

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.

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

Meeting Called to order: 7:07 PM by Kevin Williams

In Attendance: Kevin Williams, Amy Consadene, Fiona Golemba, Jennichelle Oatman, Eric Nunes, Bailey Emerson, Lisa Seethaler, Beverley Fisher, Shannon Smith, Jennifer Arel

Secretary's Report: Correction to September minutes made regarding Disney trip. The following bolded information indicates the correction: "Motion made by Amy for Boosters to give \$12,000 to offset Disney fees for families **with 2 or more children attending, with understanding that general aid to all students attending will also be given.**" Motion made by Nick to amend the minutes; Jenichelle seconded; motion passed.

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

Directors Report:

Bailey- MS and HS Choruses

- October and November will be a very busy months, with Charter Oak Festival (28 singers participating), Eastern Regional try-outs and the Fall concert; practices have been scheduled to help students get ready for try-outs; MS students to sing at Veteran's Day flag raising ceremony.

- Volunteers needed to help sell tickets and hand out/sell membership cards at concert; Pie fundraiser: HS students sold a good amount of them; need volunteers to help hand out pies on November 14; shifts will be 3 to 5 PM and 5 to 7 PM in café

-A donation jar for Save the Children will be available at band and chorus concerts to assist children impacted by US hurricanes.

- A field trip with Encore will take place in December; members will sing at local nursing homes, including dementia units, during the school day. Ms. Seethaler to help with transportation.

Kerrie- (reported by Bailey) Middle School bands

- MS band members participating in a Veterans Day assembly

- nominated for Directors Invitational Festival

-Percussion ensemble underway

-Eric- Music Technology

-Eric will be submitting the application for Best Communities for Music Education by next week

-Eric is also working on making the live stream link available to local senior centers so that citizens who visit centers can enjoy music offerings.

Nick: HS Bands

-Band party run by officers October 21

- Fall concert help needed: ticket and membership tables

-Coast Guard concert: 50 students will attend this concert

-ASBDA is on 11/13 and 10 students will participate.

-Disney trip: 10 chaperones and school nurse will be accompanying group; thanks was expressed by families with 2 or more children who received aid; Disney concert will be on Sunday most likely, and the details will be announced in new year.

-A generous donation of \$200 to Music Boosters was received from the group Modern Riffs.

Old Business:

-Fundraising: Shannon reported that only 1 bus is going to NYC; hoping we do not take a loss on the trip. Bailey to see if trip can be advertised in RHAMbler to recruit any last minute participants; Basket raffle process starting and basket donations are needed; 50/50 raffle will not occur this year at the concert; SCRIP: form updated with new vendors and will run from Nov 20-Dec 4; a note will be added to form letting middle school parents know that they have the option to pick up the gift cards once they are in.

-Fundraising - Staff: Middle school Butter braid fundraiser and HS Lyman Orchard pies underway

-Fundraising: Kevin reported that Ted's hot dog cart will be run by Jen Golden in the Spring; at our April meeting we will have dates to choose from.

New Business

- Possible volunteer needed to take minute for November meeting, as Lisa will possibly be delivering pies through 7 PM meeting start time.

- In light of the proposed cuts to the RHAM budget, including a possible Music Dept. cut, booster members are encouraged to think proactively about ways our group can help and were invited to send any fundraising ideas to Kevin.

-Motion made that RHAM Music Boosters will support offsetting transportation, dues, and fees costs up to \$5,564 in support of maintaining excellence in music education should the District require reductions to the current 2017-18 department budget. Lisa motioned to accept; Shannon seconded; motion passed

-Next meeting November 14, 2017 at 7 PM in Music Tech room

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM; Nick motioned; Amy seconded; passed.

