

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2019

Meeting called to order: 7:01 by Alissa Bahamonde

In Attendance:

Alissa Bahamonde, Jenichelle Oatman, Heidi Nilsson, Nick Kokus, Kerrie Verrastro, Eric Nunes, Lisa Seethaler, Kathie Ely, Robin Lane, Amy Harvill, Ken Harvill, Brenda Cancellaro, Liz Dickman, Aaron Oulette, Lisset Genung, Jeff Hooker, Tammy Stolzman, Teresa Odoy, Cheryl Egazarian, Luke Schomer

Secretary's Report:

June 2019 minutes were posted for review. Motion made by Nick and seconded by Jenichelle to accept minutes. All in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Updated Treasurer's Report handed out by Kathie. Music Boosters remains in a positive financial state overall. Final EOA proceeds total was \$2543, to be split with Art Dept. Motion made by Lisa and seconded by Robin to accept Treasurer's Report. All in favor. Motion passed.

MS Band:

Jazz Band auditions take place this month. Pops Ensemble being formed to give students additional playing opportunities; they will perform at basketball games and the Coffee House in Spring. Birthday – Gram program starting up again. Clinics for staff at elementary middle and high school levels taking place in November, December and May. Each clinician will be paid \$250 by Boosters. In lieu of Spring MS Festival, MS Choral and Band teachers would like to have a person who is a composer/director and performer provide students with a day of music education. The fee will be \$1500, and Boosters will help with that payment.

HS Band:

Nick reminded all that the calendar of department events is on the shared on-line calendar. Deposits are coming in for the Boston trip in March. Approx. 150 students will attend. 15 chaperones will be needed. Motion made by Nick to give \$50 to each student attending, with the max total being \$7500. Tammy seconded, all approved, motion passed. Motion made by Lisa to provide up to \$1500 total for the ten families with two children attending the trip, giving each family \$150. Robin seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. A third motion made by Lisa to provide up to \$2,000 total for confidential aid to families (those experiencing a financial hardship or who have more limited incomes) at the discretion of Music Dept teachers. Jenichelle seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

There will be a fourth bus needed, so the cost per person may increase.

Nick requested \$400 payable to Art Dept for printing cost for Pep Band items. Alissa motioned for \$400, Kathy seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.

Charter Oak Festival coming up – optional for students; CMEA tryouts this Fall also.

MS and HS Chorus:

Motion made by Lisa and seconded by Jenichelle to provide \$1,050 for MS and HS piano accompanist(s) who help at concerts throughout the year. All in favor. Motion passed.
Pie and cookie dough fundraiser to begin soon and students will have their own on-line site to utilize for sales. Pick up of items will be October 29 from 3-6 PM. Money made goes to individual accounts.

Motion made by Lisa and seconded by Alissa to pay \$200 for a Music Boosters yearbook ad. All in favor; motion passed.

A bill was received from the Rivereast for a display ad, and staff are not sure what the ad was for - or if it was even accurately billed to the dept. Lisa to follow up with Rivereast ad department.

Music Technology:

Tri-M will have its first meeting in October. Applications being submitted by Juniors presently.

Old Business:

Heidi is taking care of Sign-Up Genius. Cheryl will help with website.

New Business:

Aaron will be the student rep for Tri-M and will attend Booster meetings. He thanked Music Boosters for financing his trip to Festival last Spring.

Open House logistics discussed; parents and students will help staff info tables for Music Dept. Basket Raffle will be coordinated by Robin; and the hope is that \$3000 will be raised.

Next Board meeting Tuesday October 8, 2019 in HS Music Tech Room at 7 PM. Please note that entrance door will not be open but staffed to let visitors in - ring doorbell.

Motion made by Nick and seconded by Alissa to adjourn meeting at 8:10 PM. All in favor.
Motion passed.