

## MEPA General Meeting September 29, 2020

Call to order – Jeff Wolfe

Announcement: there will be bi-weekly news blasts from MEPA coming through Charms

### 1) Treasurer's Report – Suzanne Liin

- a) Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership dues and for London
- b) Is anyone still having difficulty getting into Charms? IF yes, email Suzanne
- c) We may have a Zoom training on Charms, if there is enough interest.
- d) Suzanne sends statements immediately upon receiving a payment
- e) There are 55 new families in the Eagle Regiment, we have 153 members!

### 2) Pop N Pies – Wendy Melchiorre and Stephanie Shteif

- a) Big early season fundraiser, usually in the cafeteria
- b) Modified this year, it will be at the parking lot at the Heron Bay Marriott and will be a drive-through event.
- c) Order pizzas on the Eagle Regiment website, must pay in advance
- d) There will be drive by stations for pizza, chips/cookies/drinks, and practice shirts/cheesecake order forms
- e) email Wendy at [store@EagleRegiment.com](mailto:store@EagleRegiment.com) with questions
- f) Drum line will be able to play and some color guard will perform
- g) new shirt for the 2020 season, the mask shirt, available on the website, pre-order only, must be ordered by October 7, 2020

### 3) Thank you to Karl Liin and Scott Hart for maintaining the trucks

### 4) Fundraisers – Judy Feldman

- a) Pointsettias - \$25 each, dates TBD
- b) Wreaths Across America – we will lay wreaths on Dec. 19. We are trying to have a wreath for each of the 2000 vets in the cemetery. There will be a link on the website
- c) Cheesecake – Lauren Sussman: End of Oct. there will be a zoom call for all members of the Eagle Regiment to kick off the fundraiser. It's a Big Fundraiser – last year we made \$8700. The selling window is 2 weeks, materials will be distributed at pops N Pies.

5) Adopt A Senior – Tanna King: We are putting together a gift bag for each senior that will include the senior shirt, gift cards, cookies, donations, and other goodies. Please contact Tanna a [tannamking@gmail.com](mailto:tannamking@gmail.com) with ideas, donations, questions

6) London – Franci Gargaro

a) Dec. 27, 2021 – Jan. 3, 2022

b) Full price is \$3650, land only option is \$2500

c) We have a payment schedule laid out on the commitment sheet. It is just a suggestions but the commitment fee of \$200 along with the commitment letter are due November 15, 2020.

d) The last day to cancel and receive your money back (minus the \$100 commitment fee) is May 14, 2021.

e) EVERYONE NEEDS TO FILL OUT A NEW COMMITMENT FORM

f) Contact Franci with questions [fgargaro@bellsouth.net](mailto:fgargaro@bellsouth.net) 706-833-6085

g) Mail form to MEPA 4613 N. University Dr. #366 Coral Springs, FL 33067 or email to Franci

h) Checks made out to MEPA or Zelle to [stonemandougasmepa@yahoo.com](mailto:stonemandougasmepa@yahoo.com). This is not a monitored email address and should ONLY be used for Zelle, not communications

6) Director's Report – Steve Rivero

a) 52 people on the call, thank you to all who attended, we would more

b) we delayed the meeting by a week for further guidance regarding the season

c) Regarding freshman parents, thank you MEPA for keeping them in mind and letting them know what the ER is all about.

d) Regarding 2/14/18 – One of the main reasons Mr. Rivero took this job is because he felt it was a calling. He was supposed to be at MSD that day, but had to cancel early that morning. He wants to reinvent the identity a bit and is committed to making it a positive experience for all.

e) Oct. 9 – a Marine Band percussionist will be a guest teacher in the percussion class

f) Pops N Pies is usually the first in uniform performance, sorry to freshman parents for not being able to have this experience this year.

g) Thanks to MEPA board for creative thinking

h) Resilience is needed as we lead students during these difficult times.

i) Surveys – in person vs distance learning. Method of instruction is identical, through Microsoft Teams. There is a cap on the number of students who will be allowed in the band room, others will go to an over flow room. Instruments will NOT be played in school until appropriate PPE is acquired (bell covers, masks, shields, pee pads to collect moisture). It is unknown if the district will provide PPE or if we need to buy it

j) All bands are still on hold re: in person, after school rehearsals

k) "Safety must be our top priority"

l) We will need to record a video for this year's London Parade

m) Freshman parents – if anyone is 'on the fence' regarding band, please reach out to Mr. Rivero

Questions:

Can kids get together on their own (sectionals)?

Mr. Rivero has no control over what kids do on their own but he's at a Covid-19 testing site, it is very easily transmissible and he would ask that everyone be VERY careful.

Jeff Wolfe – Close the meeting.