Music Boosters Meeting – November Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/14/2017

Meeting called to order: 7:18 PM (time) by Kevin Williams

In attendance: Kevin Williams, Alissa Bahamonde, Fiona Golemba, Kirsten Erlandsen, Barbara Armfield, Jen Golden, Amy Consadene, Robin Lane, Jennichele Oatman, Eric Nunes, Nick Kokus

Secretary's report:

Motion to accept minutes made by Jen Golden; seconded by Alissa Bahamonde; passed unanimously

Treasurer's report:

Highlights:

Accounts still in good position. Fall concert numbers will be in next month's report.

Jen Golden motioned to accept this month's Treasurer Report; Alissa Bahamonde seconded; passed unanimously

Directors Reports:

Eric: Students are building a new computer for the live streaming service. Students will get credit as it ties in with their curriculum. Live streaming will benefit from a strong computer to facilitate the broadcasts.

Music Department plans to launch a Tri-M (Music Modern Masters) Honors chapter. Juniors and Seniors may apply. Community service requirements will be built into the program. More details to come.

Motion to approve payment of \$100 to the Tri-M National program for required dues made by Jen Golden; Alissa Bahamonde seconded; Passed unanimously

Nick: Bailey went home sick. He covered the MCM Fundraising distribution. Many Middle School families still had not picked up their orders by the 7 PM deadline. Follow ups are being made.

10 students participated in the ASBDA Festival. Approximately 40 students participated in the Charter Oak Music Festival.

Quote received from Taylor Rental for linens for Evening of the Arts. Motion to approve payment of \$847.12 for linen rentals made by Jennichele Oatman; Amy Consadene seconded; Passed unanimously.

Encore events coming up include the Hebron tree lighting and the Hebron Hometown Holiday Craft Fair on December 9th. There is also the potential for a Jazz Combo to play there as well.

Fiona Golemba has already secured a table at the Hometown Holiday Craft Fair for the RHAM Music Boosters there and will staff it selling ornaments. Additional help can drop in as available.

Bailey is in the process of scheduling Encore performances at the three Elementary Schools and local senior centers.

TSA in the Middle School is selling poinsettias as a fundraiser. Motion to purchase 8 large plants at \$108 total for use at the Winter Concert and to be raffled off at the end of the concert made by Amy Consadene; Jennichele Oatman seconded; Passed unanimously.

As a reminder the Scrip fundraiser starts the week of November 20th. Orders will be due by December 4th, and cards will be distributed on December 18th.

Disney travel times have changed slightly. All going will need to be at RHAM High School at 5 am on day of departure. Arrival back at RHAM is expected to be after midnight on the following Tuesday.

Old Business:

All items covered during Directors updates.

New Business:

A brief discussion was held regarding the current challenges in the RHAM budget and the potential impacts to the program. All members are encouraged to attend as many meetings of the RHAM Board of Education as possible to stay informed, make their thoughts well known during public comment periods and to understand the impacts as they happen.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:56 PM; Amy Consadene motioned; Jen Golden seconded; passed unanimously

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

December 2017

Meeting Called to order: 7:10 PM by Kevin Williams

In Attendance: Kevin Williams, Fiona Golemba, Jennichelle Oatman, Eric Nunes, Bailey Emerson, Lisa Seethaler, Shannon Smith, Kerrie Verrastro, Nick Kokus, Jen Golden, Alexandra Smith

Secretary's Report: November minutes were posted; motion made by Jennichelle to accept the minutes; Kerrie seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Updated Treasurer's report handed out by Fiona. Jenichelle motioned to accept; Shannon seconded; passed

Fundraising: Basket raffle to be held at Winter Concert, with plenty of donated baskets being offered; also Poinsettias will be raffled but no 50/50 raffle; SCRIP underway and date for this fundraiser will be moved up earlier next year to allow for winter concert delivery of gift cards; Munson's fundraiser to start January, with money due Jan 16 and delivery of candy Feb 14

Bailey- MS and HS Choruses

- Students have heard back from Eastern Regional try-outs; Concert will be in January
- HS Chamber and Encore singers to perform for middle schoolers
- Encore to perform at Hebron Fair and tree-lighting event; they will also sing at dementia unit of Glastonbury nursing home, Marlborough nursing home, Hebron Senior Center, and Andover/Hebron elementary schools
- Bailey motioned to have \$200 allocated for accompanist for winter concert and dress rehearsal; Jenichelle seconded; motion passed.
- The donation jar to collect funds for children impacted by US storms yielded \$387.82 for Save the Children to disperse.

