



Important Dates

See the online calendar for additional dates and changes

| Events | Dates | Location | Notes |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Football Game | September 15, 2006 | Millbury HS | |
| Football Game | September 22, 2006 | Millbury HS | |
| Next Meeting | October 5, 2006 @ 6:00pm | Millbury HS | |
| UMASS Band Day | October 7, 2006 | UMASS Amherst | |
| Columbus Day Parade | October 8, 2006 | Worcester | |
| MICCA | October 14, 2006 | Shepherd Hill | |
| NESBA | October 21, 2006 | East Bridgewater | May be moved/canceled |
| MICCA | October 22, 2006 | Norwood | |
| MICCA Finals | October 29, 2006 | TBD | |

Important Note: With the current issues related to mosquitoes it is very important that all students take precautions with proper bug spray when performing/practicing outdoors. Parents, be sure that your child is protected!

Date: September 7, 2006

Location: Millbury High School

Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order: 6:00 – Mike Kniskern Presiding

Attendees: Mike Kniskern, Pam Allard, Walter & Donna Swenson, Ann Jenkel, Sherri Brousseau, Linda Boll, Mary & Stephen Turco, Angela Croteau, Mrs Swenson (Principal), Andrea Paquette, Dan Ferreira, Kelly Roberts, Jessica LaVallee, Claire Murray, Karen L`Esperance, Jim Rollins, Deb Flynn, Pam Ashmankas

(20 People present!)

Linda Boll provided some very nice pie! Thank you

Secretary Report – Read and motion to accept Linda Boll, second by Donna Swenson
[**Approved**]

Treasurer Report – Read and motion to accept Andrea Paquette, second by Sherri Brousseau [**Approved**]

Introductions

More new people! Thanks for coming – Stephen and Mary Turco

New Business

- *Directors Corner (Dan Ferreira)* –
 - *Web site update* – Dan has been updating the site routinely and it looks good. (See below for link). The current web site is covered through Dan and would like to see if the association could pick up the cost. Total cost through his current provider would be approximately \$80.00 per year if paid for the full year. [**Hold**] Mrs. Swenson would like to review this and determine school funds/direction on this prior to any funding.
 - *Poinsettias Fundraiser* – Dan has decided to take on this activity for the Winter Concert. Will provide him names of local vendors for them if needed.
 - *East Bridgewater* – The NESBA competition planned for Oct 21st may not happen due to the EEE scare in that part of the state. Schools in the south eastern part of the state are canceling outdoor events. See web site for updates when available.
 - *UMASS Band Camp* – Mandatory attendance – This has in the past been an optional event, with changes in course credit Dan wants this to be a required attendance, for questions see Dan directly – 8 Sections total to cover with chaperones for the trip.
 - *Uniforms* – Request \$174.95 to cover expenses until the band has funds from the parade, related to uniforms for Marching Band. Motion was to cover the total costs through the MMPA without Dan using the money from the parade. Motion made by; Walter Swenson, Second by Stephen Turco [**Approved**]
 - *Polo Shirt* – Required polo shirts – \$16.50 per shirt – Would require approximately \$560.00 to cover the difference between the advertised \$10 and actual cost of \$16.50 per shirt. Motion made to approve this cost pending a review of possible options that Stephen Turco will help us research. Motion by: Ann Jenkel, second by: Linda Boll [**Approved**]
- *Principal Notes – Mrs. Linda Swenson*
 - This administration is providing full support for Dan to move a good program to a great program. 2 more assistants to assist with Marching band and percussion.
 - Woollies pride applies to everyone not just sports, all should demonstrate this pride at all times.
 - Everyone thanked Mrs. Swenson for her attendance and comments.
- *Guard Corner - Kelly Roberts*
 - *Flags* – Kelly presented her flag choice – Blue flags that look very nice. \$25.00 ea for the flags. Company currently provides one practice flag for each show flag purchased. This brings the total to \$12.50/flag – Total cost of \$250 plus shipping. Based on the commitment the girls made to the Car

- wash a motion was made to approve the \$250 plus shipping costs. Motion made by Walter Swenson, Second by Linda Boll – **[Approved]**
- *Guard Uniforms* - for Marching Band comp and Winter Guard – They would not be in for this season Marching Band competitions. Would like to purchase and have in for the Winter Guard season. Uniforms to purchase would be \$57.00 per with the need of 15 to cover the current unit and a couple of extras for next years. This uniforms should last several seasons. Total cost would be 1150.00 for the 15 uniforms including shipping costs. The guard girls have offered to add \$15.00 per person for the uniforms. **[Delayed vote – Pending for next meeting]** We want to be able to cover this cost for the unit and will review available funding options for next meeting.
 - *Jr. High-Shaw Corner – Jim Rollins*
 - *Parent Involvement – MMPA Support* – Discussion around the level of involvement with the Jr/Shaw programs and the MMPA. Ongoing support as always – New information from Jim on parents at those levels should provide additional help. Parent support letter for the Jr./Shaw programs sent out. They are starting to come back now.
 - *Fundraisers – Shaw Concert (bake sale) and Note your name Music March at Shaw* – These funds are linked directly to the Shaw school program. The Jr. High programs do not have specific fundraiser programs but will participate with the existing planned fundraisers and benefit from these moneys as well.
 - *Awards Banquette* – Be sure to cover the 7/8th grade music programs/etc – ~ costs look like \$241 for awards/plaques. **[Review with Banquette costs]**
 - *Great East Festival* – This is a trip that the Jr. High band would take part of. They would perform at a school in the Western part of the state and then attend the rest of the day at Six Flags New England as was done in the past. Jim would like to cover the participation fee of \$50.00 and the cost of the chaperones (37.50/ea * 4). (Subject to changes in ticket costs). If possible also to cover some part of the \$37.50 costs for students? Students that participate with the Genevieve fundraiser could use their trip funds to cover this trip out of their allocations. Approximate costs for part. fee and chaperones would approach ~\$200.00 **[Review next meeting]**
 - Clothing order – October order – Linda Boll will help coordinate.
 - Parent night at Shaw – MMPA Signup – Claire idea –
 - E-Mail update issues – Need/Web posting update/e-mail updates/etc – general topic.

Old Business

- *Band Camp (General)* – Good event – costs were higher than last years but was primarily due to change in water. Water changes to bottles worked out and more sanitary. We used both the “standard” size bottle water and the “mini” water bottles. Looks like the mini water bottles are the best for reduced waste/horse play.

- *Cori reports* – Cori reports were completed. If you did not make the meeting see Mike Kniskern for one. You must complete this before working with any of the kids/programs. Side note: if/when Mike Kniskern leaves the group MMPA will need to assign a new person as Cori Officer.
- *Dance* – Jr. High dance date will be moved due to Football game conflict – TBD
- *Chaperone Signup Sheets* – Passed around for the up coming events. Mike Kniskern to review and put up on web/or e-mail out details on additional needs.
- *Fundraisers* – Genevieve is coming – Watch your student for additional information.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 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