

**Norwood PMA Minutes for November 18, 2009**  
**Meeting Commenced at approx. 7pm**

**In Attendance:** Kelleigh Moulton, Carmel Kerrigan, Kate Schick, Paula St Cyr, Jack Muller, Beth Maloney, Terry MacDonald, Wanda Wood, Chuck Moulton, David Mueller, Karen Mueller, Maria Muller, Nina Kelley, Brenda Farulla, Dotty Cronan, Liz Gassoway, Monica Tribuna, Steve Conant, Cathy Connor-Moen.

- I. Call to order
- II. Opening-Welcome
- III. Reports of Officers & Committees
  - a. **Secretary:** October minutes accepted.
  - b. **Treasurer:** report reviewed. Discussion regarding the difference between the accounts. Jack explained that the approx 70k in scholarship funds can't be touched as well as the 15500 in the encumbered funds...the funds are not specifically in Dedham Savings or NE Annuities. Motion made to accept the treasurers report, motion accepted.
  - c. **Vice President:** nothing to report.
  - d. **Ways and Means:** Pie delivery is on Fri. the 20th. between 1:30-2 sign-up sheet went out to the kids, in need of a couple of adults. Pick-up is between 2-5. Profit on the pie sales \$3428.84  
**Upcoming concerts** Paula has merchandise for band and colorguard and is in need of choral merchandise. Asking for \$250 for 20 pairs of sweats. Motion made to expend those funds-motion was accepted.  
**Trivia Night** - at the Elks in January, motion made to look into holding a trivia night-motion accepted.
  - e. **HS Choral Coordinator:** Liz-everyone is fitted, tuxes have been ordered. Repairing some pants, ordering more pants and dresses. Brenda going with the Madrigals for the tree lighting @ the gazebo.  
Banquet is Dec 11th at the Elks, tickets \$35 per person going on sale next week. Need \$1500 deposit for Fresh Start and a check for the balance, will know the total when ticket sales are final. The Elks has increased from \$75 to \$100 will need a check for \$200 for the Elks-rehearsal day and the banquet itself. Bob Howe took care of the poinsettias will need a \$500 check-Liz requested check to be made out to Bob so he can pay with cash. Will be looking for future checks for other up-coming things-1A pizza, incidentals and props, batteries.  
**Madrigals**-perform Sat Dec 5th at Norwood Bank 10 am and Sat Dec 13th at the Day House at 2pm. Lunch at Lewis on Dec 22nd CMS Tour.
  - f. **Marching Band Coordinator:** Maria defers to Steve- parade is Sun Nov 29th report time 2pm @ the HS parade is at 3pm, starts at the Guild Medical Bldg ends @ the gazebo. Tues rehearsal at CMS, CMS tour the next day. Band to perform for Mercer as a thank-you for their generosity with the use of their lot. Steve thanks Maria for a magnificent job. Maria working on MB pizza party for Jan 8th.  
Brenda congratulates Steve on his Maestro Hard Hat award presented by George Usevich.
  - g. **Director of Fine Arts:** Florida trip is a go with 52 students making deposits. 30 choral and 22 instrumentalists with the majority instrumentalists being string players. Discussion about cost and total number of kids who could have gone and whether or not the trip was worth doing at this time. Discussion over checks being made out to the PMA as opposed to being made out to the school-trip is a school trip. Karen asked who would make up the difference for the trip as the travel co said 90 students were needed to obtain the price given. Cathy wasn't sure. Discussion over chaperones and staff for the trip, ratio of chaperones/kids. Carmel

asked how many staff members would be going-Cathy replied 7. The ratio is 1 chaperone per 12 students. Brenda states better to have more chaperones due to safety. Jack states only approx 12k left in the trip fund, Great East Festival went thru trip fund, we were asked to fund \$1500 but funded close to \$3000 and never got comp tickets-Cathy will look into this and take responsibility to correct it. Jack is concerned about funds MB classic earned approx \$2400 last yr \$5-6k states we really need to think thru the amt of chaperones. Maria brought up Washington trip and the accidental overcharge of \$25/student. Discussion about security at night, extra transportation, tipping costs etc coming out of the PMA bottom line figures. Carmel and Chuck both state they support all whether or not their child is participating or not. Questions as to how the \$12 k got in the the trip fund, Cathy replied that older bylaws process-out of every event PMA hosts a % went to a variety of funds. We need to think about adding money into this fund.

**Winterguard** has had an issue come up both Steve and Chuck are aware. Reserved space back in July at the CMS and was bumped in Sept for NBA. Reserved space at the Willett as an alternative and discovered the gym will not meet the needs of the winterguard-not large enough and height issues. Currently looking for a space to put the winterguard, Cathy needs specific size to assist in locating the right space. Steve to check w/Brian McDonough to see what's booked at NHS on sat also suggested having custodians move the floor-Cathy said they will charge. Chuck is concerned if we don't start practice they will lose momentum.

**Camp:** booked tentative date for camp for Aug 16th-contract isn't signed as of yet but when it is signed we are locked in for 3 years. Karen still looking into other sites and options for camp. Cathy doesn't have prices at this time.

**CMS Jazz** Mr. Chisholm declines to conduct this season. Looking into hiring a new Conductor.

**5th Grade Honor Chorus** is reinstated this year.

**Proposed Kodaly Project:** Cathy is looking for donations toward this study. Has asked the Oldham PTO for donations and is asking PMA for 2 to 3k for this study. Constance Cook-Oldham vocal music instructor practices this method of study-sequential learning in the same sense as reading or mathematics. A baseline singing test would be given to all Oldham students, the data would be analyzed and compared with data from other elementary schools within the district. Jack wants to defer this to the next meeting, he's not sure whether we have the money in the general fund for this. Cathy wants us to keep it open for discussion. Motion made to table this discussion since it was just brought tonight until the next meeting. Motion accepted.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Music Semi is January 22, 2010 at the Elks-Wanda offered to help. Kelleigh will be looking for chaperones.

Dotty suggested tickets be printed by the Phoenix School

#### V. Announcements

- a. Holiday Meeting is Dec 16th at Carmel's house-potluck

#### VI. Adjournment

\*\*Upcoming Events:

11/21: SE District Sr auditions

11/18-11/21 CMS Fall Play

12/8 12/15 12/17: CMS Winter Concerts

12/10: NHS Winter Concert

Respectfully submitted by Kate Schick-Secretary

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