

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

Meeting Called to order: 7:01 PM by Amy Harvill

In Attendance: Nick Kokus, Kerrie Verrastro, Eric Nunes, Brenda Bula, Tracey Garbarino, Amy Harvill, Ken Harvill, Tammy Stolzman, Lauren Bula, Bailey McKiernan, Lisa Seethaler, Jenichelle Oatman, Maura Goldstein, Tracey Garbarino

President's Comments: Welcome to all.

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Amy to approve February minutes; seconded by Jenichelle; all in favor and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Highlights of February's Treasurer's Report were given, including proceeds from Amazon Smile program purchases. Report on file. Motion made by Amy to approve February Treasurer's Report; seconded by Lisa; all in favor and motion passed.

HS Band: All-State auditions have been submitted by students and feedback was given to each participant by the adjudicating Clinicians. Jazz Band has been able to rehearse in-person.

The instructional clinic scheduled for March 31 was canceled due to timeframe and date no longer being available for students.

MS Band: Eastern Regional audition videos have been submitted for middle school musicians, and students should soon get notice regarding whether or not they will be invited to a virtual clinic.

The Band will have a collaborative concert with students from Hadley Middle School on May 20, and it will be streamed live via Zoom.

MS and HS Choruses: All State scores have been given to choral students.

Students are singing Beatles music that will be recorded then mixed with recorded music accompaniment by professional musicians. Bailey will take care of the mixing of the instruments and vocals.

Music Technology: Tri-M student members met today, and the possibility of required service hours being decreased (due to pandemic limitations on in-person interaction in service settings) is being explored.

Old Business: Secretary position will be filled by Tracey Garbarino for next academic year. Thank you, Tracey!

Scholarship amount for 2021 was confirmed. Ken made a motion to approve \$4,000 for this year's senior Music Dept scholarship and Tammy seconded the motion; all in favor and motion passed. This award goes to a graduating student who plans on minoring or majoring in Music. A

group of past Music Booster members will receive blind apps to rank; Music Dept staff and Booster Board members have final approval of decision.

Half-page ad for yearbook submitted for \$165 as approved in previous meeting.

Positive news shared by staff regarding Evening of the Arts. While in-person performance will not occur, a recorded show will be presented at the Mansfield Drive-In. 420 cars will be admitted, and all 3 screens will simulcast the event. It will include music and art from students in grades 7 through 12.

It will cost \$6,000. Amy motioned to approve \$6000 to cover the rental of Drive-In and Lisa seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Concessions and gear can be sold, but theater staff will not be helping with this aspect. They will take care of taking tickets at entrance and assist with parking process. Tickets will be sold via Square app on our website to senior students and their family members first, then sale will open to all others. Price of tickets to be confirmed, with the option of \$10 being considered.

Video will begin at 8:30 PM. All will need to be exited from facility by 10:45 PM. RHAM Security Officers will be on premises. The event will be broadcast on the following Friday via YouTube. We will need donation of tents since event will be held rain or shine. Staff will record a message to Senior students - as typically, at this event, staff and seniors share time together on stage thanking one another.

We will recruit volunteers to sell concessions and t-shirts. If person is volunteering at the event, their car won't be counted and will have different parking spot; helpers can arrive at 6:30.

Motion made by Tammy and seconded by Tracey to approve up to \$1,000 to pay for mixing of ensemble video compilation by a fellow Music Teacher Steve Wolf. All in favor and motion passed.

Motion made by Lisa and seconded by Jenichelle to approve \$700 to cover the cost of Eve of Arts t-shirts. Freshman students will receive them at no cost; extras will be available for sale. Cost is \$7, and we will have 100 made.

Lisa contacted Jostens to order the Music Dept "R" varsity letter to give to graduating seniors. Boosters also offered to help pay for the pins that 6th grade students from Band receive. Discussion occurred regarding the option of handing out the letters to seniors at the Eve of the Arts event. Motion made by Lisa and seconded by Tammy to approve \$750 for letters, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

If there is a student account balance, students can receive it back or donate to Music Boosters.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7 PM.

Motion made by Amy and seconded by Tammy to adjourn at 8:26 PM. All in favor; Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Seethaler

Secretary