

# MUSIC MENTORS AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2023 (combined)

## MEETING MINUTES

**Date: August 29, 2023**

**Board Members Present: Angie Arslanian (President), Amy Freeman (Vice President), Julie Bates (Treasurer), Beatrice Goldberg (Secretary), Ben McMurtrie and Steve Poremba.**

**Committee Chairs Present: Meredith Everett (Chaperone); Uniforms (Christina Smelcer); Website (Dan Bingman, Peter Tellep); Scholarship (Kim Bednarski); Service Committee (Jason Bednarski); Hospitality (Mary Ellen Layman); 50/50 Raffle (Angela Forgus).**

**Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.**

### **1) APPROVAL OF THE LAST MONTH MINUTES:**

**Minutes of the June 7, 2023. Motion to approve made by Kim Bednarski, seconded by Mary Ellen Layman. Motion carried. No meeting in July 2023, no minutes to approve.**

### **2) OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report (Julie Bates): everything is balanced. \$35,000 in collection. Purchased new hangers.**

**Directors' Reports: (Steve Poremba & Ben McMurtrie).**

Steve Poremba:

- **Welcome back! Sept, entering 3<sup>rd</sup> month of band, 3<sup>rd</sup> week of football. Kids are very energetic and enthusiastic. Very busy, but a lot about football. Sept, competitions are coming up. Focus more on competitions.**
- **Wednesday Sept 20: Lake County festival (Music Mentors hosting - Festival of all bands of Lake County).**
- **The first competition in Akron (Sept 23) was cancelled. May be able to make the Perkins evening performance (by Sandusky) on Sept 23.**
- **Oct 7. Show (location TBA).**
- **Marching Band evening rehearsals to start on Sept 12: 4-7 pm instead of 6-9 pm, on Tuesdays. Will go one more week after Labor Day, 2:45-5:45 pm then switch 4-7 pm. Thursday will remain 2:45-5:45 pm.**
- **Thank you for those who volunteer. Keep putting fillers out to new parents for volunteering.**
- **Thank you to Ray Layman for being the voice of FCMB (announcement at games).**
- **Concert bands: December concerts (piloting a Festival on Saturday December 16, 2023), will be all day, choir at 12 noon, orchestra at 2:30 pm, band at 5 pm. Will go back to evening for March and May 2024 concerts. Band concert schedule are posted on Schoology and on musicmentors.org**

Ben McMurtrie:

- **Sept 8, 2023 – Tag Day eve. Middle school band day. They will join the HS Band.**
- **August 30, cadette members first day.**
- **Marching band in the summer was great. Great music!**
- **Thank you to all the volunteers.**

Presidents' Report (Angie Arslanian):

- **Thank you to all those who helped. Huge thanks to those who helped at the Lake County Fair with parking. Received \$7,000. Working on ideas to spread the word better for volunteers in the future.**
- **We are low on volunteers, need help in all our committees. Sign up if you can.**
- **Sept 20, will need volunteers for the Lake Festival. Start around 5 pm.**
- **Sept 9, tag day. Need drivers. They need to be fingerprinted (M,W,F 11:30-4:30), need to say MHS when fingerprinting. 8 am to 1 pm.**

Amy Freeman (Vice President)

- **Tag day has been very successful in the last years.**
- **Will not be there that day but will have all ready to go. 100 drivers would be great. Sign up forms is up online.**

Beatrice Goldberg (Secretary)

**Dine to Donate: Bibbibop 9/21; Boston Market 10/19 (doors closed in Mentor?), Crumble looking at Five Below for Dec. Ideas for next Dine to Donate: Tommy Subs, Crumbl Cookies.**

### **3) COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

Uniforms (Christina Smelcer):

- **Almost ready to go with pants for all, we did receive the hats. Kids all sized.**
- **Waiting for the last pieces and parts of uniforms. Hopefully, will be all in for Lake County Festival.**
- **Always need help with distributing and collecting uniforms before/after games.**
- **New carpet donated and installed in the uniform room.**
- **Raincoats are ordered, waiting to come.**

Chaperone (Meredith Everett):

**Thanks to all who helped during the Lake County fair parking. Chaperone email on the way.**

Hospitality (Jane Eberly and Mary Ellen Layman): **Thank you to all who already volunteered food and water. Link to resend for donations. No nuts. Baked goods are okay, as long as individually packaged.**

Website (Dan Bingman, Peter Tellep): **Working on a new layout of the website. May need an SSL certificate (\$10/\$15 a year cost). Angie: proceed with certificate purchase. Posting pictures okay. Please send pictures to [webmaster@musicmentors.org](mailto:webmaster@musicmentors.org) if you have any.**

Scholarship (Kim Bednarski): **Mid-Sept, will talk to section leaders. Looking into having a pasta dinner.**

Service Committee (Jason Bednarski): **Still looking for people to help.**

50/50 Raffle (Angela Forgas). **Need a lot of help.**

*If you are interested in volunteering, join any of the committees, please check musicmentors.org website for contact info on committee chairs (click on "about us").*

### **4) OLD BUSINESS:**

**None**

**5) NEW BUSINESS:**

**None**

**6) NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday October 4, 2023	Music Mentors Board Meeting
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**Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. Motion to approve made by Kim Bednarski, seconded by Dan Bingman. Motion carried.**