

Masconomet Music Parents Association 2017-2018

Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 7-8:25pm, Small Cafeteria

Minutes

Attendees: Nancy McCann, Terry Sullivan, Natalie Gregory, Bob Tirelli, Heidi Zeltzar, Lori Dox, Lianne Langill, Diane Winship, Tina Strunk, Michele Voner, Tricia Love, Sherry Roach, Elise Ruggles, Manjula Canagaratha, Mike Walsh, Renee Pagnani

1. Welcome, Open meeting, everyone signs in, introduce new officers. Meeting started at 7pm.
2. Approval of Meeting minutes from June 14, 2017. Approved by Tricia Love, seconded by Bob Tirelli.
3. **Recap of 2016/2017 activities:** *Nancy McCann:* We raised \$11,000 last year. We gave out \$5,200 in Senior Awards. We sponsored Master Classes and the Middle School Jazz Band. We approved a stipend for an A Capella staff support. Our main goal is to support the Band and Vocal music programs.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** *Tricia Love:* We started the year with \$16,600 and now have \$16,545 because \$56.55 was used to pay for uniform cleaning. We have allocated \$4,000 for Master Classes, \$3,000 for the Middle School Jazz Band, and \$1,500 for A Cappella Support. We also have \$4,530 in the Jean Jarvie Fund and \$1,225 in the Conti Visiting Artist Fund. So, \$14,255 is allocated funds; leaving \$2,300 in free cash.
5. **Facility Usage Fee:** *Nancy McCann:* The school committee has hired legal counsel to go over the fee structure since it was brought to their attention that NMYO was not paying rent. They have decided to charge the boosters for use of the school and parking lot. We had to pay \$100 to use the parking lot for the Recycling Event next month. More fees may be charged for future events. Hopefully, we won't be charged to use the cafeteria for our meetings. One fear is that the school committee may contemplate taking the money that we receive for the Topsfield Fair parade (\$500) and/or the Puritan Events (approx \$500 to \$1,000) because the Music Dept does not have a separate account for these monies, even though the money is used to pay for items purchased by the Music Dept.. The fee structure is listed on the Masco website. Nancy will apply for a waiver for the fee we paid for the recycling event. We need to let them know that we don't approve of what they are doing. There will be an email blast when we know the date of the appeal and as many members as possible should attend the meeting. Nancy was unable to book a date for the Mattress Sale in January because the board is not reserving dates in January yet because of their review.
6. **Uniform Night:** Uniforms will be sold on Monday, 9/25 starting at 6pm. Set-up is at 5:30pm. Volunteers needed. Dress Night and Tux Night dates have not been set. They are usually late October or November.
7. **2017-2018 MMPA Calendar Review:**
 - a. Uniform night is 9/25.
 - b. The Topsfield Fair Parade (barring rain) is Saturday 9/30.
 - c. The Electronics Recycling is Saturday 10/14.
 - d. Mattress Sale will be in January (date TBA).
 - e. Shredding Event will be in the Spring (April? TBA).
 - f. Jazz Fest is Monday 5/7/18.
 - g. Should we have a presence at the Strawberry Festival (June 2018)?
 - h. Concerts: High school Band is 12/5 and Middle School Band is 12/6; HS Choir is 12/11. Snow date for all of them is 12/21.
 - i. We have magnets, lanyards and popsockets for sale at the events. The money from the first batch of popsockets was used to purchase the second batch, so the sales of the second batch will be all profit.
8. **Electronic Recycling Fundraiser:** *Bob Tirelli:* Saturday 10/14/17; 9am to 12pm. The school wanted proof of insurance. Olga (school contact) needs to contact the company for the correct info since they don't know what

she wants. We will not accept light bulbs or plastic toys. We are reducing the hours to 9am to noon. We will restructure the pricing of tvs: \$30 for up to 32", \$35 for 32-46", \$50 for tvs over 46". Other prices stay the same. Diane will submit an ad/flyer to the Tri-town newspaper and town cable channels. Bob will ask the elementary Principals to do an email blast before the event. Tina will put out flyers. Student sign up will be done the week before. Item of concern: Teachers dropped off items last year that cost us in excess of \$400 to recycle (quite a few tvs) and we only received a check for \$170 to cover it. We will eliminate early drop-off and have the teachers come on Saturday and pay like everyone else. Also, early pick-ups are a concern. They are a lot of work for little return. Many old people depend on it though. Bob will handle them on a case-by-case basis.

9. **Mattress Event Fundraiser:** *Lianne Langill:* the Mattress Rep will come to the October meeting to answer our questions. We want to have it January 20, but the school will not commit to any dates right now.
10. **Amazon Smile:** The account is set up. Diane will set up an email blast to let all our member know about it.
11. **Master Classes:** Randy is working on setting them up. No other info right now.
12. **A cappella faculty support:** We offered to pay Mr Ocock \$1,500 to do it. His concern is that he does not want to deal with 1099 forms. Amount has to be less than \$600 to avoid the form.
13. **Jazz Fest:** May 7, 2018. Needs a chairperson. We talked in June about changing the format. Maybe add dancing?
14. **NYC Trip:** Date Conflict! It is the same weekend as the Senior Prom. Randy isn't sure that there is anything he can do about it because there are limited dates they can go.
15. **New business:** We will talk more about SpiritWear in October. Claudia's contacts thought we'd make little to no money. We don't want to have any stock, would have to be an online order situation.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Meeting ended 8:25pm

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