

# RHAM HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2017

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

**In Attendance:** Kevin Williams, Liane Kindl, Kerrie Verrastro, Alissa Bahamonde, Amy Consadene, Fiona Golemba, Jennichelle Oatman, Barbara Armfield, Eric Nunes, Anne Hooker, Jen Chicoine, Bailey Emerson, Kimberley Wallace, Lisa Seethaler

**President:** Welcoming of new members

**Secretary's Report:** Reminder that, each month going forward, the minutes from previous Booster Club meeting / Agenda for next meeting will be posted few days before meeting for members to review; no June minutes; Lisa Seethaler current Secretary

**Treasurer's Report:** Updated Treasurer's report handed out by Fiona. Amy motioned to accept; Bailey seconded; passed

Highlight: Evening of the Arts profit of \$2300 was split between Music and Art Dept.

**Directors Report:** Nick - HS Band

Boosters can buy a quarter page ad in the 2018 yearbook for \$100. Lisa motioned to accept; Fiona seconded; passed

Booster Club Scholarship 2017 winner Nora B sent a thoughtful thank you note to group

HS Open House – table and chairs all set for Booster Club

Calendar for MS and HS Band and Chorus was distributed

Jazz and pep band off to a good start

Band Dept. to participate in ASBBA, Charter Oak, and Eastern Regional Festivals this year

Sophomore student Aaron Oulette in prestigious All National Jazz Ensemble; concert in Nov. at Disney

Upcoming HS band and chorus Disney Trip: Nick gave check to Fiona for money received; tentative itinerary details given; so far 109 students signed up; Boosters support aid to be given to 10 band/chorus families with 2 children : they can skip an upcoming \$500 payment (\$250 for each student); option to give whole group some aid was introduced; in past years \$10,000 was given to offset some of the fees for whole group; Bailey proposed \$12,000; motion by Amy for Boosters to give \$12,000 to offset Disney fees for all families; Fiona seconded; motion passed

Fundraising option for Booster Club to park cars at next year's HHF discussed; no prep work involved but time-consuming for that weekend

Paul Bancroft, teacher and head of Video Production Club, in need of funds for live streaming fees; BOE money pledged will most likely not make final budget cut; Music Booster has chance to help; Jennichelle made a motion to give \$1,000 to the club; Amy seconded; motion passed

**Bailey:** MS and HS Choruses

-RHAM will not be hosting the Eastern Regional Festival this year as we did for past 2 years; CT College will; so an additional fundraiser to replace those proceeds made would be helpful

-RHAM Chorus will participate in Great Eastern Music Festival again this year

-the idea of Music Department (with Booster Club logistical assistance) raising humanitarian aid for music students impacted by hurricane devastation in TX was discussed; Booster group in favor of helping; options include donating choir concert proceeds, collecting pennies in cafe or at concerts; to be discussed further at next month's meeting

**Kerrie:** Middle School bands

- Numbers in middle school band are strong

-a grade 7-12 web-based Smart Music Program has started; budget supported; allows students to access to a library of music they can practice

-Great first jazz band rehearsal

-Eastern Regional auditions money due 9/25 and auditions are 11/11

-Chamber groups are forming and practice after school, perform at Hebron craft festival, coffee house concert, chamber concert

**Eric:** Music Technology

- Exciting announcement shared that music tech class enrollment has increased an impressive 125%

-new software being used in middle school classes

-Eric will once again facilitate the application for Best Communities for Music Education this year; RHAM received award as a Best Community last year.

**Old Business:**

-Shannon: Fundraising- NYC forms due by Oct 13; SCRIP program will be run again this year; basket raffle will be run again and 5 baskets already received, volunteer forms will be reviewed to contact additional families who noted interest in helping this year

-Staff: Middle school will run the Butter braid fundraiser and HS will offer the Lyman Orchard pies; Both (?) will participate in the Munson Chocolate program in January

- Rain ponchos: box of 200 split between MS and HS

-no concessions at fall concerts

-Ted's hot dog cart: Jenichelle volunteered to help Danielle Golden; Kevin will get Jen info

**New Business:**

-Alissa B volunteered to be new Membership Coordinator

- RHAM Open Houses: volunteers set for MS (9/26) and HS (9/14) events

-Booster Club will need a new President beginning with 2018-19 academic year; major duties include running the meetings and managing the website content

-Next meeting October 10, 2017 at 7 PM in Music Tech room

**Meeting Adjourned:**

-8:29 - \_\_\_\_\_ motioned; \_\_\_\_\_ seconded; passed.