

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2018

Meeting Called to order: 7:01 PM by Amy Consadene

President's Report: Amy Consadene, VP, welcomed new participants to meeting and individual introductions were made by all.

In Attendance: Fiona Golemba, Jennichele Oatman, Eric Nunes, Bailey Emerson, Lisa Seethaler, Alissa Bahamonde, Amy Consadene, Nick Kokus, Julie Leahy, Kerrie Verrastro, Tammy Stolzman, Brenda Bula, Shannon Smith, Joanne McDonald, Lidia Howard, Robin Lane, Jen Golden, Kirsten Erlandsen

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

Treasurer's Report: A thank you note from 2018 RHAM Booster Scholarship recipient Garrett M. was received. Updated Treasurer's report handed out. Financial procedures and responsibilities still being transitioned from previous Treasurer to current Treasurer. The organization is in good financial position to support student learning opportunities for the academic year ahead. Motion made by Amy to accept Treasurer Report; Jen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Nick Kokus: HS Band

Mr. Kokus reported that Band students will have an opportunity to hear the US Coast Guard Band perform on 9/24/18. Two buses organized for student/staff transport.

Kerrie Verrastro: MS band

Mrs. Verrastro was happy to report that her band students are "fantastic" and that both MS bands have a good amount of participants. *Sound Innovations* is the textbook used for 7th and 8th grade students; in addition, "Smart Music" is a computer-based resource used by students to enhance their music education. Eastern Regional Festival sign-ups have begun, and November 3, 2018 is the audition date for MS band students.

Bailey: MS and HS Choruses

Mrs. McKiernan handed out a calendar of Chorus events. MS chorus, including the acapella audition group Footnotes, has an abundance of students participating, with more males than in the past several years. Payment was submitted for an adjudication festival - "Fantastic Festival" for middle school either the Charter Oak festival and /or Eastern Regional auditions. A trip to Wicked on Broadway has been planned students interested who are part of the Music Dept. or Art Dept. courses. Lyman pie fundraiser is underway and volunteers will be needed for pie distribution in November. Participation in the Hebron Holiday craft fair is to be determined. Silk City Coffee Shop fundraiser last June yielded \$150 profit for Music Boosters.

Eric: Music Technology

Mr. Nunes reported that the first Tri-M honor society meeting for this year was held for its members- junior and senior music students. Membership requirements were reviewed, including: Students apply

in their sophomore year and must maintain a B average in Music, a C average in other courses. They also need to submit a character reference and participate in community service activities. This year the group has made it a goal to raise as much money as possible. There is an award given to Chapter of the Year by the Tri-M supporting organization, NAFSME. It is given to the school that raises the most money to support music education activities. The application to apply for this honor is in April. There is also an annual fee for RHAM's membership in NAFSME. A motion was made by Amy to provide the \$100 for that membership fee; the motion was seconded by Jennichelle. Motion passed unanimously. Another motion was made by Amy to provide funds up to \$150 for the purchase of a 4' by 8' banner that advertises RHAM's membership in the NAFSME-awarded distinction as one of the "Best Communities" in Music education. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Fundraisers were briefly reviewed; in addition to the aforementioned Lyman Pie sale, Scrip (purchase of a wide variety of gift cards for retailers) will run again before December break.

New Business:

MS and HS Open House Music Booster table coverage and set up was planned. This is an opportunity to have Booster membership forms available for parents, to advertise future Music Dept. events, and to raise funds to support programs through sale of magnets and other items.

Shannon will assist with processing the information parents send back re: volunteer interest. Concessions will be handled by Jennichelle, Jen, and possible Nancy Visco. Booster website will be changed to a new platform and remain linked to an e-mail address so that visitors to the site can message the President. Training by current President with whoever takes over that role needs to occur to assure smooth transition for next academic year. Tammy Stolzman offered to assist with updating booster FB page, and Lisa will contact Kevin about getting that started. An idea regarding FB addition - at end of the school year - is to post what senior music students will be doing upon graduation. That is tabled until April meeting. The prospect of getting some new shirts, hats, or whatever is desired for the Pep Band, which has about 35 students was discussed. A motion was made by Amy to provide the Pep Band with up to \$500 to purchase items. Motion seconded by Jen and passed unanimously.

-Next meeting October 9, 2018 in the Music technology Room – first floor, RHAM HS, Music/Art wing.

Motion made Amy with a second by Shannon to adjourn meeting at 8:03 PM. Motion passed.