

TEMPO General Meeting Minutes
9/13/17

Meeting was called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms Loren Ciccone.

President Tina Capodici welcomed the group and addressed the parents of the younger students (Freshmen and Sophomores) and urged them to attend TEMPO meetings on a regular basis. She asked everyone to spread the word about the meetings and encourage others to come.

Tina wanted to make sure that parents understand that everyone involved in any sort of music group (band, marching band, orchestra, choir, color guard) are part of TEMPO.

Meeting dates were announced -- second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the IMR at EHS. Tina also encouraged everyone to read the articles of incorporation/by-laws online so we could avoid taking the time to read them aloud at the meeting.

Tina then introduced TEMPO officers, who were all present:

President, Tina Capodici

Vice President, Maria Bassett

Treasurers, Alisa and Alex Jenkins

Secretary, Pam Marsola

Sergeant-at-Arms, Loren Ciccone

Secretary Pam Marsola introduced the new website and how to access it. The address is: <https://sites.google.com/view/ewing-tempo/home> You can either type this into your browser or simply go to EHS website and navigate through Parents and Students, Parent Groups, Pages, Tempo. Pam also encouraged everyone to send pictures of the kids so we can upload them on the new site. Email address is on website. Emails you write will be sent automatically to all officers so the best person can reply. Google calendar is also embedded on site with important dates. You can click on it and transfer calendar to your mobile device. Thanks to Nick's dad Randy Marsola for setting up the website and email address. Randy will continue to take care of the website for us.

Mr. Olson reported that band and orchestra are working hard to get up to speed, and that there is still quite a bit of work to do. The marching band is especially busy because the football season started so early in the school year; they barely had time to practice what they learned at band camp this summer in order to be ready for the first game on the 8th.

Mr. Alex Minter was introduced. He is the new teacher for Choir and Mastersingers. He recently graduated from Rutgers-Mason Gross School for the Arts. He specialized in opera and was performing in Boston and DC before taking the job at EHS. He's excited to work with the kids.

Secretary Pam Marsola also said that minutes of meetings can be found on site each month. Also on site (soon) will be dates of football games, concerts, etc..

Treasurers Alisa and Alex Jenkins discussed the monies in the TEMPO account. There was some talk about students who graduated being unable to access any of their leftover money from fundraising. Our organization cannot return monies once they have been given to us, deposited in the bank, and earmarked for a particular student. Any money remaining would have to be transferred/donated to a younger sibling or other designated person, and would go towards their own fundraising.

President Tina Capodici reported that the first fundraiser will be pies from A&M Farm Market on Rt. 130. A list of pies and an order form will be handed out at the October meeting. Delivery of pies will be the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. People will also have the option to purchase a pie voucher which doesn't expire. They can then go to A&M themselves and select a pie. Other fundraising possibilities were discussed, such as David's cookie dough/pretzels, and the Spaghetti Dinner. Original date for the dinner was February 24 but it needed to be changed. **NEW DATE IS FEBRUARY 17, from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.** It will be held again at West Trenton Presbyterian Church, 490 Grand Avenue, Ewing. Please note that we need all students to be present and to help by bussing tables, serving food, setting up / cleaning up. We want all diners to see the students participating in their fundraiser!

2018 Annual TEMPO Spring Music Trip will be to DISNEY in Orlando, Florida, April 11-15. This trip usually happens once every 4 years so students in the music program will get to go once during their HS career. We will be flying there, not driving. There was some discussion about hurricane damage and how it might affect the trip. Mr. Olson is in touch with the travel agent in Florida, who will keep him posted and will give a price per student soon. Disney Springs (formerly Downtown Disney) has excellent performing opportunities. Students will also visit 1 park per day with park hopper pass.

Chaperones were discussed. Tina Capodici encouraged parents (especially "band dads") to be chaperones for football games and to consider joining the Disney trip too. They do need a certain number of both male and female chaperones or the trip cannot happen. Mr. Olson and Tina both talked about the process to become a chaperone (fingerprinting, etc.). Mr. Olson said the information can be found in the Student Activity handbook. Email him if you're interested. Tina addressed parents of younger students and explained that most officers are parents of seniors. Once they're gone, we're gone! We need a few new parents to learn the ropes. We are happy to mentor and share our knowledge NOW so TEMPO is not "left in the lurch" next year. Most officers are keeping notes for future officers' reference.

Meeting was adjourned by Tina Capodici at 7:50 pm.