Kerrie- Middle School bands

- Bernie O'Doy alto sax player tied for First Place at Willimantic solo competition
- 11 students participated in the Director's Cut Music Festival
- Middle schoolers have been informed of Eastern Regional results, 9 students to perform in 2018 concert
- Flute and brass instrumentalist will play during the Hebron Craft Fair

Eric- Music Technology

- NAFME results should be announced within 2-3 weeks
- Tri-M Music Honors group has been formed at HS and 42 students are members

Nick: HS Bands

- 16 students from Band will participate in Eastern Regional Festival
- Sign-ups for All State have begun; both band and chorus students who got into Eastern Regional can try out
- Aaron Ouelette participating in All National in Florida
- Hartt Brass quintet, including RHAM alum Rob Earhart, performed for students and spoke about chamber music
- Disney insurance form for INDIVIDUALS handed out to students; no group insurance will be available;
- January 20 will be Day of Harmony workshop for students
- Silk City Chorus tickets being auctioned off to benefit Boosters

New Business

- Alexandra Smith from Sports Boosters invited Music Boosters to share expense of an app that could be utilized by

school community to remind all of events – a loyalty and engagement platform; Cost is \$2500 per year, company willing to delay payment until July 2018; Booster membership discussed pros and cons of participating in and helping to fund this.

-Next meeting January 16, 2018 at 7 PM in Music Tech room;

Meeting adjourned 8:17 PM; Shannon motioned; Bailey seconded; passed.

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes
January 2018

In attendance were Kevin Williams, Amy Consadene, Eric Nunes, Bailey Emerson, Nick Kokus, Kerrie Verrastro, Kirsten Erlandson, Jennichele Oatman, Shannon Smith, Jen Golden, Alissa Bahamonde and Fiona Golemba.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

Nick Kokus made a motion to approve the Secretary's report as posted. Second by Alissa Bahamonde. Motion approved unanimously.

Director Updates

Bailey Emerson

- Orders for the Munson Chocolate fundraiser closed today. There will still be some straggling paperwork tomorrow. Large sales will mean some large sorting next month.
- Ensembles did not perform at Hebron Hometown Holiday Fair due to weather, but did perform for local senior and disability centers as well as elementary schools.
- The High School Winter Concert went well
- Eastern Region High School Festival - event was postponed by one week due to weather. Concert moved to noon. Event went very well given all the changes.
- Chamber Concert - This is a grade 7 through 12 concert and has a full lineup of performers. Students will be rehearsing in the classroom. There will be a short dress rehearsal for the Middle School with no formal dress rehearsal for the High School.
- All State auditions - Band goes first. Bailey Emerson and Lisa Seethaler will take vocal students to their auditions. All 7 vocal students auditioning are only 8 minutes apart on the schedule.
- Payments passed on to Fiona included Great East student payments, Silk City Chorus ticket sales (\$600 collected by Bailey), and a few late Disney student payments.
- Great East festival invoice will be due on 2/15
- The receipt for the Save the Children donation is in
- Scholarship aid needed for some students for the Great East festival. Motion made by Bailey Emerson, second by Amy Consadene to request \$250 in aid. The event will take place on May 11th. Students are paying \$77 each to attend the festival. Motion passed unanimously.

