

PMA Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2014
Norwood High School, Library

Call to Order: 7:08 pm

Welcome by Paul Campbell, PMA President

1. **Attendance:** Paul Campbell (President), Terry MacDonald (Vice President), Maureen Dimitriou (Treasurer), Stacey Lane (Secretary), Donna Metcalf (Ways & Means), Michelle Morales (Ways & Means), Lauren Chisholm, Christine Kohlsaat, Lisa Silletti, Tracey Jones, Carolyn Eckhardt, Ed Ferris, Steven Conant, Catherine Connor-Moen, Wanda Wood
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
Motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes of 9-10-14: Approved
3. **Approval of Treasurer's Report:**
Motion made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report: Approved
Waiting for a couple of camp tuition payments. The final two 2013 scholarships were paid. The fiscal year ends August 31st so we have to carry the scholarship debit from last year and this year.
4. **Vice President: Terry MacDonald**
Received the invoice for last year's awards. C. Moen confirmed awards were distributed.
Not enough time to have an Ad book for the MB Classic. The plan is to have a quality Ad book for the holiday concerts. This will give us more time to find more sponsors.
Music Note sponsor program to begin Oct. 9th and Oct. 15th at the NHS Meet the Teacher Night.
Music notes are on bright yellow paper and are available in two formats: "Sponsor a Student" and "Sponsor the Music Program". The notes cost \$1 and will also be sold at the CMS Teacher Conference. The notes will be displayed throughout the schools. M. Morales asked Shaws, Stop & Shop and Roche Bros. if they would be willing to sell the notes. She was told to go through corporate since it involves the cashiers. It's a possibility the students could sell them at tables in front of the stores, but not much time available to do so.
5. **Ways & Means: Donna Metcalf & Michelle Morales**
Mattress Fundraiser September 20th: Sold 61 mattresses; earning \$6125 for the PMA and \$1550 for the student accounts.
Pie & Wrapping Paper Fundraiser: Sales packages have been distributed at NHS and CMS. Delivery, November 21st. The students receive 40% of sales from food catalog and 50% of sales from merchandise catalog (directly deposited into student accounts). Discussed finding better quality food/pies to sell. M. Morales requests that parent emails be obtained on all music students. States it will help with communication and fundraising activities.
Paint Night Fundraiser: Possibly at Patriots Place. 15 person minimum (max of 24) on a Monday or Tuesday night. It must be held on weekend at noon if 25 or more people attend. May bring in non-alcoholic drinks and food. Beer, wine and food are available on site. Cost \$45 with 40% going to PMA.
Music merchandise: Purchased to sell at the MB Classic. Discussed submitting a business credit application for future purchases.

Grocery Store Donations: Stop & Shop, Shaws and Hannaford have applications to request donations. There is concern that if we receive money we will not be able to get food donations. We depend on food donations at various events. Roche Bros has been very generous in the past with food and gift cards.

Pancake breakfast or spaghetti dinner: If a school is used there may be overtime costs. P. Cambell will check with K of C to see if they will donate the hall. Workman's Hall is another possibility.

Fall/Spring Fundraisers: There are too many fundraisers in the fall. Should consider having one in the spring to spread it out. Jelly Belly sales is an option around Easter time.

6. Marching Band Classic:

Sunday, October 19th. There are nine (9) bands performing including NHS. Entrance fees are \$8 and \$5. K. Moulton actively seeking volunteers. Food permit and police detail are needed. V. Dyckes is working on the program. Need people to sell 50/50. W. Wood has a tentative menu: mac & Cheese, ziti, meatball subs, chili, wraps, chicken soup, apple crisp, chips, candy, pizza (? Georgios), and possibly hotdogs. W. Wood to email finalized menu to S. Conant, so he can forward it to the guest bands (to increase sales). Discussed reaching out to football students to help at classic. S. Conant suggests starting with non-marching band students and other music groups.

7. Music Camp Coordinator: Lisa Silletti

S. Silletti suggested creating a camp newsletter (with camp dates) which may be emailed out. It may help recruit volunteers for music camp.

8. Choral Updates:

Attending King Richard's Fair on Sunday, October 12th. Parents are driving. Sara Seals will teach Honor Chorus at CMS.

9. Instrumental Updates

CMS Jazz Band will be taught by Larry Smith. Still looking for someone to teach CMS Honor Orchestra. Sean Lee may be interested in teaching CMS Honor Band.

10. Publicity: Ed Ferris

MB Classic has been posted to NPA and online at public sites.

11. Director of Fine Arts: Catherine Connor-Moen

The brochure, *Music-Broader Minded-Think Beyond the Bubbles*, was distributed to the principals, school committee and music parents at instrumental registration.

NFACT is up and running. The seat dedication fundraiser is in process. (www.nfact.org)

C. Moen shared a copy of article from the Boston Sunday Globe (August) which draws a connection between the practice of medicine and music.

House Bill #4384 recently passed the state legislature and will be presented to the Senate. This bill would require schools to inform parents that, if requested, the school must sterilize school band instruments (woodwind and brass) prior to being issued to students, presumably to prevent transmission of disease. C. Moen requests that PMA members contact their Senator (Michael Rush) and ask him to please vote NO if House Bill 4384 is presented to the Senate.

Contact C. Moen for an electronic version of the letter to the Senator.

12. President Paul Campbell

P. Campbell would like to encourage members to “bring a friend” to the next PMA Meeting on November 12th in order to increase membership.

Discussed the *Snow Flake Ball* and possibly changing the name to “Fine Arts Semi”. W. Wood offered to cook in order to lower the ticket price for the students. Looking for a place to have the dance.

P. Campbell to check K of C for availability on February 6, 2015. Four Points is an option, but may be priced to high. C. Eckhardt suggested that students bring canned good to the dance to donate to the Norwood Food Pantry as a way of giving back to the community.

Discussed setting a budget of \$150 to \$200 to take judges out to dinner after music events. It has been too costly in the past to continue paying the entire bill. During the MB Classic, lunch will be brought up to the judges.

13. Other Business:

S. Conant invited the CMS 8th grade band to join the NHS pep band at the Friday Night Lights game on Oct. 10th. He also invited the CMS 7th grade band to join the pep band at Norwood vs Walpole football game on Oct. 18th at 2:30pm. Requests the PMA provide cider and cookies for a CMS & NHS meet and greet in the café during half time on 10/10 and 10/18.

Going forward, scholarships must be distributed in a timely manner with a deadline for requesting payment. Recipients must have grades submitted by March 1st and outstanding debts must be address prior to receiving the scholarship award.

14. Adjournment at 9:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Stacey Lane.