

**MUSIC MENTORS NOVEMBER 2024  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: November 6, 2024**

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

**Committee Chairs Present: Chaperones (Meredith Everett); ~~Hospitality (Jen Eberly)~~; Website (Dan Bingman); Christina Smelcer (Uniforms); ~~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 October 2024 meeting: The motion to approve the Minutes was made by Dan Bingman, seconded by Margaret Howell. The motion was carried out.**

**2) OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report (Julie Bates): had a great 50/50 raffle. Donations for Tag Day are still coming in. Taxes filed for the year.**

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

**Steve Poremba: State Marching Finals on 11/02, comments were unheard of. Great group of students this year. They just nailed it. Thanks to all parents, volunteers.**

**One more home play-off game this Saturday (Nov 9). After this week, we will go to neutral sites for games, could be far, as far as Mansfield, Ohio. Mentor is the top football team in Ohio at this time. We still do pre-games for home team games. The show will be scaled down.**

**Nov 18: FCMB Awards at 6:30 pm at FCAC.**

**The concert Band practices started this week. Dec 17, 2024, will be the Band concert night at 7 pm.**

**Ben McMurtrie:**

**Huge thanks to the students and parents. It was a great year. Students were phenomenal. Great memories from the season.**

**By middle of February, will be done with mini band for athletics.**

**Dec 3 (Shore) and Dec 5 (Memorial): Middle schools' concerts.**

**Presidents' Report (Angie Arslanian):**

**The season is not over year but winding down. Will still need help at games.**

**May have to feed students depending on games times/locations**

**Congrats to the students for their performance at the State Marching Band Finals and huge thank you to all the volunteers (old and new).**

**Scholarship donations solicitations started for the online raffle in February 2025. If you know of businesses who can donate, please contact Kim @ [scholarships@musicmentors.org](mailto:scholarships@musicmentors.org)**

**Vacancies of Board and Committees for next year. If you are interested, reach out to Angie Arslanian. To be a Board member, elections: need to have attended three meetings within the present year, be a member.**

**Committee chairs positions that will be open next year: service, chaperone, scholarships. Those positions are nominated by the Board.**

**Board position that will be open: Secretary.**

**If you are also interested in managing the large events (OMEA, Tag Day, Parking at the Fair), contact Angie.**

**Amy Freeman (Vice President): Not present.**

**Beatrice Goldberg (Secretary):**

**Had a two-day fundraiser with Dairy Queen in Mentor on the lake. Waiting for proceeds.**

**Trying to schedule a Dine to Donate (pizza) for November**

**Will look into a store for December (Brush Boutique?).**

**3) COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

**Uniforms (Christina Smelcer):**

**Around 100 students to fit for Concert Band, Will happen Tuesday and Thursday next week 4-7 pm.**

**For the marching band, kids have been taking great care of their uniforms.**

**Chaperone (Meredith Everett):**

**Nothing to report. All set for Friday. Great year with volunteers, Great respect for chaperones by students.**

**Congrats on a great show. Students work hard but Directors work hard too.**

**Hospitality (Mary Ellen Layman):**

**Absent, but report thru Angie, need more salty snacks.**

**Website (Dan Bingman):**

- **Looking at ways to secure information. Microsoft and Google offer free accounts. Dan looked at free option, not sure that it will work. Will look at Google.**

**Scholarships (Kim Bednarski):**

**Absent**

**Service Committee (Jason Bednarski):**

**Absent**

**50/50 Raffle (Matt Armstrong).**

**One more game. No need for tickets.**

*If you are interested in volunteering, join any of the committees, please check [musicmentors.org](http://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, December 4, 2024.**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Dan Bingman, seconded by Meredith Everett. Motion carried at 7:38 pm.**