

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022

Meeting Called to order: 7:11 PM by Amy Harvill

In Attendance:

Nick Kokus, Bailey Mckiernan, Kerrie Verrastro, Brenda Bula, Deb Fitzsimmons, Marcella Groves, Angie Yrayta, Allison Forrest, Ken Harvill, Jennichelle Oatman, Amy Harvill, Tracey Garbarino.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the September's meeting were presented for review. There were two requested corrections. Nick motioned to accept, Bailey seconded. Minutes approved and on file.

Treasurer's Report:

Highlights of Treasurer's report were given. Review of balances as of 8/31/22, checks cleared, matching balance and check issues identified. Savings and student balances reviewed including correction for 9/22 Disney payments and MCM fundraiser. Deb provided a review of annual summary including revenue, expenses and net revenue. Amy motioned to accept, Tracey seconded. Treasurers report approved and on file.

HS Band:

CMEA students are preparing for auditions in November. ASBDA will be in November and there is student interest in this festival. Thank you for assistance at Open House. In November there will be a Coast Guard Band performance in New London. Rham Music party is scheduled for Friday 10/21 which Jennichelle offered to host. This conflicts with scheduled Dig Pink event. May look to reschedule.

MS Band:

On 10/15 will have a Marine Band Clinic with the Head Conductor. Thus far, 37 students are interested. Trumpet Clinic is underway. This year 5 students are new to this instrument. Mallory Kokus will assist with saxophone students.

MS and HS Choruses:

The MCM fundraiser was very successful. Pie delivery, sorting and pick up will be 10/19 from 2-5pm. Sign up Genius is available for parents who are able to volunteer. Will also ask for 2 additional Tri M students to assist. October concert is 10/27 and will be combined HS and MS. Call for volunteers on sign Up Genius to assist with Booster table of gear and concessions. Two students will be at the door to pass out programs. Donations welcomed. Charter Oak Music Festival at Bacon Academy on calendar. Three Footnote rehearsals have taken place and students will perform at the Hebron Holiday Craft Fair. On December 3 HS choir students will be caroling in Andover and at Hebron tree lighting. December 14 MS choir students will perform at Colebrook Senior Living. On December 21 HS and MS choir will perform at all elementary schools. Suggestion of lunch at Flour Girl Café including sandwich, chips and a beverage. Final totals are not in but initial request for \$450 for lunch for the HS students that day. Amy motioned to accept, Jennichelle seconded. For MS students will offer cookies and hot chocolate and request of \$150. Amy motioned to accept, Jennichelle seconded. Students will wear Rham Choir sweatshirts they will purchase. Suggested a \$50 design fee be offered to Shelley Osowiecki. Amy motioned to accept and Brenda seconded.

Technology and Tri Music:

Tri M had their first meeting today and they held nominations for officers. They will begin to look to raise funds for cords for graduation the club activation fee.

Old Business:

Reviewed having transition notes from year to year. Review of available gear which Bailey inventoried last year. This may need to be redone periodically as we sell at 9 events thru the year. Discussion of Booster membership and what is incentive to become a member. Currently 20 members on list. Ideas included- Alumni membership, a monthly newsletter, notation in concert program of active Boosters and thank you to volunteers.

Website and Social Media:

Paula has continued with social media blasts. The website has been updated and will include information of upcoming concert and the mattress sale in November.

Disney:

The offer to aid to families with two children attending Disney has been appreciated. There will be a total of 9 chaperones joining the trip. Payments continue to come in and there is an option to purchase travel insurance which is open until final payment is due.

Fundraising:

There will be a mattress sale fundraiser on 11/19 at Rham. This came highly recommended from other music departments and is an opportunity for students to continue to raise funds for Disney and other activities this year. Marchelle presented some ideas for fundraising including: Lawn signs for the spring which can be preordered for a low cost, Penny Pitch which is a collection of spare change which we can do in late winter/early spring, parking cars at Hebron Fair as sports teams are doing this each year, a Go Fund Me page and corporate matching for donations. After some discussion will pursue Penny Pitch for the spring as we do not have a fundraiser at that time of year. Basket Raffle for Christmas concert was discussed and will be included on website as a call for baskets and also in director's email to families. Will continue with 50/50 raffle as has been successful in past. Discussed a Give Back night at a local restaurant which TriM will pursue.

Next meeting will be Tuesday November 1 , 2022 at 7:00pm

Motion made by Nick to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Garbarino
Secretary