

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

Meeting Called to order: 7:07 PM by Kevin Williams

In Attendance: Kevin Williams, Amy Consadene, Fiona Golemba, Jennichelle Oatman, Eric Nunes, Bailey Emerson, Lisa Seethaler, Beverley Fisher, Shannon Smith, Jennifer Arel

Secretary's Report: Correction to September minutes made regarding Disney trip. The following bolded information indicates the correction: "Motion made by Amy for Boosters to give \$12,000 to offset Disney fees for families **with 2 or more children attending, with understanding that general aid to all students attending will also be given.**" Motion made by Nick to amend the minutes; Jenichelle seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Updated Treasurer's report handed out by Fiona. Amy motioned to accept; Shannon seconded; passed

Directors Report:

Bailey- MS and HS Choruses

- October and November will be a very busy months, with Charter Oak Festival (28 singers participating), Eastern Regional try-outs and the Fall concert; practices have been scheduled to help students get ready for try-outs; MS students to sing at Veteran's Day flag raising ceremony.

- Volunteers needed to help sell tickets and hand out/sell membership cards at concert; Pie fundraiser: HS students sold a good amount of them; need volunteers to help hand out pies on November 14; shifts will be 3 to 5 PM and 5 to 7 PM in café

-A donation jar for Save the Children will be available at band and chorus concerts to assist children impacted by US hurricanes.

- A field trip with Encore will take place in December; members will sing at local nursing homes, including dementia units, during the school day. Ms. Seethaler to help with transportation.

Kerrie- (reported by Bailey) Middle School bands

- MS band members participating in a Veterans Day assembly

- nominated for Directors Invitational Festival

-Percussion ensemble underway

-Eric- Music Technology

-Eric will be submitting the application for Best Communities for Music Education by next week

-Eric is also working on making the live stream link available to local senior centers so that citizens who visit centers can enjoy music offerings.

Nick: HS Bands

-Band party run by officers October 21

- Fall concert help needed: ticket and membership tables

-Coast Guard concert: 50 students will attend this concert

-ASBDA is on 11/13 and 10 students will participate.

-Disney trip: 10 chaperones and school nurse will be accompanying group; thanks was expressed by families with 2 or more children who received aid; Disney concert will be on Sunday most likely, and the details will be announced in new year.

-A generous donation of \$200 to Music Boosters was received from the group Modern Riffs.

Old Business:

-Fundraising: Shannon reported that only 1 bus is going to NYC; hoping we do not take a loss on the trip. Bailey to see if trip can be advertised in RHAMbler to recruit any last minute participants; Basket raffle process starting and basket donations are needed; 50/50 raffle will not occur this year at the concert; SCRIP: form updated with new vendors and will run from Nov 20-Dec 4; a note will be added to form letting middle school parents know that they have the option to pick up the gift cards once they are in.

-Fundraising - Staff: Middle school Butter braid fundraiser and HS Lyman Orchard pies underway

-Fundraising: Kevin reported that Ted's hot dog cart will be run by Jen Golden in the Spring; at our April meeting we will have dates to choose from.

New Business

- Possible volunteer needed to take minute for November meeting, as Lisa will possibly be delivering pies through 7 PM meeting start time.

- In light of the proposed cuts to the RHAM budget, including a possible Music Dept. cut, booster members are encouraged to think proactively about ways our group can help and were invited to send any fundraising ideas to Kevin.

-Motion made that RHAM Music Boosters will support offsetting transportation, dues, and fees costs up to \$5,564 in support of maintaining excellence in music education should the District require reductions to the current 2017-18 department budget. Lisa motioned to accept; Shannon seconded; motion passed

-Next meeting November 14, 2017 at 7 PM in Music Tech room

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM; Nick motioned; Amy seconded; passed.