

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022

Meeting Called to order: 7:05 PM by Amy Harvill

In Attendance:

Nick Kokus, Bailey Mckiernan, Chris Robinson, Kerrie Verrastro, Charles Emmons, Brenda Bula, Deb Fitzsimmons, Rebecca Kramer, Shirlene Celona, Marcella Groves, Lou LaVecchia, Anne Hooker, Ken Harvill, Jennichelle Oatman, Mary Rose Mead, Diane Walsh, Amy Harvill, Tracey Garbarino.

Amy introduced the Booster, reviewing purpose, opportunities for involvement, and how the Boosters financially supports the Rham music program to help bridge expenses that the school may not cover. Officers were introduced.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the June meeting were presented for review. There were no requested corrections or additions. Nick motioned to accept as is, Chris seconded. Minutes approved and on file.

Treasurer's Report:

Highlights of Treasurer's report were given. A detailed annual summary of revenue, expenses, savings and students accounts was presented. July and August accounts were also reviewed. There was one correction requested for the June student accounts. Amy motioned to accept with noted correction, Bailey seconded. Approved and report on file.

HS Band:

Nick welcomed new members to the meeting. Pep Band has begun and will perform on 9/16. They will continue to perform at home games only. The Marine Band will be in Manchester on 10/14. This performance is free of charge but tickets are required.

MS Band:

Jazz band began this week. Brass Ensemble which is a new group this year will be on Wednesdays. Nick and Tina Fagan will join periodically. On Thursdays there will be after school assistance for instrumental help and preparation for regionals. There is a request for \$250 for a spring clinician. Amy motioned to approve, Jennichelle seconded. Also there was a request of \$250 for 5 sessions with a clinician for new trumpet players. Ken motioned to approve, Jenichelle seconded. There may be funds left over from last year that could carryover to help with this expense.

MS and HS Choruses:

There will be a new club this year in middle school. Footnotes is a music lesson focused club preparing students to perform solo. This will begin in 2 weeks. Bailey requested \$800.00 for accompanists for the school year which will cover both HS and MS concerts. Amy motioned to approve, Bailey seconded. Request approved.

Technology and Tri Music:

Nick has taken on Tri M as Eric Nunes has taken another position within the school. Tri M is an honor society for music students. It is open to all juniors and seniors in the music department. They meet 1x monthly and are a service orientated organization. There will be one Tri M member who is a liaison to the Boosters. Welcome to Chris Robinson who has taken on Music Tech. His background includes working with a recording company for 9 years. This year piano and audio production will be available to HS and MS students.

Old Business:

HS open house is tomorrow night. Boosters will have a booth at open house and needs volunteers to help. Set up is at 5:15. The booth will have gear, magnets and membership forms. Will need QR code, seed money and paper forms.

MS open house is 1 week later on 9/21. Set up will be at 5:15 and be in the front hallway area. Same needs as HS open house.

Review of opportunities to become involved in Boosters. Discussion of a way to have a warm handoff for transitions of officers in future including an in person meeting and checklist of needed areas to be reviewed. Bailey will check on the gear inventory.

Website and Social Media:

Ken Harvill is the website contact and will clean up the site. Bailey will make concert information available for posting. Paula King will continue to be the social media contact. Amy will complete a small recap each month in form of a newsletter.

Disney:

This is a big trip happening 1x every 4 years for HS students which includes flights, accommodations, tickets to the park and most meals. The logistics of flights and hotels have been settled. They will stay at an off property hotel. The band will participate in a workshop but has been waitlisted for a performance due to a backlog of performances from covid and anniversary of the park. There was a request for \$11,200 from the Boosters to offset cost to students. There will be assistance to families who have 2 students who are attending. Bailey motioned to approve, Mary Rose seconded.

New Business:

Membership is in progress which is \$35 for HS and \$25 for MS. Discussed engagement and recruitment at events. In call for volunteers can include a description of the time commitment involved. The idea of an alumni membership was introduced. This could be a \$25 per year or \$20 plus 1 donated hour of time at an event. October will be first concert of the year. We are able to do concessions again this year. Discussed tickets vs donations. 2019 was the last time for ticket and concession sales which brought in \$4000. Last year donations were \$4000. Will remain with donation format this year.

Fundraising:

HS will have the MCM fundraiser for pies and goodies. This will be completely on line and \$7.00 per pie goes to the student. Reviewed Script. Jenichelle spent some time looking into this which may be difficult to do as a time limited event. The company is set up as ongoing with the organizations bank account linked. The funds raised go to the organization not the student. Decided not to pursue. Reviewed organizational fundraisers such as having a local restaurant give back a percentage one evening. Can pursue with local restaurants and try to have the give back night close to concert date. Reviewed possibilities of a spring fundraiser and fundraising at Eastern Regionals which Rham will host for MS students.

Next meeting will be Tuesday October 11, 2022 at 7:00pm

Motion made by Amy to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Garbarino
Secretary