Kerrie Verrastro

- Middle School Winter Concert - rehearsals will need to be rescheduled due to the 1/17/18 storm. Help is needed with tickets, programs and concessions. Tri-M members will be asked to fold programs and hand them out for service hours. Kevin Williams, Alissa Bahamonde and Fiona Golemba will be at the concert to help. Bailey Emerson will send a communication seeking additional help from parents. We need 2 volunteers for tickets, 2 volunteers to collect tickets at the door, and 2 adults and 2 students to help with concessions. Tri-M students can arrive for 7 PM to plate the concession items. Chorus will perform first at this concert. Concession sales will be made following the concert due to the short duration.

Eric Nunes

- Tri-M t-shirts - Eric is waiting on pricing from the art department. We also need to get approval from Tri-M for a modified design which uses their logo.

Nick Kokus

- Disney trip update - Instrument and rooming lists are done. One way travel arrangements for specific students and chaperones are set. Allergy lists are done. New medical forms and overnight field trip forms will be coming out soon. The travel manifest is nearly done. The schedule of workshops has just been announced by Disney and specifics are being booked by Perkins Travel now. Performances will be on the Sunday of the trip at Disney Springs. Band will be at the same location as past trips (Marketplace Stage) and Choir will perform at the Waterview Park Stage. Workshops will be on Friday 4/13/18 at 2 pm. Disney has revamped the backstage venues. There is now no single place to accommodate simultaneous ensembles in the same location. Choir will be in a location at EPCOT, while Band will be in a location at Hollywood Studios. We are getting close to landing on a final total cost. \$1,050 has been paid so far by students. A final \$250 payment is technically due at the end of this month. Nick is confident previously approved funds by the Music Boosters will cover the rest of what is needed. Group will be staying at Park Inn by Radisson in Kissimmee. Shannon Smith motioned and Jen Golden seconded to purchase t-shirts to help parents in the area can identify each other and other students. Motion passed unanimously.
- Live Streaming - Video Production Club is asking for \$200 per concert to continue streaming. Nick is not in favor of us taking on a \$2,000 expense to operate another club. We can target major events like the Evening of the Arts where it makes sense to have professional quality streaming. Eric can find ways to stream the other events with a single view camera. Sponsorships are not viable because it involves Districtwide resources and the Board of Education would need to approve the process which is unlikely. Kevin offered to share links with Eric for streaming cameras he has researched for live streaming church services.
- Fiona delivered the Treasurer's report. Motion by Jen Golden, second by Amy Consadene to accept as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Silk City revenue - We made a total of \$720 in ticket sales for the Silk City Chorus Annual Show.
- Munsons Chocolates - If we make enough for free delivery it will come before 2/13 and Nick may have students help sort. Fiona to help with pickup if we need it. If we pick up sorting will be on 2/13 at 6 pm prior to our next monthly meeting.

New Business

- Kevin shared there will be a Yankee Division Day of Harmony event on 1/20/18. Several RHAM students are participating in workshops during the day and a 7 PM concert at RHAM High School. All are welcome to attend the concert, which will be free of charge.
- Hebron Lions Pancake Breakfast - The Hebron Lions have chosen the RHAM Sports Boosters and RHAM Music Boosters to share in the proceeds of their Maple Fest fundraiser. We need to confirm date for pancake breakfast. Directors will work on potential students to perform during the event to help draw additional crowds.
- Kevin motioned to approve \$119.45 reimbursement for annual web hosting, malware protection and domain registration fees for the Music Booster website. Second made by Amy Consadene. Motion approved unanimously.
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- Amy Consadene asked if it might be possible to give coaches who are releasing kids from practice or game obligations concert tickets to see our event. It could help with their objection to releasing players for performances and trips. The request was supported along with Kaitlyn Leahy (student representative on the Board of Education) to present the Superintendent and members of the Board of Education with tickets to concerts and encourage their attendance.

