMS Perf. Coord. Choral:

g. Special Committees:

1. Marching Band Classic:
2. Special Fund Raising:
3. Trip Coordinator:
4. Camp Coordinator:
5. Hospitality:

V. Unfinished Business:

VI. New Business:

President's Remarks: NO further discussion by other board members of present board.

VII. Announcements: Brenda, as incoming President, announced next meeting of new board Sept. 12, 07. Thank you to Dotty for her service as President for past 2 years.

VIII. Adjournment. Adjourned @ 10:15pm FY ending August '07

Please e-mail me with any corrections @ tmacdonald@norwoodpma.org

Respectfully submitted,
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Norwood PMA Secretary