

MUSIC MENTORS APRIL 2024

MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 3, 2024

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

Committee Chairs Present: **Uniforms (Christina Smelcer); Chaperones (Meredith Everett); Hospitality (Mary Ellen Layman); Website (Dan Bingman); Scholarship (Kim Bednarski); Service Committee (Jason Bednarski).**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

1) APPROVAL OF THE LAST MONTH MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 2024 meeting: motion to approve made by Kim Bednarski, Mary Ellen Layman seconded. Motion carried.

2) OFFICERS REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report (Julie Bates):

- **Dine to Donate coming in every month.**
- **OMEA \$1,384 profit.**
- **Please turn in receipts if you have any, by the end of April.**

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

Steve Poremba:

- **Happy April! Lots of events were held in March: large group, middle school concerts, high school concerts. Lots of volunteers helped (parents, students), thank you to all who helped.**
- **Our bands performed very well.**
- **April: rush to the end of the year, especially for marching band preparations. Concert band auditions. Schedule marching band will be out soon. Guard/majorette starting tryouts this month. Leadership applications will be out soon.**
- **May 7, 2024: band concert. Memorial Day parade (May 27, 2024) is only for 10th / 11th graders. New guard members, percussionists (freshmen not included).**
- **Commencement Band on June 2, 2024 (around 25 players picked as small group). Will need a chaperone or two and will need snacks and water for the event.**
- **Field speaker not working, will need to get it fixed. It is repairable but has to be sent to California (pretty heavy) unless anyone knows a cheap way to get it there. Could be covered under warranty. Motion to pay shipping fee for speaker to be repaired, made by Kim Bednarski; seconded by Chris Parlow. Motion carried.**

Ben McMurtrie:

- **April 13, 2024, solo ensemble contest. Spring concert in May (5/21-Memorial; 5/23 -Shore). Received major awards – Best music award. MAMM: 60 schools participated in Ohio; Mentor Schools received the award. One of the factors to win the award was participation of the bands, community opportunities, level of support, booster level, overall role/participation in the community.**

Presidents' Report (Angie Arslanian):

- **Many thanks to all the volunteers (students and parents) for OMEA competition. Received thank you from participating bands.**
- **Scholarship application email sent out. The amount will be dependent on the raffle baskets funds collected.**
- **Guard tryouts scheduled. Need to push information out to Middle Schoolers entering 9th grade in 2024-2025.**
- **Early MCMB meeting – to schedule. End of April.**

Amy Freeman (Vice President)

- **Started the process of maps for tag day. Will schedule a follow up meeting.**

Beatrice Goldberg (Secretary)

- **Fundraisers / Dine to Donate:**
- **No Dine to Donate in April (basket raffle)**
- **May 22, 2024 – set for BW3 9566 Diamond Centre Dr. Mentor, OH 44060, 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 15% back.**

3) COMMITTEES REPORTS:

Uniforms (Christina Smelcer):

- **Cardinal Works is always looking for opportunities to gain experience with new skills. They will work on washing/drying the uniforms. (pants).**
- **Looking at sizing Band members during Camp week (week of 7/29/24), could start the week before.**

Chaperone (Meredith Everett):

- **Lake County Fair - July 23-28, 2024. Will have a schedule out at April meeting.**

Hospitality (Mary Ellen Layman):

- **Concessions worked great at OMEA.**

Website (Dan Bingman):

- **Julie to look at Cheddar Up for payments for uniforms.**

Scholarships (Kim Bednarski):

- **Nine baskets to raffle, going live on April 6. Beatrice to send link to School for adding to the daily announcements.**

Service Committee (Jason Bednarski):

- **Nothing to report.**

50/50 Raffle (Angela Forgus).

- **Absent**

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:

- Will put together an order form for the pillows.
- Will be sent to all 2024 graduates.

- Elections Slate presented.
Any nominations from the floor? None.

The 2024-2025 Music Mentors Nominating Committee place the following names in nomination:

For Office of President: Augie Arslanian
For Office of Vice-President 1: Amy Freeman
For Office of Vice-President 2: ✓
For Office of Secretary: Beatrice Loyer Goldberg
For Office of Treasurer: Julie Bates

The Nominating Committee has confirmed that all nominees have been a member of Music Mentors and meet other requirements as stated in the Music Mentors Bylaws:

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 18, 2024.

Nominating Committee:

Name: Beatrice Loyer Goldberg Signature: 

Name: Meredith Everett Signature: 

Name: Jim Cherrison Signature: 

Name: Chris Partlow Signature: 

Name: Kim Bednarski Signature: 

5) NEW BUSINESS:

None

6) NEXT MEETING:

May 1, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm—motion to approve made by Kim Bednarski, seconded by Mary Ellen Layman. Motion carried.