

# RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2020

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

**In Attendance:** Stephanie Hanes, Jennichelle Oatman, Nick Kokus, Kerrie Verrastro, Eric Nunes, Brenda Bula, Tracey Garbarino, Amy Harvill, Ken Harvill, Tammy Stolzman, Nicole Costello, Jeff Hooker, Jennifer Ortifelli, Sean Blake, Bailey McKiernan, Scott Chalafant, Lisa Seethaler

**President's Welcome:** Amy welcomed all new members to the first RHAM Music Booster Club meeting of 2020-21 academic year. She reminded attendees of the club's mission.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion made by Nick to approve last meeting's minutes; seconded by Tammy; all in favor and motion passed. Lisa Seethaler to send thank you note to Mrs. Verrastro's mother for her generous donation of many homemade instrument masks.

**Treasurer's Report:** Highlights of Treasurer's Report were given. Not all Boston refund checks have been cashed yet. Discussion regarding status of a small savings account and whether or not it should remain in this type of account took place. Tabled for future. Motion made by Lisa to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Jenichelle; all in favor and motion passed.

**HS Band:** No major update. Students excited to be able to play instruments despite limitations due to pandemic.

**MS Band:** Students practiced in auditorium and are utilizing masks to decrease risk of transmission of Covid virus. There will be a virtual Beginner Level class for extra support available to students after Period 8 on Wednesdays at 1:45 PM. Jazz Band will be open to all students this year and meet virtually on Tuesdays from 1:45 – 2:45 PM.

**MS and HS Choruses:** No major update. Classes impacted by limitations due to pandemic but making the best of the situation.

**Music Technology:** Tri-M will resume this year and details are to be worked out regarding format of meetings, fundraisers, etc.

**Old Business:** Discussion regarding membership forms took place; ideally Administration is requesting that no paper be exchanged from student to school. Membership process on hold for now. Sign Up Genius volunteer outreach also on hold.

**New Business:** Mrs. McKiernan would like to have some professional vocalists present classes to chorus students; other staff may do the same; motion made by Lisa to approve up to \$2,000 total to be used for payment of visiting musicians/vocalists. Amy seconded motion; all in favor and motion passed.

Website is much improved thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Harvill's efforts. Ideally, Club would like to be able to have membership forms and payment on-line. Square is an option for credit card processing (2.9 % fee for non-profits). Motion made by Tammy and seconded by Tracey to

approve up to \$500 to pay for services of company that will process electronic payments. All in favor and motion passed.

Club needs a volunteer to help post information and pictures on Facebook. Idea of having “Throwback Thursday” or something similar to add to FB posts.

Basket Raffle, an annual and significant fundraiser for Music Boosters, could possibly be held on-line, in light of the fact that there will be no Winter Concert.

**Next meeting Tuesday October 6, 2020.**

Motion made by Amy and seconded by Ken to adjourn at 8:20 PM. All in favor; Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seethaler

Secretary