Motion was made by Jen Golden with a second by Alissa Bahamonde to adjourn at 7:59 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

Meeting Called to order: 7:04 PM by Kevin Williams

In Attendance: Kevin Williams, Fiona Golemba, Jennichelle Oatman, Eric Nunes, Bailey Emerson, Lisa Seethaler, Shannon Smith, , Nick Kokus, Robin Lane, Amy Consadene, Anne Hooker

Secretary's Report: January minutes were posted for review; motion made by Lisa to accept the minutes; Amy seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Updated Treasurer's report handed out by Fiona. Fiona obtained a Booster bank acct. debit card for future payments as needed. Nick motioned to accept Treasurer Report; Shannon seconded; motion passed.

Bailey- MS and HS Choruses

-MS concert was a success, and the extra basket from December was raffled off for an \$80 profit.

-T-shirts for Disney trip will be free for students and \$20 for chaperones.

-The MS Eastern Regional Festival will have 18 choral students in attendance and be held at CT College mid-March. In April, the MS will have their annual coffee house concert. Tri-M students will help run it; parents just need to make baked goods. T-shirts will be on sale for the event for students. They are same shirts as last year. Proceeds will go to Booster Club. Flier in process of being made.

-Two HS choral students made it into All State Festival to be held in April right after Disney trip.

-Proposal for Booster Club for funds to purchase portable, battery-powered, rechargeable LED lights (including stands for them), 20 total, \$18.99 each for a total of \$389. Motion made by Bailey to approve \$389 for purchase of lights; seconded by Amy; motion passed.

-A thank you to the members of Tri-M for helping organize the Munson candy orders. Their help has been beneficial to staff and Boosters.

-Students invited to perform at pancake breakfast during Maple Fest at Lions Club Fairgrounds 3/18/18; half of proceeds raised that morning will be given to our Booster club.

Eric- Music Technology

- REF approved grant request for \$750 and check forthcoming. As advisor of Tri-M, Eric reported that students created their own by-laws, posted them on Google classroom, and will develop their chapter goals.

- Music Tech classes have good enrollment.

-Disney performances will be streamed.

Nick: HS Bands

- Chamber concert a success. Also, the Evening of Jazz with Bacon Academy was a positive and collaborative experience for students.

-RHAM band students participated in and received awards at Berklee Jazz competition. They did a fantastic job.

-Forty students to attend UHart Collage Concert later this week.

-Spring concert in March will need some help from Club for ticket sales, concessions, Senior Flower purchasing. Motion made by Kevin to approve \$250 for purchase of Senior flowers; motion seconded by Amy; motion passed.

-Rehearsal times for Disney performances given to students and parents. Departure time for Disney from RHAM parking lot now 4 AM. Trip costed approx. \$1252 minus each students Booster contribution placed in their acct.

New Business

-Kevin discussed openings for Booster Club Board for upcoming academic year. Kevin to remain President; Amy to remain Vice President; Lisa to remain Secretary; vacancy Treasurer. The job duties for Treasurer were requested so that volunteers within group or parents outside the booster group who may be interested can learn more about the role.

-Shannon raised idea of having a Super bowl Sunday sandwich event or possibly make the Memorial Day sandwich purchases for marching band a fundraiser for additional family members who want to buy sandwiches.

-Bailey proposed the idea of becoming involved in a donation program at a Manchester coffee shop; an act performs usually on a Friday night, it could be our students or another group outside of RHAM, and 10% of proceeds raised at door come to the charitable group such as Boosters.

- Scholarship motion made by Robin to raise the amount of this year's Booster Scholarship (senior graduate majoring or minoring in Music) from \$3000 to \$4000 after discussion of the benefits of such an increase. Shannon seconded the motion; majority voted yes, motion passed.

-Next meeting March 6, 2018 at 7 PM in Music Tech room.

Meeting adjourned 8: 02PM; Nick motioned; Amy seconded; motion passed.

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2018

Meeting Called to order: 7:05 PM by Kevin Williams

In Attendance: Kevin Williams, Fiona Golemba, Jennichele Oatman, Jen Golden, Eric Nunes, Bailey Emerson, Lisa Seethaler, Shannon Smith, Alissa Bahamonde, Kerrie Verrastro, Julie Leahy

Secretary's Report: February minutes were posted for review; motion made by Jennichele to accept the minutes; Jen Golden seconded; motion passed. Club received a thank you note from 2017 scholarship recipient Nora B.

