

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021

Meeting Called to order: 7:04 PM by Amy Harvill

In Attendance:

Kerrie Verrastro, Eric Nunes, Brenda Bula, Amy Harvill, Tammy Stolzman, Ann Hooker, Bailey McKiernan, , Jenichelle Oatman, Nick Kokus, Heidi Nillson, Sandi Watts, Tracey Garbarino

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Highlights of Treasurer's Report were given. Review included EOA expenses/collected revenue, donations including Benevity, Amazon smile, payments made to cover EOA expenses. Review of ending balances of Booster account and Student Accounts. Motion made by Amy to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Jennichelle; all in favor and motion passed. Report on file.

HS Band:

Students appear happy to be back! Information about trips and concerts are still in planning process and subject to change. Scheduled meeting with administration to pursue. Will minimally plan for a concert that will be streamed. Students to perform without audience but will perform at the school in front of their peers in the music department. Pep band- Request for pizza for this coming Friday 9/17. Jennichelle offered to pick up. Amy motioned for up to \$150 be allocated for pep band pizza, Tammy seconded. Motion passed.

Performance polos- The original identified polo is not in stock. Nick is pursuing other options but cost may be elevated from original estimate of \$25. This polo will be used by pep band, marching band and for other occasions when a uniform is needed for a performance. Asked if Music Boosters would cover overage. Amy motioned for up to \$250 be allocated to cover overage, Anne H seconded. Motioned passed.

Marching Band banners- New banners for HS and MS needed to reflect new school logo. This will be ordered thru the Band Shoppe and design for logo done by Shelley Osewicki. 3x10 HS- \$1000 and frame for \$150, 2.5x8 MS for slightly less- no firm number given. Motion made by Amy to allocate up to \$2500 for banners, second by Tammy and motion passed. ****Curious question raised-** Are there funds available to cover costs of teams/clubs to change gear to reflect the new logo? Nick to pursue.

Membership form for car decoration winner passed to secretary for addition to membership spreadsheet.

Discussion of some kind of donation vs tickets sale at fall concert began. Possible link on the website or QR code.

MS Band:

MS Jazz band will begin in 2 weeks. No audition this year. It will be open to any interested student. First meeting 9/28 from 2:15-3:30p.

Colebrook Village is open to having student performers from 2-3p or 4:30-6p. They have a piano available, masks required, transportation will be via parents due to bus shortage. Will need final permission and necessary permission forms approved by administration before beginning. The grant that began in the spring was approved and we have funds of \$1500 to purchase keyboards and a percussion set up to be left at Colebrook Village for use when Rham students perform. Kerrie to begin to pursue purchasing these instruments.

MS and HS Choruses:

Bailey has some funds and plans for additional clinic work and will have Jamie Spillane provide a fall clinic prior to fall concert and former colleague of Baileys to provide a clinic in winter months.

Eastern Regional auditions for HS and MS to be announced shortly and will be virtual audition. Performance will be planned to be in person in late winter. MS to host MS Regionals this year.

Fall fundraiser began 9/13 and includes frozen Lyman pies, cookie dough and multiple nonperishable items. The ordering and payments will be done electronically. Nonperishable items to be shipped directly to purchaser. All frozen items will be sent to school and require sorting and pick up. Pick up scheduled for 10/26. Will need volunteers to organize. Tri-M students may be able to assist.

Fantastic Festivals invoice to be given to Tammy for her review and payment.

Music Technology and TriM:

Applications for Tri-M Music Honor Society to become available to students at end of this week and will be due for review 9/24. This is open to any Junior or Senior music student. The first meeting will be 10/5.

Old Business:

Review of status of grant application, performance polos and marching band banners.

New Business:

Discussion of membership options began. Membership form is a link on webpage. Payments can be check to directors or via square. One way to incentivize membership is to offer 2 tickets to the EOA or concert of your choice. Reviewed that an effective way to disseminate Booster announcements will be via directors as they have master lists of all music department students/families.

Anne H. Will continue with coordinating volunteers with sign up genius.

Paula F will continue as social media coordinator.

Amy and Ken H will maintain the website.

Tracey will continue to update Booster membership spreadsheet.

Jennichelle will continue to be the coordinator for concessions. We still have prepackaged EOA snacks that we can use until 3/22.

Discussed baskets for winter concert and who will manage this project. Another option may be the 50/50 raffle which was successful last year.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 5, 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