

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2021

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

In Attendance:

Kerrie Verrastro, Eric Nunes, Ken Harvill, Amy Harvill, Tammy Stolzman, Ann Hooker, Bailey McKiernan, , Jenichelle Oatman, Nick Kokus, Heidi Nilsson, Tracey Garbarino

Secretary's Report:

Amy reviewed September 2021 minutes. Motion made by Nick to approve September minutes; seconded by Amy; all in favor and motion passed. Minutes on file.

Treasurer's Report:

Highlights of Treasurer's Report were given. Review included 2 outstanding checks for EOA video mixing and new band shirts. Motion to accept as is made by Nick; seconded by Amy; all in favor and motion passed. Report on file.

HS Band:

Music Department has received 2 requests. The first is a request for a donation from Boosters toward Homecoming expenses as will be held outdoors vs indoors as in past. Amy proposed a donation of \$250, Ken seconded. All in favor and motion passed. The second request is for sponsorship for the Rham class of 1962 who are planning a final class reunion in June 2022. They are expecting 35 attendees. Uncertain exactly what this will entail. It may be in name only or a donation toward the evening.

Pep Band- Pep band seniors will be included in the Sports Boosters Senior recognition this Saturday and will include 13 graduating seniors from the band community. Proposing Boosters assist in covering expense of flowers for the seniors being honored. Jennichelle proposed \$130 for flowers, Amy seconded. All in favor and motion passed.

New Banner- This has been ordered. Nick has received the pole for draping the banner but banner not received.

New Band Shirts- A new shirt has been located. Funds were approved last month and order in progress.

Fall Band gathering- The traditional fall band party is being put aside but instead will tailgate before a football game as effort to gather. Will donate some of the leftover EOA snacks and beverages to this. Jennichelle proposed \$200 be put aside for additional food items, Tammy seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

CMBA auditions in progress.

Fall concert covered under new business.

MS Band:

Kerrie reports the band is getting back into the routine of practices. She is requesting 3 months of pizza as reward for students who demonstrate the highest practice times. As year progresses, students may be able to resume a old tradition of playing Happy Birthday as a form of reward/payment for good practice habits. Amy proposed \$75 for pizza, Tammy seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

MS and HS Choruses:

MCM fall fundraiser had a small turnout so no volunteers will be needed to sort frozen items. Tri M student may be able to help.

No accompanist needed for the fall concert but for the upcoming concerts will use 2 different accompanist. Baily requested \$800 for payment for accompanists for year. Ken seconded, all in favor and motion passed.

Music Technology and TriM:

Applications have been received and students notified of acceptance into Tri M. A total of 14 seniors and 11 juniors were accepted. The first meeting will be 10/19/21 where they will discuss officers and a student rep to Music Boosters.

Old Business:

Booster membership continues with a few more received and added to spread sheet.

Colebrook/Greater Hartford Foundation project- Kerrie continues to sort out logistics of this as school is requesting students remain outdoors vs playing indoors. Rivercast is looking for some information about this project for a article in paper.

Website- add specific post for upcoming concert.

New Business:

The fall concert will be in person with some strict perimeters in place. It will be 2 separate concerts to allow for spacing between families attending. Reviewed the earlier email about this. Clarified tickets and what to do if a family arrives with additional people. Administrator will be on hand to handle these issues as tickets will be strictly given per family for a total of 2 attendees per student. Seating will be in twos with distance between each cluster of seats. Tickets will be free but donation requested. Discussed handstamp after tickets are taken at door. Will put together FAQ's for students/families and will post on website. Directors will continue to revisit this in class with students as well. Masks are required. No concessions. Will have gear and membership tables at both concerts and require volunteers for each - 1 for membership and 2 for gear. Anne will put out the call for volunteers using Sign Up Genius. Programs to be handed out by TriM students. Will need set up for both concerts and break down at end of night. Will ask parents to wait for children outside at end of their concert rather than in band corridor or lobby area.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Motion made by Amy and seconded by Nick to adjourn at 8:19PM. All in favor; Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Garbarino

Secretary