

Moms and Dads for Music  
Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Josette Skuza. Josette welcomed back all and asked that all attendees introduce themselves.

Jan Sengstacken reviewed Moms and Dads mission statement.

Treasurer's Report: See attached.

Correspondence: Moms and Dads presented graduating seniors in June with 8 scholarships at \$300 each; we have received very heartfelt thanks for these scholarships.

Membership as of 9/12/08 is at 51.

Paula Farbman, District Music Coordinator, commented that the school year has gotten off to a great start. She is happy with the budget; new instruments have been purchased due to the high demand of student interest. Many district-wide trips planned this year: 4<sup>rd</sup> grade, tentatively scheduled to see "Mouseltoe"; 4<sup>th</sup> graders to attend performance of LI Philharmonic on March 17, 2009; "New York State of Mind of Music" at the Tilles Center to coordinate with 4<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies curriculum. Perhaps Moms and Dads could help with costs of bus fees for these trips? A suggestion was made by Jan Sengstacken to let Moms and Dads know far enough in advance of these trips so we could have a more detailed budget. Jan will email music teachers in the district to ask them to please let us know as far ahead in advance as possible regarding these trips. November 21, 2008 BHS instrumental trip to NY Philharmonic; November 19, 2008 chorus and select chorus to attend performance of "Gypsy". Ms. Farbman also informed us that BHS has received 25 free tickets for orchestra students interested in attending LI Philharmonic; however, students must provide their own transportation. Tri-M's biggest fundraiser, Cabaret Night, is scheduled for November 13 in the cafeteria. Ms. Farbman is looking into perhaps forming a "Musicians Helping Students" program to benefit the younger children in the district.

Josette and Jan reviewed responsibilities of Reps (attending monthly PTA meetings and relating what Moms and Dads are doing; also to attend concerts to help sell raffle tickets.) We have 2 reps from CCS; 1 rep from Kramer Lane; Lena Ritchie is looking into getting us a rep for CBS.

Homecoming: Moms and Dads will be selling scarves and Frisbees at Homecoming on October 11, 2008.

Josette told us that Band Camp, although very rainy, was once again a great success.

BHS Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday 10/23 will unfortunately conflict with the Newsday Marching Band Festival on which date Bethpage is scheduled to perform. Josette asked Mr. DeTomasso if other arrangements could be made; however, because of the relatively small group of band students involved, unfortunately, no change could be made.

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A suggestion was made that band, chorus and orchestra pictures be included in the yearbook as they currently are not and that perhaps these pictures could be taken at the winter concerts to have them in time for the yearbook printing.

Josette reminded all of Moms and Dads website which can be found at [Bethpage community.com](http://Bethpagecommunity.com) -- follow the links to Moms and Dads.

A suggestion was also made to perhaps record the concerts and to sell them at cost. We have the capability to do so as we could do in house. We will speak to Terry Clark about this.

Many parents of marching band members feel that band members names should be included in the football programs. We are looking into having this done as well.

Josette and Jan told us that future meetings will be taking place at 7:30PM instead of 7:00PM. Also, this year, our meeting months will be: September, October, November, February, April, May and June.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Stratford  
Recording Secretary