

MEPA General Meeting Minutes November 18, 2020

Call to order by Jeff Wolfe

Thank you to Wendy and Stephanie for Pops N Pies. As well as all parent volunteers and everyone who came out. It was a very successful event. Jeff has shared the idea with several other organizations and some may be doing similar things.

PPE has arrived and will be distributed at rehearsal on Wednesday.

Treasurer's Report – Suzanne Liin

Use Charms to review your student's account. Email treasurer@eagleregiment.com if you did not get a statement, cannot get in to Charms, or have another issue with your account.

Use stonemadougasmepa@yahoo.com for Zelle ONLY. This is NOT a monitored email, we will not respond to emails sent there.

We made around \$600 at Pops N Pies

We made around \$5000 from cheesecake, which is very good for this year, under our current situation

Fundraising

Cheesecake – Lauren Sussman

72 students participated, 16 with 10+ items, 8 with 8+ items. Top seller sold 45!

Pointsettia Sales – Judy Feldman

The email flyer will go out tonight. Pick up will be the same day as cheesecake.

Orders due by Dec. 4, 2020

Students will receive 6 points for each pointsettia sold.

Wreaths Across America – Judy Feldman

We are hoping to help the cemetery get enough for all 2000 vets laid to rest there. Hoping each member of the band will sell at least 5. Looking for ways to get out there and promote this more.

Adopt A Senior – Tanna King

We will give out the bags at rehearsal tomorrow, Jeff and Tanna will deliver to anyone who does not come to in person. All 30 seniors have been adopted. Thank you to all who adopted and to the Senior Night committee for all their hard work to make this successful.

London – Franci Gargaro

Welcome to Middle School Families who are invited to join our London trip next year.

Please reach out to Franci with questions: fgargaro@bellsouth.net or 706-833-6085. Please reach out to Franci first, BEFORE reaching out to Steve or Jeff.

It is the largest parade in the world and a great cultural opportunity for our kids.

We are still awaiting the new contracts with the exact dates.

Families are invited

\$3650 for full package, \$2500 for the land package (no air travel), per person

As of Nov. 15, we have 71 students, 29 family members and 12 chaperones.

Non-refundable payment of \$100 is due.

No refund after May 14, 2021.

Commitment letters are on the website. We need one for every person going. Must redo if you did a letter for the original trip dates.

There is a tab on the website for the trip, including a donation button and the London Parade Challenge. SPREAD THE WORD!

Options for payment and forms –

Electronic – scan and email to Franci. Zelle to stonemandouglasMEPA@yahoo.com

Old School – mail form and check made out to MEPA to 4613 N. University Dr. #366
Coral Springs, FL 33067

We don't know what hotel we'll be staying in – Steve will go to London on a scouting trip in the spring.

Franci will keep us updated as she gets information.

Director's Report – Steve Rivero

Dean – Color Guard Club in the month of Nov., no commitment, just a way to try out color guard. Open to all 6-12 graders on Wednesdays 5-6. In Dec. we will hopefully start the actual guard season and will need commitments.

In January we will have some kind of an 8th grade night event, since we did not have the 8th grade night football game this year.

Football ticket process for the game on Fri. THIS WAS POSTED ON THURSDAY Nov. 12 through the Band app and MEPA emails. It is not the same as the last game.

Suspense date is tomorrow, 11/18. You will NOT be able to get tickets after that date.

You can only purchase 2 tickets for the football game. You need to fill out the form that was posted and pay via zelle or bring a check made out to MEPA to the rehearsal.

Many people are not reading the communications or are solely relying on their kids. Steve shared the definition of communication and said he's not intending to be disrespectful or condescending, but he knows how to be an effective communicator after many years as a band director and member of the military. He takes time out of every weekend to write and post the Weekly Blast. If you are not on the band app, you MUST request to join. Register your profile as First Name Last Name – parent. This is the BEST way to stay informed. Everything is put on the band app first, then the website, then sent out via email from Laurie Leavy, corresponding secretary of MEPA.

We are still having people not following directions. This is a problem that needs to be fixed.

The website has a syncable calendar of events for all programs.

Mr. R is also having problems with students not reading communications and following directions.

*Thank you to parents who volunteer, who have been creative during Covid, they improvise, adapt, and overcome.

MPAs – FBA does not have an answer right now, Steve thinks it will not happen. Awaiting guidance.

Volunteer/chaperone clearance - Dean

Go to the website ... about... resources... there is info on getting level 1 and level 2 clearance. No level 2s are being given right now as no overnight trips are being approved. When you receive the volunteer confirmation email. Forward it to Steve.

Spring Summer Training –

ER of 2021 will start in April and run through the end of the school year.

No rehearsals in June

Rehearsals/camps will begin after the July 4th holiday.

Indoor Season – Dean

WGI has released options, local organizations have released options, FFCC is planning a normal schedule.

Start of the season has been delayed to the beginning of Feb. instead of Jan.

We have not gotten a winter sports directive from the district yet so we don't know what we'll be allowed to do.

Please be patient. If we are going to do something, it needs to be done safely, following all district and CDC guidelines. We are open to any/all possibilities, once we get the district guidelines.

Meeting Closing – Jeff Wolfe

There will be no meeting in December. The schedule for the rest of the meetings is: Jan. 19, 2021, Feb. 16, 2021, March 16, 2021, April 20, 2021 and May 18, 2021.

Tricia is working on a reach out to freshman families.

A special thanks to the freshman and middle school families on this call.

Reach out to Jeff Wolfe with any questions: MEPAPresident@eagleregiment.com