

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

October 9, 2018

**Meeting Called to order:** 7:02 PM by Amy Consadene

**President's Report:** Introductions of attendees

**In Attendance:** Lisa Seethaler, Amy Consadene, Jennichelle Oatman, Shannon Smith, Julie Leahy, Kirsten Erlandsen, Kerrie Verrastro, Nick Kokus, Heidi Nilsson, Robin Lane

**Secretary's Report:** October minutes were posted for review. Motion made by Nick to accept minutes; motion seconded by Lisa; motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Membership cards will be available at upcoming concerts; minimal expenses in September
- Art Dept. received their proceeds from Evening of the Arts
- Lisa motioned to accept Treasurer's report; Alissa seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**Nick Kokus: HS Band**

- Pep band sweatshirts purchased
- HS and party scheduled for October at Oatman residence; Amy made motion made to approve up to \$500 as reimbursement to families who purchase items for event; Lisa seconded the motion; passed unanimously.
- Coast Guard Band field trip was enjoyable; yet given its broad educational scope and age of student attendees, attending a regular concert by the high schoolers may be more suitable next time.

**Kerrie Verrastro: MS band**

- Students are preparing for their upcoming Fall concert and festival auditions; Mrs. V is offering 2 rehearsals for the concert and mock auditions for festival.
- The Fantastic Festival reg forms are coming in slowly. Music Boosters will remind parents at concert and post on FB.
- Baritone sax purchased as a result of the trade-in service "One Man Band."

**Bailey: MS and HS Choruses**

- A request was made for funding to help defray costs for student participation in choral adjudication festival. Lisa made a motion that up to \$700 be approved for financial assistance to students wanting to participate in adjudication festival; Amy seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

**(MS and HS Chorus – continued)**

-Invoice for Wicked field trip given to Treasurer

- Lyman pie fundraiser finances reviewed. Volunteers needed for pie hand-out day and Booster Club will help recruit.

-A request was made by a Booster member for funds 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 a Booster member and approved unanimously.

**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.

-Middle School Open House- no visitors to Booster table, so members will reconsider doing so next year. HS had limited visitors; a couple of memberships were completed. Perhaps next year students can staff table, as it may be that students can engage attendees in a more effective manner.

**New Business:**

-A used musical instrument drive may be an option in future to raise additional funds

- The Amazon Smile reward program can be advertised more effectively; it will be posted on Music Booster FB page and announced at concerts

-Staffing issues for concert reviewed (tickets, membership, announcement by Booster member, etc.)

- Student service project idea reviewed by group (shopping award program for school)

-Next meeting Wednesday November 14, 2018 in the Music technology Room – first floor, RHAM HS, Music/Art wing.

Motion made Amy with a second by Nick to adjourn meeting at 7:59 PM. Motion passed.

