

# **RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes**

January 14, 2020

**Meeting Called to order:** 7:02 PM by Jenichelle Oatman

**In Attendance:** Jennichelle Oatman, Nick Kokus, Kerrie Verrastro, Heidi Nilsson, Robin Lane, Aaron Ouelette, Tammy Stolzman, Eric Nunes, Brenda Bula, Lisa Seethaler, Kelly Whitesell, Tracey Garbarino, Teresa Odoy, Kathie Ely, Amy Harvill

**New member welcome:** Ms. Kelly Whitesell was introduced as long-term substitute for Mrs. McKiernan who is on maternity leave. Welcome, Kelly!

## **Secretary's Report:**

- Last meeting's minutes on file. Motion made by Nick to accept November Booster meeting minutes; motion seconded by Kathie; all approved; motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Highlights: Winter concert yielded very good profits to support future student activities.

- Motion made by Jenichelle to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Teresa; all approved; motion passed.

## **Nick Kokus: HS Band**

-Winter concert was a great success musically and financially. It is always a well-attended and positive RHAM community event.

-Twenty-two students auditioned for Eastern Regionals and eighteen will audition for All State Festival in February.

-The amount each student attending the Boston trip will receive from Music Boosters to offset their own payment is \$25.

-Upcoming events: First week in February is annual Bacon Academy and RHAM HS Jazz concert. Boosters will fund pizza and beverages for participants. Feb 12 Jazz Band to Manchester for festival. Feb 14 Hartt Collage Concert. Tickets are first come, first served. Winter Pep Band for basketball is underway.

## **Kerrie Verrastro: MS band**

- Director Clinic with Barbara Hill very helpful and enjoyable. Focus on horn instruments.

- Upcoming events: Pops Concert this Thursday; pep band playing for 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball games; Winter Concert coming up in Feb. Also, a reminder that's RHAM will host MS Eastern Regional Festival in 2021 and 2022.

**Kelly: MS and HS Choruses**

- Students transitioning well to having a new teacher.
- Piano accompanist fee Boosters will cover for Winter concert is \$150.

**Eric Nunes: Music Technology**

- RHAM will get results of Best Communities award in April.
- TriM will have fundraiser for a TBD charity at Silk City coffee shop in April or May.

**Old Business:**

- SCRIP fundraiser ran smoothly in Dec with the help of parent Jane Earheart. Good profit. Lisa Seethaler to contact Jane to see if she is interested in running the fundraiser again.
- We need a new volunteer to take over Basket Raffle.
- Thanks to Heidi we had a very successful sweatshirt fundraiser. We need to order 3 times more medium size sweatshirts next time we run this.

**New Business:**

- MS concert table will be set up to sell remaining sweatshirts. We also need volunteer parents to help at concert and sign-up genius will be utilized.
- We will need a new Treasurer for next academic year. Boosters needs to decide how to reach out to possible volunteers. Options may be: Booster FB page, RHAMbler? This should be discussed more fully at next meeting. Booster members encouraged to come up with names of possible volunteers who may be a qualified replacment.
- Evening of Arts invoice for linens and warming ovens is for \$875.30. Jenichelle made motion to approve that amount to pay for the items; Amy seconded; motion passed.

**Next meeting Tuesday February 11, 2020 in the Music Technology Room – first floor, RHAM HS, Music/Art wing.**

Motion made by Jenichelle and seconded by Nick to adjourn at 7:44 PM. All in favor; Motion passed.