

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

November 14, 2018

**Meeting Called to order:** 7:03 PM by Amy Consadene

**In Attendance:** Alissa Bahamonde, Lisa Seethaler, Amy Consadene, Jennichelle Oatman, Shannon Smith, Kirsten Erlandsen, Kerrie Verrastro, Bailey McKiernan, Eric Nunes, Tammy Stolzman, Brenda Bula

## **Secretary's Report:**

-CVS grant recommended documentation will be completed by Kevin Williams.

-October minutes were posted for review. A single addition to last month's minutes needed to name those who motioned for educational visit. "**Motion made by Bailey to approve funds for up to \$200 to pay for an educational visit by Jamie Spillane, Head of Chorus at UCONN for MS chorus and the Low Key group. Motion seconded by Alissa. Motion approved unanimously.**"

-Motion made by Amy to accept minutes with above addition; motion seconded by Shannon; motion passed unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

-Treasurer's report submitted to group and reviewed. Proceeds from the choral and band concerts were unusually high. Lisa made a motion to accept Treasurer's report, seconded by Shannon; motion passed unanimously.

## **Nick Kokus: HS Band (as presented by Bailey)**

-Request was made for ¼ page Music Dept. ad in upcoming yearbook. Motion made by Lisa and seconded by Jennichelle to approve \$100 toward yearbook ad; motion passed unanimously.

-Jazz Band had a paid performance at a church fundraiser, and it was a great success.

## **Kerrie Verrastro: MS band**

-All of the middle school band students who tried out for Eastern Regional Festival were accepted.

-Some middle school band members, when asked to provide feedback to Mrs. V, stated that they enjoyed hearing HS students perform at the recent combined MS and HS band concert.

## **Bailey: MS and HS Choruses**

- MS Eastern Regional tryouts went smoothly.

- Veteran's Day assembly went very well; half of all students in MS are in band or chorus.

-Bus needed for transporting students to Fantastic festival at Bloomfield HS then 6 Flags; Amy made a motion to approve up to \$1600 for a bus, Tammy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

-Basket raffle at future MS concerts was discussed.

-Poinsettias needed for winter concert; Alissa made a motion to approve \$54 for 4 poinsettias, Amy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

-Pie fundraiser pickup process went very smoothly thanks to the student and parents volunteers

-Dec 19, 2018 Encore will carol at various school, senior centers

-Charter Oak Festival and Fall concert ran very smoothly.

### **Eric Nunes: Music Technology**

Due to the top-notch music tech lab that RHAM has, a high school in MA (Sutton) will be visiting to see what is involved in creating one.

-Tri – M has its membership confirmed for this year.

-Best Communities in Music application is complete.

### **Old Business:**

-Fundraisers status reviewed: SCRIP will run 11/19-12/3/18 so that gift cards can be received before holidays officially begin.

-More basket donations needed. Lutz membership donated for the event.

-Motion made by Amy and seconded by Alissa that Chorus Dept. will not participate in Hebron Craft Fair this year. It is a busy season full of Music Dept. activities, and the items usually sold can be showcased at Winter Concert.

### **New Business:**

-Alissa researched ways to make the club's financial transaction recording process easier and more effective. There is much money going back and forth, and presently it is done with basic checkbook register, forms, etc. Motion made by Amy and seconded by Lisa to purchase a \$30 Quick Books trial. All in favor and motion passed. It is cloud-based and will be tried for 3 months. If determined to be a good investment for club, a permanent subscription will be voted on.

-Silk City Chorus Concert tickets will once again be generously donated for use of club to sell to school community to raise additional funds. Idea of Low Key and Footnotes attending with family members was discussed. Bailey will research and give update at next meeting.

-Funds will need to be used to migrate website. Motion made by Amy to approve \$140 to complete this process; motion seconded by Lisa; motion passed unanimously.

-Kerrie introduced idea of having instrumental teachers at RHAM receive instruction from visiting clinicians so that there is a standard method for elementary school through high school teaching methods. Elementary school educators have a plan for this already. A motion was made by Lisa to approve \$750 per year for this instruction, up to \$2250 over next three years. Alissa seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

-Next meeting Wednesday December 5, 2018 in the Music Technology Room – first floor, RHAM HS, Music/Art wing.

Motion made by Amy with a second by Jennichelle to adjourn meeting at 8:22 PM. Motion passed.