

05-05-2022
Open TEMPO Monthly meeting
7pm-8:30pm
OA Chorus Room

In Attendance: Nikki David, Melissa Callanan, Theresa Orsinger, Lynn DeCouto, Krissy O'Connell, Deb Bowman, Missy Burton, Piper Jornales, Jaime Andersen, Michelle Durrance, Gretchen Stares, Colleen Proudler, Jeff Benson

WELCOME: Meeting called to order by Nikki David at 7:04pm. Minutes from 04/07/2022 monthly open meeting were reviews. Time was given for review of minutes. Lynn DeCouto made a motion to approve the minutes, Deb Bowman seconded the motion, and they were unanimously approved. Nikki initiated introductions around the room.

PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

OA Chorus/Show Choir: Krissy reported the Panache and Pit Band banquet was held on 4/25 and all the banquet traditions were brought back. Ticket sales for banquet and the Coins for Choir fundraiser covered the cost of the banquet. 14 parents have signed up for the parents' dance for Broadway Night on 5/26. There will be a 2022-2023 Panache parent meeting on 6/6.

OAMB and Jazz Band: Mr. Benson reported OAJB Thursday band will be performing at the Hatch Shell in Boston on 5/15. Evening of Jazz was held on 4/14 and \$725 was collected in the violin case.

OA Orchestra: No update.

EMS Orchestra: Gretchen Stares reported Strings Night on 5/4 was a success. Jaime Andersen reported \$245 cash was collected in the violin case, and Niki reported \$30 was donated by Venmo. Jaime also played classical music at the violin case table which went over very well. Mr. Schuyler attended. 13 kids going to Jr. SEMSBA. Chamber Orchestra to play at the Jr. Honor Society ceremony on 5/10 and at the Art Show on 5/26.

EMS Band/Jazz Band: Mr. Benson reported the EMS Jazz band and chamber orchestras will be finishing up the year with fun activities. EMS will have a bus for the kids to attend the OAJB performance at the Hatch Shell on 5/15 with a cost of \$15.

EMS Choir/ Image: No update

FUNDRAISING/FINANCIAL

Nikki explained that the money collected in the violin case usually goes to Mr. Benson, however he is allowing TEMPO to keep the money so we can over \$3000 in scholarships. There are 16/17 applicants, and the Tri-M scholarship was taken away. The applications are blind essays so there can be a level playing field. TEMPO has two fundraisers in May: The Beanery will be 5/9-5/15 and Papa Gino's Night will be 5/26, Broadway Night, hopefully more families will order so they don't have to cook and go to the show. BeDazzled fundraiser raised \$143.90. Nikki is hopeful that having Sharyn Itao doing TEMPO social media next year, our presence on it can be fixed and word can be spread easier about fundraising. Melissa presented an OA music flag as a possibility for a fundraiser. Cost will most likely be \$25.

Music Department update: Mr. Benson reported the MAJE festival here today was great and he is very proud, considering so many middle school jazz bands are hurting and starting from scratch. EMS Jazz bands received silver medals with Eddy Bishop receiving Show MVP! Mr.

Benson was appointed to the MAJE executive board. Discussion followed regarding schedule of events for Jr. SEMSBA happening at OA this weekend. OAMB will be bringing back “Tiger-rama” the NESBA band competition on 10/8 – OA has not hosted Tiger-rama since 2007 and it will be well attended as there is not another competition locally. Jaime Andersen will head the committee of volunteers. In the past, Panache kids volunteered for the competition and, to return the favor, the marching band kids helped at Baystate. Mr. Benson reported marching band will be larger next year and there aren’t enough uniforms. The uniforms were purchased in 2006. New uniforms will cost over \$100K. Mr. Benson brought up pictures on the screen of digitally printed uniforms that are machine washable. Cost would be \$200 that the kids will pay for. Discussion followed.

WORD FROM THE BOARD

Nikki David initiated discussion regarding the TEMPO Officers Slate for 2022-2023. Currently, we still need two people for communications. Nikki discussed with Sharyn Ito TEMPO’s lack of social media presence and possibility of Sharyn stepping in to help. A communications officer will oversee all social media. Jaime Andersen will be running for secretary to replace Krissy O’Connell. Deb Bowman will be running to replace Theresa Orsinger as treasurer. Piper Jornaes volunteered to be the fundraising member-at-large. Gretchen Stares will move up to OA Orchestra member-at-large. We are still in need of the following positions: Communications Officer, members at large for OA Choirs, EMS Choirs, EMS Band/Orchestra. Discussion regarding members-at-large positions and openings and possibility of two people splitting responsibility.

Nikki David and Melissa Callanan gave an update on TEMPO awards scheduled for 5/18. Freshman will be receiving certificates, Sophomores will receive jackets and Juniors and Seniors will be receiving their letters. The cost for 200 letters was \$1500. Nikki will not be able to attend the awards. Officers will be filling in for her. Mr. Benson has now made attendance to the awards mandatory.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Nikki David made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jaime Andersen seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm. Next meeting will be June 2, 2022.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Krissy O’Connell

ADDENDUM: Krissy O’Connell reached out to Niki Miragliotta and to Michael Korn as their members-at-large were unable to attend the meeting. No update from Michael Korn. Niki would like to report that the EMS chorus numbers are rising and it is projected the incoming 7th grade chorus will be 25% larger than the current 7th graders. The choral program is steadily growing! Niki is hoping TEMPO could help in organizing a “concert black” hand me downs program. Several families have reached out to her with a need for concert attire. Niki also has some updated Image staff announcements that will be made at the June meeting.