



Important Dates

See the *online calendar* for additional dates and changes

Events	Dates	Location	Notes
Football Game	11/02/07 @ 7:00pm	Millbury High School	Senior Night?
Next MMPA Meeting	11/01/07 @ 6:00pm	Millbury High School	
NESBA Oliver Ames MB Comp	11/03/07 (See web)	Oliver Ames – North Easton, MA	100 Lothrop Street
Football Game	11/22/07		
Winter Concert	12/13/07	Millbury High School	

Date: October 4, 2007

Location: Millbury High School

Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order 6:05pm, Art Allard presiding :

Attendees: Art Allard, Pam Allard, Walter Swenson, Ann Jenkel, Dan Ferreira, Steve Turco, Mary Turco, Linda Boll, Claire Murray, Judy Reilly, Susan Schroeder, Pam Ashmankas, Ann Marie , Mike Kniskern, Patty Kniskern, Maureen Army, Deb Flynn.

Secretary Report – Read and motion to accept by Linda Boll, Second by Pam Allard
[Approved]

Treasurer Report – Read and motion to accept by Linda Boll, Second by Mike Kniskern
[Approved]

Director’s Corner

- **Cori Reports** – Dan updated us on Cori Reports – Reports are good for 3 years now. Cori form has changed some. Make sure you have updated your report this year. Art Allard will maintain a list of people that have submitted.
- *Send Dan, Master list parents*
- **Polo Shirts** – Will need approximately 20 shirts (to be ordered from EM Screen) for new students this year. Can MMPA help offset cost this year? Motion to assist in the cost by covering \$5.00 for each shirt made by Steve Turco, second by Mike Kniskern. **[Approved]** Dan will note in letter to parents that MMPA is assisting in offset of the total cost.
- **Marching Band Schedules** – Schedules have been slow in receipt; will post on Web as soon as available.
- **UMASS Band Day** – Dan will note with the kids \$5.00 to cover some of the cost of the food. Approximate headcount is 32.
- **Band Room Environment** – This was a lively discussion with concerns expressed with students having possible mold/mildew on their instruments (reeds). Conditions of papers, etc that are in the room. Concern was expressed over actions school may or may not be taking in addressing this issue. Dan

Ferreira is currently trying to address these issues with the Facilities and Administration staffs. First motion on subject was to have representative (Mike Kniskern volunteering) present Parents concerns to administration and school committee. No second on the motion. Second motion rewords first motion, Steve Turco presents motion to have Secretary Craft letter with clearly identified concerns about the environmental condition of the room, and have all Band Parents sign. Second by Pam Ashmankas. [**Approved**] Letter will be crafted and forwarded to Mike Kniskern to get signatures, and then present to school committee.

[Edit: This vote was put on hold by the Board pending the results of current actions taken within the band room by the facilities staff.]

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- **Student Commitment and Decisions** – Dan Ferreira has sent out a note to students and parents about the Band commitment they signed up for and discussions about making healthy choices based on general concerns.
- **NY Trip** – reminder Chaperones must be actively involved during the year. Hairspray was selected with Chicago being the #2 show. Dan Ferreira would like to see the MMPA support this trip costs with \$1060 to help ensure the cost is down under the \$600.00 point. Motion from Pam Ashmankas to apply \$1000.00 from MMPA to the trip, second by Deb Flynn. Discussion led to change in Pam's motion to make the donation \$1060.00 minimum and to be reviewed later in the year. Second on change by Steve Turco [**Approved**] – FAQ is now on the website for the trip.
- Proposed budget for several items was presented.
- Motion by Ann Jenkel to purchase 4 Bass drum harnesses as these are needed ASAP, second by Pam Ashmankas [**Approved**]
- List prioritized
 - #1 – 4 new Bass drum harness
 - #2 – Drum set
 - #3 – Concert Toms
 - #4 – Drum Major podium (Next year)

Old Business

- **Volunteer Cards** – Well you know... fill them out with your times.
- **Barnes & Noble** – Review the various dates for next year (Jan) book distribution. Dates look to be December 29 & 30 (2007) and January 12 & 13. Unanimous vote to make this a 50/50 split of monies between the Students involved and the MMPA.
- Motion from Art Allard to reimburse Walter Swenson \$100.00 for the use of his van during the last two Barnes and Noble fundraiser trips, second by Steve Turco [**Approved**]
- Genevieve - ~45 kids sold stuff. Motion by Steve Turco to award \$100.00 to highest earner, second by Walter Swenson. Walter & Donna Swenson will donate 3 movie passes again for this as well.

New Business

- **Fundraiser**

- Pancake breakfast idea – Steve Turco – He will look into this and update us at a future meeting.
- **Dance** – Do we want to have a dance? Art Allard to check on possible spring dates.
- **Donation** – Received donation from C.D. Whitney Agency from the hot dog sale. Thank you letter to go out.
- **Clothing Order** – Linda Boll is coordinating the clothing order (not the Polo Shirt order) see order form for more details.
- **Entertainment Books** – Pam Ashmankas updated us, the books are now out with the students.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:39 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