



**Important Dates**

See the *online calendar* for additional dates and changes

<b>Events</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Notes</b>
MMPA Monthly Meeting	June 7, 2007 @ 6:00 PM	High School	May be rescheduled due to Awards night???
Sprint Concert (Shaw)	May 10, 2007 @ 7:00 PM	High School	
Spring Concert (HS)	May 24, 2007 @ 7:00 PM	High School	
Memorial Day Parade	May 28, 2007	Town	
Independence Day Parade	June 24, 2007	Town	

**Date:** May 3, 2007

**Location:** Millbury High School

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Meeting called to order: 6:02 Art Allard Presiding**

**Attendees:** Pam Allard, Art Allard, Tracey LaVallee, Linda Boll, Andrea Paquette, Kelly Roberts, Walter Swenson, Ann Jenkel, Dan Ferreira, Claire Murray, Pamela Ashmankas, Deb Flynn

*Secretary Report* – Read and motion to accept by Linda Boll, Second by Tracey LaVallee  
**[Approved]**

*Treasurer Report* – Read and motion to accept by Linda Boll, Second by Tracey LaVallee  
**[Approved]**

**Director’s Corner**

- Color Guard **Kelly** : Plans for next year include possibly purchasing some flag “material” and making their own flags. Kelly’s mom will help out with the sewing as needed. The color guard would like to paint the floor for next years show. Will need to investigate a place to paint it. Paint needs to cure for 3-4 days prior to folding the floor back up. Dan Ferreira will work with Kelly to help located a place to complete this activity.
- Reminder that the Veterans Concert starts at 6:30pm (Combined with the Sheppard Hill Band)
- Liberty Band went very well.
- Spring Concert – Volunteers needed for bake sale and door duty. We would like to have the slide show setup at the concert showing before the concert while people enter the concert. MMPA invited to tell parents about the MMPA and meetings. (Mike K.? or Art?). We will do Corsages for the Seniors. (**I missed who was going to do this???**)
- Mrs. Swenson would like to add a section to her newsletter about the MMPA – Dan Ferreira will provide the details from the information flyer on the website.

- Awards Night – Dan will contact Mike Kniskern to work out details on needs for pins and key chains?. May 29, 2007 @ 7:00 pm – MMPA will sponsor Coffee “and” after the awards ceremony in the Cafeteria. Coffee Urn is available from the school for use this night.
- Parades – Schedules to be posted on the web site schedule
  - Memorial Day parade – Students will be staying at the VFW to eat lunch this year prior to heading back to the school.
  - Lions Club – Sun 24<sup>th</sup> (School is out 15<sup>th</sup>) – Some concern about how many students will show up. Possibly add some of the 7<sup>th</sup> graders to the marching band for this in case turn out is very low.

### **Old Business**

- **Slide Show** - Jessica Kniskern is working to put this together for the awards banquet.
- **Bowling Fundraiser** – This dates for this have a new conflict. Suggest we check with Mike Kniskern for the Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> – If available Dan Ferriera will check with students to gauge interest
- **Cori Reports** – All Cori reports are done through the school. All MMPA members must complete Cori to the school each year. MMPA will maintain a list of Cori reports sent to Dan for the school. We will not have any details from the Cori on file. Dan should notify MMPA if any parents turn them in through him directly for maintaining proper records.
- **Ice Cream Social** - Thank you to Art and Pam for coordinating this activity. The attendance was a bit lower than expected, may be due to the first nice weekend in a long time. We will send a thank you letter/plaque to Scales for there continued support.
- **Car Wash Fundraiser** – Signup for help – Dates are currently scheduled for 7/28 and 8/25 – Stay tuned for any changes in this schedule.
- **Police Details** – We received a second copy of the invoice for Police Coverage at the Dance. Mrs. Swenson took the bill and will review this and set about who will cover this cost and get back to us.

### **New Business**

- **MMPA Chain of Command** – We would like to be sure that the music instructors and our parents are working MMPA related issues and ideas within our Meetings and through the Executive Committee to be sure we are all working in the same direction for success of all of the Music Programs.
- **Budget** – The MMPA needs to have the music program instructors provide an estimated budget for next year so that we can plan our fundraising activities and requirements. Dan has provided a high level outline for their thought requirements. Dan and the other instructors will work together to finalize this by June and the MMPA Executive Committee will try to arrange a meeting to review the program requirements. This is important to the MMPA so we can have our fundraiser activity requirements into the school early.
- **Drum Major Update** – MMPA request an update/clarification on the status of Drum Majors – Dan’s plan is to currently have one Drum Major that has clearly demonstrated leadership skills and promise in their ability to grow. Section

- leaders and “Grade” leader rolls will be expanded to give more responsibility. Would like to send one person to DMA this summer.
- **Future Program Direction** – MMPA is looking for an update on any possible changes to the programs now that Dan Ferreira has been here for a year. Dan does not currently expect any drastic changes in any programs. Hope is to expand the teaching capabilities for the chorus – TBD.
  - **Junior High** – Looking for clarification on the participation of Junior high students in the Marching Band. Many people have heard different things and we would just like to get those clarified. 7<sup>th</sup> Graders are developing their music skills and as such Marching Band, in general, is not good idea overall. 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will continue to be eligible if they are proficient enough with their skills.
  - **Website** – There has been some inconsistent updates to the music program website. Just provided some feedback to Dan on some possible updates and omissions in the past. Dan has been doing a great job with the website.
  - **Communications issues** – Discussed several communication issues and cleared up some confusion around some parades and communications between students.
  - **Chaperones** – When MMPA is funding chaperones we want to be sure to have active MMPA members given first chance on these opportunities. It is important to have active members given these opportunities to allow us to grow the MMPA through this and other incentives.
  - **Barnes and Noble Fundraiser** – Labor Day Weekend fundraiser – Color Guard will help one day. Dan Ferreira will work out a coverage plan for this and have it ready for us next meeting so that we can have proper amount of parents/chaperones available. This is an important fundraiser for us.
  - **Genevieve Fundraiser** – Linda Boll asked if we are interested in doing this fundraiser with the Parents Club again next year? Overall positive reaction and think we should do this.
  - **MMPA Personnel recognition** – Discussion around ensuring we produce all materials for MMPA public with proper MMPA information and not have personal names unless required for contact details as needed.
  - **MMPA Communications** – We will update our membership list this year with e-mail addresses and resume using e-mail as one form of communications within the MMPA – Executive committee will have access to the dist list and will use Blind Copy to send e-mails to prevent excess e-mail concerns. Will review the updates with music program instructors.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:55 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)