



**Music Sponsors South  
General Membership Meeting  
January 16, 2018  
7:00 pm**

A sign in sheet was passed around and is on file.

**President:** Christine Fiorello welcomed all members, and thanked the music directors for successful winter concerts.

**Spring Trip:** Mr. Raguseo and Mrs. Kaster addressed the parents in attendance with details pertaining to the Music in the Parks Spring Trip to Hershey, PA. Trip leaves after school on Thursday, 6/7 and returns home Saturday afternoon 6/9. Transportation will be paid by Music Sponsors, which will reduce the price per student by approximately \$75. Mr. Raguseo described the logistics of the trip. Mrs. Kaster explained security measures that will be taken and the procedure for bringing medication. There will be a bag check prior to departure, details to follow. An additional installment payment of \$100 will be requested sometime in Feb/March. Parents had the opportunity to ask questions.

**Fundraising:** Kim Buonocore talked about planning a spring clothing drive, possibly the beginning of April. We will wrap up fundraising with Music in the Parks.

**Treasurer:** Michael Milton presented the current financial statement to the group. Current account balance is \$20,040. Tara McCormack inquired about the status of the laptop purchase and Michael reported that he did not move ahead with the purchase because everything is moving to a Google site instead.

**Upcoming Events:** St. Patrick's Day Parade, NYC. Mr. Raguseo is waiting for parade organizers to confirm our participation. Practice dates: 2/17, 2/24, 3/3.

Music in the Parks. We have been assigned to be the performance site for 8 competitions (3 Fridays and 5 Saturdays), dates are on web site. Anticipated volunteers needed are 5 adults per event. Mr. Raguseo will coordinate student volunteers. Anticipated income will be \$9200. MSS will need to purchase walkie-talkies to run this event, Mr. Raguseo will look into it and provide quote.

Tri-M flower fundraiser. Mrs. Kaster talked about the success of the poinsettia fundraiser and said the Tri-M students are looking into a similar spring flower fundraiser.

Tri-M Music Honor Society applications are due by next Monday 1/22. Criteria: must be at least 2 years in a performing ensemble, overall GPA of 3.5 or higher, must have an "A" average in performance classes.

**Committees:** Scholarship: Claudia Healey talked about having Mr. Raguseo and Mrs. Kaster review/revise the applications and review the scoring system to ensure MSS Scholarships are given out in an equitable fashion. Mr. Raguseo agreed the application is long overdue for revisions.

Banquet: Donna Barnes will be working with Rosa Bellia, no updates at this time.

Christine Fiorello made a motion to pay \$6400 toward the cost of buses for the Spring Trip. Claudia Healey and Meg Cashion seconded the motion. Membership unanimously voted in favor. Motion approved.

**Discussion:** After this meeting, Mr. Raguseo proposed that in order to move forward with bylaws, a panel of 7 be assembled (Mr. Raguseo, Mrs. Kaster, and 5 MSS non-board members). Christine will ask Tara McCormack to send out an email soliciting 5 parents to participate. The panel will review and recommend edits to the bylaws to be presented to the general membership for voting.

Next meeting 2/12/18 at 7:00 (*changed to 2/20/18*).