

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020

Meeting Called to order: 7:03 PM by Amy Harvill

In Attendance: Jennichelle Oatman, Nick Kokus, Kerrie Verrastro, Eric Nunes, Brenda Bula, Tracey Garbarino, Amy Harvill, Ken Harvill, Tammy Stolzman, Jeff Hooker, Ann Hooker, Sarah Lucenko, Sean Blake, Bailey McKiernan, Deb Fitzsimmons, Lisa Seethaler, Paula King

President's Comments: Amy encouraged all parent attendees to join Music Boosters via the organization's website; Brenda recommended we explore sending membership link to all Music Dept. parents as a reminder to consider joining.

Secretary's Report: Necessary correction to last month's minutes (in "New Business" section) noted; correction is that Booster Club decided to **defer** SCRIP Program to AHM and will not be running this fundraiser this year. Also, an addition is necessary to "In Attendance" section; Maura Goldstein participated in last month's meeting, but her name was omitted. Motion made by Nick to approve October minutes with the two aforementioned corrections; seconded by Amy; all in favor and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Highlights of Treasurer's Report were given, including that membership payments are starting to come in. Motion made by Amy to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Lisa; all in favor and motion passed.

HS Band: RHAM graduate and renowned musician/composer Charles Denler will be providing a virtual class/question and answer session to students in Band and Chorus mid-November; students can submit questions ahead of time; also, Luke Nelson from Hartt School of Music will provide a clinic to jazz band students in December. Eastern Regional audition videos have been completed and were uploaded for review.

MS Band: Band students performed "America" and the National Anthem which were then recorded and sent to various organizations in recognition of Veteran's Day since no in-person ceremonies would be held. The recordings are available to listen to on the RHAM Middle School band website. Sectionals are underway and focusing on specific skills for each instrument.

MS and HS Choruses: Students in Chamber Chorus participated in a visiting clinician session provided by a vocalist from Hartt School of Music. Chorus students will also participate in the Charles Denler clinic mentioned above. Students are preparing for the December Winter Warmer.

Music Technology: Tri-M Honor Society met on this date; dates for future meetings were decided; students have been encouraged to look for opportunities to volunteer. The Best Communities survey has been completed and submitted.

Old Business: Review of volunteer positions filled.

New Business: No funding requests from Staff. Amy would like to receive from staff a running list of annual financial needs and plans. The club's charter is very basic and should be enhanced. A request was made by Lisa to consider a way to recognize Seniors in the Spring that would align with COVID-19 precautions. Given that there will most likely not be the typical Evening of the Arts concert during which senior student accomplishments are acknowledged, it was decided that Lisa, Brenda, and Tracey will brainstorm alternative ideas and consult with Music Dept staff as well as administration. Winter Warmer event will take place on Dec 18 at 7 PM and include performances by singers and instrumentalists virtually. Access will be through a link on RHAM Music Dept section of school's website. Art Dept works will also be shown. Various fundraising possibilities that could run during or before the event were discussed; outreach tasks were divvied up. Paula King has excellent ideas for enhancing club's social media presence and will take on that job. Band Party was held through a virtual format this year and students enjoyed it despite not being together in the same location.

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

Motion made by Lisa and seconded by Amy to adjourn at 8:20 PM. All in favor; Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seethaler

Secretary