Treasurer's Report: Updated Treasurer's report handed out by Fiona. Membership pleased with the amount our bank account is at presently. Jen Golden motioned to accept Treasurer Report; Alyssa seconded; motion passed.

Bailey for Nick: HS Bands

- Disney meeting for students, parents and chaperones is next month; Chaperones should check e-mail for updated information.

- Scholarship application is ready for students in the Guidance Office; Kevin to confirm Scholarship Committee members.

Bailey: MS and HS Choruses

-Munson's fundraiser completed; Tri M students helped sort candy - big help.

-Seven students in total from Band and Chorus are going to perform in All State concert in April after returning from Disney trip.

-Eastern Regional concert this month for middle school students is to be held at CT College for the first time. 18 choral students to participate.

-T-shirt payments received for various Music Dept. events

-On June 15 from 6 PM to 9 PM at Silk City Coffee Shop, 20% of all proceeds collected will be donated to RHAM Music Boosters. Members can spread word to others about event.

-Motion made by Lisa and seconded by Jen Golden to approve \$250 to pay the accompanist for the HS concert. Motion passed.

-Empty Bowls event coming up in April; chorus students will perform throughout the mealtime.

Eric: Music Technology

-Senior student Joe Petroni created a promotional video for Music Dept; it will be shown to BOE members as well as Superintendent Dr Law. It may also be posted on school website as well as Twitter.

-Tri M students continuing to meet to discuss and implement organizational decisions; they need to increase their participation in service hours.

Kerrie: MS Band

-Students to perform at various community locations, including Marlborough Health Center.

-Coffee House is coming up for MS band and chorus.

-Student highlight: 8th grader Bernie O'Doy has composed/arranged a Star Wars - themed song for band.

Old Business:

-We need parent volunteers to staff upcoming concert.

-Lions Club to donate 50% proceeds of pancake breakfast during Maple Fest to Music Boosters; logistics of how Music Dept. students will perform during breakfast to be determined.

-Treasure still needed for upcoming school year; Leah and Jenichele considering the position.

-Hot Dog Cart at Ted's will be staffed by Jen Golden in May.

New Business:

-Concern regarding concerts being held during exam period was discussed; next year the Chamber Concert will be held in March to prevent that potential conflict.

-Next meeting April 10, 2018 in Music Tech room following the Disney trip meeting.

Motion made by Jen Golden with a second by Alissa to adjourn meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion passed.

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2018

Meeting Called to order: 7:42 PM by Kevin Williams

In Attendance: Kevin Williams, Fiona Golemba, Jennichele Oatman, Jen Golden, Eric Nunes, Bailey Emerson, Lisa Seethaler, Alissa Bahamonde

Secretary's Report: March minutes were posted for review; Correction requested by Nick. "Six, not seven, students will participate in All State Concert." Also, Jennichelle requested that a correction be made to indicate that she is NOT interested in being nominated for Treasurer position but would like to help by running concessions. Motion made by Jen G, seconded by Alissa to record those 2 minute changes, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Updated Treasurer's report handed out by Fiona. Bank account has approximately \$28,000. Upcoming expended include Evening of the Arts supplies as well as the Music Boosters Scholarship funding. Nick motioned to accept Treasurer Report; Shannon seconded; motion passed.

Nick: HS Bands

- Empty Bowls event made \$700 for Music Dept.
- 2 upcoming jazz festivals: Waterford HS and All Town.
- Evening of Arts solo auditions will be May 7.

Kerrie (reported by Nick): MS band

- Coffee house was a success; good attendance and participation by students.
- Band visited and performed at community centers including Marlborough Nursing Home and Hebron Senior Center
- Front door assistance needed for upcoming middle school concert; Alissa to help; Bailey recommended an e-mail blast to parents asking for additional volunteers
- 6th grade orientation will need a Music Booster presence to promote program, provide info to or answer questions of parents; Jenichelle volunteered. Booster membership forms and promotional materials including car magnets will be available.

