



**Music Sponsors South
General Membership Meeting
April 9, 2018
7:00 pm**

A sign in sheet is on file.

Old Business:

Christine Fiorello opened the meeting and the March minutes were approved. Minutes have been posted on FB and on the MSS web site.

Mr. Raguseo has been looking further into the purchase of a trailer. He has to find out if district will approve an 8 ½' trailer instead of 8'.

A thank you has been received from the BOE for the donation of the water filling station. Mr. Raguseo reported it is being purchased and installed.

Reminder: Clothing drive 5/22.

Treasurers Report:

Michael Milton presented the budget. He reported that no transactions were posted month-to-date in April. End of March transactions included the expense for the water filling station, St. Pat's Parade expenses and band trip deposits. A copy of the budget was distributed and is on file. Budget was voted on and approved.

New Business:

The Tri-M Music Honor Society: induction ceremony will be Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00. Current Tri-M members will provide dessert and paper goods. Rosa and Nancy will coordinate beverages.

Music in the Parks: First group is coming 4/28/18. We will host 3 Friday's and 5 Saturday's this year. Mr. Raguseo will need 12-15 student volunteers and 5 parents for each session. Students who volunteer on Saturdays (Community Service hours) will be offered the Fridays (Field Trip).

Spring concert dates: 5/15 band and 5/17 choir. Corsages will be ordered for the choir seniors. Concessions, Candy Grams and 50/50 are all are planned. Mrs. Kaster will provide Christine with the list of seniors in choir.

June trip: Parents interested in chaperoning may email Mr. Raguseo and/or Mrs. Kaster. Parents of seniors will be given priority. Trip will depart 3 pm 6/7 and return around noon on 6/9.

Our next meeting will be May 7, 2018 at 7 pm.

Committee input/needs:

Banquet: Rosa and Donna gave out the RSVP forms. A copy is on file. Mr. Raguseo and Mrs. Kaster will distribute to the students.

Yearbook: Order forms were distributed. Book is \$40 and will be distributed at the banquet. Rosa also posted the order form/announcement on FB. She asked members if they have special photos they would like included to send them to her ASAP. Megaly Milton offered to assist with yearbook.

Scholarship: Claudia gave an update; the scholarship committee has completed their work. There were 17 eligible seniors, 13 applied, and 11 scholarships were awarded. She explained the scholarship committee was provided blind applications from Mr. Raguseo and Mrs. Kaster and how the students were ranked and rated. The scholarships will be in the amounts of \$500, \$250 and \$100.

The Maryellen Mannarino Memorial Scholarship will be \$500. Writing prompt will be provided to the eligible students and Mr. Raguseo will ask Guidance to select the scholarship recipient.

Mike Maggipinto reported the Bylaw Committee has been meeting and is making progress. They will distribute a draft of the revisions to the Executive Board before the May 7 meeting.

Open Discussion:

Janice Merola talked about needed improvements to the food booth. An estimate from Executive Maintenance Services has been provided and is on file. She has another contractor coming later this week for a second estimate. She asked if anyone had a reliable, reasonable contractor to recommend. Also, she reported the food booth is in need of 3 large coffee urns for next season. Discussion continued about the poor electrical service and a recommendation for purchasing a generator was suggested.

Directors Comments:

Mr. Raguseo introduced online group management programs Charms and Cut Time. He talked about the pros/cons of both and how they would streamline what we all do. One member raised concern about the ongoing expense (\$300 - \$400 annually) and another member suggested using Dropbox instead. Others expressed interest that the programs would be beneficial to our organization. The links to both sites will be emailed to members to let everyone look at these programs.

Note: Members were not specifically asked to send comments or feedback on these programs. This will be tabled for discussion at the May 7 parent meeting.

The meeting concluded and was adjourned.