



**Important Dates**

See the online calendar for additional dates and changes

<b>Events</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Winter Concert	December 14, 7:00pm	High School	
Next Meeting	February 1, 2007	High School	
Winter Guard/Perc	March 3, 2007	Salem, MA	
Winter Guard	March 10, 2007	Peabody, MA	Guard only
Winter Guard/Perc	March 11, 2007	South Hadley, MA	
Winter Guard/Perc	March 25, 2007	Dudley, MA	
Finals	March 31, 2007	UMass Amherst	2 buses.

**Date:** January 4, 2007

**Location:** Millbury High School

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Meeting called to order: 6:02 Mike Kniskern Presiding**

**Attendees:** Mike Kniskern, Donna Swenson, Walter Swenson, Andrea Paquette, Pam Ashmankas, Linda Boll, Art Allard, Pam Allard, Dan Ferreira, Ann Jenkel, Deb Flynn, Anne Marie Cammuso, Sherri Brousseau, Kelly Roberts

*Secretary Report* – Read and motion to accept by Art Allard, second by Andrea Paquette  
**[Approved]**

*Treasurer Report* – Read and motion to accept by Art Allard, second by Walter Swenson  
**[Approved]**

**New Business**

- *Director's Corner*
  - Jazz Night – Is the MMPA interested in doing concessions and etc?  
 General consensus was that this would be good as an additional fundraiser if it is advertised enough.
  - Lions Club Honor Band – requires \$100 to supplement the cost of this activity. Motion was made by Pam Ashmankas – Second Linda Boll  
**[Approved]**
  - Winter percussion/Guard Floor usage – Dan Ferreira is planning on having the students deploy the floor. Will update us if there is a change or need for additional help.

- Percussion Uniform for Winter Percussion –Request is to reduce the overall cost of ~\$1000.00 to the 18 Students, Students currently plan to purchase their own at \$55.00 per student. Motion was made by Walter Swenson to fund a total of \$400.00 (~22.00/student). Discussion was opened and second motion was made by Andrea Paquette for \$540 (~\$30.00/student) – Walter withdrew original motion and second the motion for \$540.00 [**Approved**]
- Guard Uniforms for Winter Guard – No specific request at this time as the uniforms they had planned to purchase were not available due to problems with the selected vendor. (Previous request was for \$1150.00 in September with this request being supported, but vote was delayed pending decision on funding)
- Uniform Cleaning – Request monies to help offset the cost (\$600.00) of cleaning uniforms. This money would be needed later in the year (end of school year). No action on this item. (*See budget discussion*)
- Sound system – Request to purchase a sound system for a total of \$850 – Motion made by Pam Ashmankas and second by Linda Boll [**Approved**]
- Poinsettia sale – Overall went well for first time. Changes to improve selling and distribution of the plants during the concert will be made next year.
- CSL Grant – Air Force Band of Liberty See Dan’s notes for details – this was just FYI.
- *Budget Discussion* – There was a general discussion and concern around our budget. We need to be sure that the requests we receive are in line with planned budgeted amounts. While we are currently in good fiscal shape we do not want to come up short by approving additional items that may not have been included in planning or last minute items that we can not afford. This discussion was mainly around ensuring we are approving the items that we can afford and planning for others as time permits. No action other than ensuring the instructors detail plans for purchases as early as possible during the year to enable us to plan for the expenditures.
- *Shaw Concert* – Would like to have help from MMPA parents, possibly from parents that do not have children in the Shaw concert. Thursday, January 11, 2007 @ 6:30 pm – 6 People signed up
- *Jr./Sr. Winter Concert Video* – Completed and preparing for DVD burn. Will be delivered to Dan Ferreira by Saturday.

### **Old Business**

- *Parka Issues* – Art Allard is continuing to work with the vendor to provide some value back for the spelling problems. They may provide some practice flags for compensation.
- *Spring Dance* – to be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> – Chaperones will be needed.
- *Wine Tasting* – Art and Pam Allard to review if vendor is still interested.
- *Barnes & Noble @ BU* – Book distribution has been reduced to just Sat and Sun (13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>) due to lack of participation on Monday (15<sup>th</sup>). Another school group will cover this and absorb the funds for that day. Need to be sure we have at least 10-12 people to cover for the day (10-7). Walter Swenson has 15 passenger

- van that will provide transportation for those that stay the full day. (As space permits)
- *News Letter* – No update, but will distribute sample with full content by next weekend to those that want to see. Will need to make decisions on how we will distribute. Will request posting on Music Web site as well. Possibly to hand out some at Concert on Thursday if all formatting and spelling is completed.
  - *Bowling fundraiser* – Town and Country Shrewsbury – April date is possible. Based on last year (first time) we will need to make some changes to this event to clarify pledges and money return procedures to be used.
  - *Car Wash fundraiser* – current dates are 7/28 and 8/25
  - *March into Music fundraiser* – Chairperson needed – Claire Murray will take the role. We would like to see more sold at the High School – Possible to sell at the Musical with a little more upfront planning

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:25 pm

**Resources:**

- Millbury Music web: <http://www.millburyhsmusic.com>
- Calendar: <http://www.localendar.com/public/dferreira>
- E-mail: Dan Ferreira, Music Director – [dferreira@millbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:dferreira@millbury.k12.ma.us)