Bailey: MS and HS Choruses

- Coffee House had over 200 attendees; Tri M students helped run the event.

-Funds requested for purchase of Senior's Music Dept participation plaques; fee will be approx. \$300. Lisa made a motion to approve up to \$300 for the expense; Jenichelle seconded; motion passed.

Eric: Music Technology

Best Communities in music acceptances will be announced very soon.

-Live streaming logistics set for Disney concert in FL. It will be available through a Twitter link

Old Business:

-Lions Club to give donation check to Kevin from pancake breakfast proceeds next week.

-Alissa has agreed to accept the Treasurer nomination. Thank you Alissa!

New Business:

-Hot Dog cart to be staffed on May 19 or May 26 at Ted's IGA by Jen G and her daughter, husband.

-Next meeting May 9, 2018 in Music Tech room.

Motion made by Jen Golden with a second by Shannon to adjourn meeting at 8:05 PM. Motion passed.

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2018

Meeting Called to order: 7:10 PM by Kevin Williams

In Attendance: Kevin Williams, Fiona Golemba, Jennichele Oatman, Eric Nunes, Bailey Emerson, Lisa Seethaler, Alissa Bahamonde, Amy Consadene, Nick Kokus, Julie Leahy, Kerrie Verrastro

Secretary's Report: April minutes were posted for review. Motion made by Nick to accept minutes, seconded by Amy, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Updated Treasurer's report handed out by Fiona. Motion made by Lisa to accept Treasurer Report. Amy seconded; motion passed.

Nick: HS Band

Nick requested a volunteer to help carry percussion instruments for the upcoming Memorial Day parades.

Two scholarship applications were received.

Some older Music Booster documents were received by a past president. Fiona to look at the information then pass along what we need to store.

Some of RHAM's trumpet and trombone students received awards at the All Town and Waterford Jazz Fests.

Nick thanked the Booster Club for its financial support to help defray cost of Disney trip. A high percentage of band/choral students were able to attend. Trip was a success with no major obstacles. Thank you to the Directors for top-notch organization and leadership so that our students could experience such an enriching and enjoyable trip.

Kerrie: MS band

Performances at the Marlborough Health Center and Hebron Senior Center were a success.

Kerrie requested the help of approx. 4 parents to help with parade the day of the event. She reminded all that we have rain ponchos if necessary. MS and HS students will eat their lunch together and Nick/Kerrie will complete tallies for sandwiches next week.

Bailey: MS and HS Choruses

Evening of Arts solo auditions were held.

Middle school concert is this week. Bailey requested that volunteers help with concessions, tickets, etc. Alissa and Fiona will be there. TriM students will be asked to help as well.

6 Flags adjudication is the following day. Band and chorus will participate.

Encore opened for the Hartford Gay Men's Chorus show.

On June 15 Silk City Café will donate percentage of proceeds to RHAM Music Boosters. The trio of Band students Garrett, Aaron and Peter will perform. Soloists will also perform. To be determined.

Eric: Music Technology

A RHAM student took 3rd place for the CT State Championship of the Technology Student Association event.

TriM will have one more meeting before school ends. Next year an induction ceremony will take place for current members; most likely in Fall.

Eric reported that TriM seniors can wear chords at graduation to indicate membership within the group. A motion was made by Lisa for the Booster Club to purchase 23 cords at \$12.50 each, totaling \$307.50. Julie seconded the motion; approved.

Old Business:

Nominated Officers for 2018-19 year are: Kevin Williams - President; Amy Consadene- Vice President; Alissa Bahamonde Treasurer; Lisa Seethaler- Secretary. Concessions will be managed by Jenichelle Oatman, Jen Golden, and Nancy Visco. Vote will occur at June meeting.

