

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2022

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

In Attendance:

Eric Nunes, Ken Harvill, Amy Harvill, Tammy Stolzman, Anne Hooker, Bailey McKiernan, , Jenichelle Oatman, Nick Kokus, Tracey Garbarino, Deb Fitzsimmons, Teresa Hooker, Anne Hooker, Deb Fitzsimmons.

Secretary's Report:

Review of January minutes. Two revisions requested to reflect correct spelling and reference of names. Motion made by Anne to approve January minutes with requested corrections. Seconded by Amy; all in favor and motion passed. Minutes on file.

Treasurer's Report:

Highlights of Treasurer's Report were given. Review of the breakout of donations, MS concert revenue, outstanding checks. Motion made by Ken to approve, seconded by Jenichelle. All in favor and motion passed. Report on file.

HS Band:

ASBDA- Dave Weiner, Lisa Able and Tom Kessler will be incoming clinicians. Requesting \$100 each for their time. Tammy approved and Heidi seconded. The new marching band banners have arrived and look sharp. HS banner displayed for the group. MS a smaller version. Jazz concert at Bacon Academy schedule for Wednesday 2/26 at 7pm. Eric discussed an upcoming trip to a recording studio on 3/1 with approximately 20 kids scheduled to attend. Hartford Symphony Orchestra trip still has some spots available.

MS Band:

The percussion clinic was a success. The guest clinician discussed the background of Japanese drumming. She taught the students using a syllables and improvisation. Regional students have their music for the festival to be held in 1 month at Enfield High School. MS band has begun to work on Memorial Day music. A coffee house will be announced in 1 week. Students can sign up to perform 4/7.

MS and HS Choruses:

Graduating seniors have been asked if they want to donate their remaining student account balances to another student or Boosters. To date, \$700 has been donated. Thank you to Anne and Amy for assisting at MS concert. Anne demonstrated a song in German to the choir and a video was created to show at later dates. Allstate videos have been submitted. There will be one additional clinic in March with a guest clinician who is a local musician and also professor at the Hartt School of Music. There has been some discussion of having students sing the national anthem at a Hartford Yard Goats game.

Music Technology and Tri M:

Tri M is planning a fundraiser with National Honor Society. Additionally, they are looking into other fundraising opportunities for the spring. .

Spring Field Trip:

The Dear Evan Hansen trip will be on Tuesday 3/28 at the Bushnell A total of 76 students, chaperones and teachers will attend. Pizza will be ordered thru Wicked Slice as they offer 20% off if a teacher orders. Will look for assistance with paper goods, beverages and desserts. There will be 2 buses for transport and a planned late return

that evening. It will cost between \$30-40 per student to attend. Overall, the cost is less than what was initially requested. Invoices to be provided.

Old Business:

Thank you letters have been sent to those who donated baskets or made monetary donations at the winter concert. The Colebrook project is on pause due to covid. The Hartford Foundation may want a report on progress at year end. Gear is running low after successful concerts. Will need to inventory but will probably need to reorder in S,M,L, 2x and 3x. Will partner with Shelly O in Art Department on a different design for the fall. For now will order in current design. For the fall concert, ornaments for concerts and a specific MS ornament to be considered. Sixth grade night is scheduled for in person and we may want to have gear available for that event. Nick requested \$3000 for additional gear, seconded by Tracey. There are no new updates on memberships or fundraisers. Spring concerts may be another opportunity to raise funds.

New Business:

Organizational structure plan was introduced by Deb which includes:

1. Developing a charter, vision, mission, roles/responsibilities. This will be a electronic document which begins the foundation of a structure that can be easily passed on.
2. Financial plan- based on historical request standard items can be built into the budget. Create a working budget by June for Boosters.
3. Document retention- creation of a central place for documents to be stored.

This item will be kept as a active item in meeting moving forward.

End of year items-

Discussion of a scholarship for a graduating senior who will major or minor in music. The application which comes from guidance department is due at the end of April. An outside group reviews applications and makes a recommendation. Directors will review the recommendations and make the final decision on award. Amy requested we allocate \$4000 for scholarship which was seconded by Tammy. The music department has 20 band and 16 choir from HS graduating, middle school will have 21 band grads and 27 choir. Will look into using Its So Ranunculus for carnations for graduating seniors and Kerrie to check on how many pins she has for the middle school grads. Deb offered her services for photos for the music department. Paula will continue posting to our social media for events.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00pm

Motion made by Amy and seconded by Bailey to adjourn at 8:15pm. All in favor; Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Garbarino

Secretary