

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2019

Meeting Called to order: 7:02 PM by Kevin Williams

In Attendance: Amy Consadene, Jennichelle Oatman, Julie Leahy, Nick Kokus, Kerrie Verrastro, Heidi Nilsson, Alissa Bahamonde, Robin Lane, Shannon Smith, Eric Nunes, Brenda Bula, Lisa Seethaler, Nicholas Cancellaro, Aaron Oulette, Brenda Cancellaro, Kevin Williams, Kathy Ely, Kirsten Erlandson

Secretary's Report:

- One correction to April's minutes was the location of the middle school festival; the festival took place in Bloomfield. (No motion needed.)

Treasurer's Report:

- Highlights: The middle school coffee house profited \$700. Student balances have been updated. The Music Booster account balance is just above \$26,000.

- Motion made by Nick K. to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Lisa S; all approved; motion passed.

Nick Kokus: HS Band

-Students Aaron O. and Nick C. thanked the Music Booster Club for the financial support which helped them attend the All Eastern Festival. Both students gave impressive details of their experience in Pittsburg and reported enjoying the experience immensely. Thanks to both students for joining us and sharing your stories.

-Band students recently participated in The Waterford Jazz Festival; some awards were given for trumpet and solo performance.

-Band to play at graduation.

Kerrie Verrastro: MS band

-The middle school (and chorus) received Gold status at the Fantastic Festival. The adjudicator's feedback was helpful and appreciated; students enjoyed trip to Six Flags following the festival.

-Students participated in the well-attended All Town Jazz Festival. Next year will be the 10th performance of this festival; there is a possibility that something special will be planned to mark this anniversary.

-Middle school students received as "outstanding" grade at the Waterford Jazz Festival.

-Volunteer slots are filled for the Memorial Day parades.

Bailey: MS and HS Choruses (by Nick K.)

-Plans underway for Evening of Arts; volunteers still needed to help with various tasks. 240 dinners tickets were sold; thus we need a minimum of 240 desserts; students can drop off baked goods day of concert or by 4:30 as they arrive for event. Reminder will be posted to FB.

Eric Nunes: Music Technology

-The banner announcing RHAM Music Dept.'s status as "A Best Community for Music Education" was on display at this meeting. Booster members were impressed with the quality and appearance of the banner. It will be permanently hung in the Chorus Room in a suitable space. Each year that RHAM is awarded this distinction a decal of that year will be placed on the banner.

-A motion was made by Amy C and seconded by Shannon S to purchase fifteen TriM graduation cords for a total of \$202.50. All in favor; motion passed.

Old Business:

-A motion was made by Amy C. and seconded by Shannon S. to nominate the following individuals for the slate of 2019-20 RHAM Music Booster officers:

Alissa B. – President

Jenichelle O. - Vice President

Kathy E. - Treasurer

Lisa S. - Secretary

-All in favor; motion passed.

-In early May Lisa S. will transfer milk shake booth supplies from Kevin W's residence to Sports Booster concession stand; Vin of Sports Boosters will receive them and expressed his thank you to Music Boosters.

New Business:

-A recipient was chosen for the Music Boosters Scholarship and will be announced at graduation dress rehearsal. Award is \$4,000.

- Boosters will pay invoice for Chartwells for a few boxed lunches to 6 Flags.

-A motion was made by Nick and seconded by Robin to have Boosters pay for awards for seniors totaling \$171.60. All in favor and motion passed.

-The total for the freshman Evening of the Arts t-shirts subsidy is \$310.

-A motion was made by Nick and seconded by Amy to reimburse Bev Fisher \$287.80 for the compostable paper goods for Evening of the Arts; all in favor and motion passed.

- Kevin W provided members with documentation regarding how to maintain monthly communications after his term is up.

-Lisa S confirmed that Joanne M. will take on the website management for next year. Contact to be made with her to give her necessary information.

-Next year the HS Music Dept. is planning an adjudication and clinic trip the weekend of March 27 to Boston for 1-2 nights. Definitive amount of Music Booster financial support will be confirmed next academic year; amount being considered is \$7,000.

-One of RHAM's a capella groups sang the National Anthem at a RHAM Lacrosse game; Amy C. thanked staff for help coordinating that.

Next meeting is Tuesday June 4, 2019 at 239 Jagger Lane in Hebron. It will begin at 6:30 with the voting of the officers for next year and a brief meeting to wrap up any business for this academic year. We will then have a pot-luck meal to celebrate the Music Dept. and Booster Club's successful year.

Motion made by Amy C. and seconded by Shannon S. to adjourn at 8:09 PM. All in favor; Motion passed.