

# **RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes**

December 8, 2020

**Meeting Called to order:** 7:01 PM by Amy Harvill

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

**President's Comments:** Welcome to all.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion made by Nick to approve November minutes; seconded by Tammy; all in favor and motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Highlights of Treasurer's Report were given, report on file. Motion made by Lisa to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Ken; all in favor and motion passed.

**HS Band:** Musician Luke Nelson provided a one-hour clinic to Jazz Band students. The topics covered included the blues genre. Students participated actively, including playing their instruments. Charles Denler's clinic for all Music Dept students at RHAM was inspirational. Charles is a RHAM grad and Grammy award-winning composer. Topics he discussed included the trajectory of his musical career and how to attain what you aspire to in life. CMEA Eastern Regional audition results will most likely be known by next week.

**MS Band:** Students will receive a thoughtful surprise from Kerrie as they view the virtual "Winter Warmer" event. Kerrie took some individual performances within a group project and had them placed in the lineup as solos. The CMEA Eastern Regional tryouts for middle school musicians are in March.

**MS and HS Choruses:** Mrs. McKiernan thanked Music Boosters for the donation which allowed students to participate in Mr. Denler's clinic. She is waiting for pictures from all Senior Choir students dressed in concert black which will then be made into a communication to our community to recognize them. Bailey also hand-delivered treats to all Seniors to thank them for their participation in Choir. The students appreciated this thoughtful gesture very much.

**Music Technology:** Tri-M Honor Society has a January meeting; Mr. Nunes has explained that service hours can include more wide-ranging activities than normal given the limitations due to pandemic. Students are encouraged to think of helpful constructive ways to help others.

**Old Business:** Amy will be emcee following the "Winter Warmer" during a separate "Google meet" to select a 50/50 raffle winner and announce him or her. Winner must be participant in Google meet" to win. Amy will also highlight mission of Boosters and remind all to join Boosters as a member in support Music education activities. Students or Booster member will write and send thank you notes to all businesses that contributed funds or proceeds as part of this event.

“Winter Warmer” will be streamed via YouTube and the link for 50/50 raffle following will be visible on YouTube video feed.

Thank you to Paula King for the vast improvement of on-line presence by RHAM Music Boosters! Posts have been fun and informative. Great job!

Tracey sent updated Membership info to Amy. Only 10 families thus far have joined. Thank you for taking on this task, Tracey!

**New Business:** A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Amy to approve up to \$400 to make recordings of student songs per request from Bailey. All in favor and motion passed.

Tracey, Brenda, and Lisa will brainstorm ideas in 2021 for Senior recognition in light of likely pandemic restrictions. They will coordinate with staff and administration.

Amy and Lisa to work on Charter revision in 2021.

Additional ways to support staff as they teach and engage students was discussed; Boosters can continue to assist with funding and brainstorm options as needed; virtual trips, Zoom classes with esteemed instructors and theater programming were mentioned.

**Next meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 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