Hot Dog Cart will be June 3 for 4 hours at Ted's from 10-2 and the Golden Family will staff the cart. Extra helpers being recruited.

Lions Club gave Music Booster \$740.00 from Maple Fest pancake breakfast proceeds.

New Business:

Motion made by Kevin to subsidize 50% of the cost of the freshman t-shirts to be worn at upcoming events; seconded by Lisa; motion passed.

Evening of Arts: almost all volunteers have been recruited; a sign-up sheet for additional help was passed around. Happy Ads are encouraged to help raise additional funds.

-Next meeting June 12, 2018 at Mrs. William's home on Jagger Lane in Hebron.

Motion made by ___ with a second by _____ to adjourn meeting at _____ PM. Motion passed.

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2018

Meeting Called to order: 6:35 PM by Kevin Williams

In Attendance: Kevin Williams, Fiona Golemba, Eric Nunes, Bailey Emerson, Lisa Seethaler, Alissa Bahamonde, Amy Consadene, Nick Kokus, , Kerrie Verrastro, Lisa Seethaler

Secretary's Report: May minutes were posted for review. Motion made by Nick to include in June minutes some info that was left out of May minutes (as reported by L. Seethaler.) Bailey seconded, motion passed.

May minute info: New Business- Best in Communities awarded to RHAM Music Dept. once again. This prestigious distinction will be publicized through purchase of a banner, write-up in future concert program and RHAMbler, and announcements during Music Dept events. Thank you letter to constituents for support of budget can be done as well. Motion to adjourn May meeting at 7:58 made by Nick and seconded by Kerrie; passed.

Treasurer's Report: Updated Treasurer's report handed out by Fiona. In a positive financial state at this point in time. Sandwiches for Mem. Day averaged to about \$3.86 per person. Unofficial profit for Eve of Arts \$2200; motion made by Lisa to accept Treasurer Report. Amy seconded; motion passed.

Nick: HS Band

No major Band updates since last meeting; successful year for HS Band; , appreciative for Booster support.

Kerrie: MS band

Spring concert went very well despite lack of extra rehearsal time. Highlight was student Bernie O's piece he composed and students performed. Band received gold distinction at Great East Festival. Kerrie thanked Boosters for Mem Day sandwiches. Booster presence at Fall Open House requested.

Bailey: MS and HS Choruses

Silk City Coffee Shop fundraiser coming up. Performers scheduled. Middle School chorus has an increased number of male students signed up- 32. Motion made by Lisa to give the requested \$250 to fund outreach clinician session for middle school students. Alissa seconded and motion approved.

Ideas for next year's Eve of Arts: open doors 4:45; Will Call pickups- separate table; more baked goods for next year so highlight that communication more effectively. Communicate with Art Dept more thoroughly prior to event so that their needs are known and attended to.

Eric: Music Technology

Tri M had final meeting; graduating seniors will have membership cords to wear. In future students will apply. Motion made by Lisa and seconded by Amy to fund requested annual NAFME fee. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Scholarship check can be sent after graduation. br>Lisa madee motion to cast ballot for slate, Alissa seconded; motion passed.

Voting results: Officers for 2018-19 year are Kevin Williams - President; Amy Consadene- Vice President; Alissa Bahamonde Treasurer; Lisa Seethaler- Secretary.

Concessions will be managed by Jenichelle Oatman, Jen Golden, and Nancy Visco.

Shannon will coordinate Memorial Day sandwiches.

Shannon will add option to membership form for cell number preferred to receive text updates from Boosters.

Possibility of not doing Ted's Hot Dog Cart next year. Banner for Best Music Community will be ready for Fall.

New Business: ;

Present board members who will be departing this or next year to train board members who will stay on. President will cover Website, agenda creation, publicity, etc in that training.

Next meeting September 11, 2018 in Music Tech Room of HS.

Motion made by Lisa with a second by Alissa to adjourn meeting at 7:35 PM. Motion passed