

RHAM MS / HS Music Booster Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021

Meeting Called to order: 7:01 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, Deb Fitzsimmons, Paula Fontana, Teresa Hooker, Anne Hooker

Secretary's Report:

Amy reviewed October 2021 minutes. Motion made by Nick to approve October 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 donations, memberships and gear from fall concert. MCM fundraiser raised a small amount and there was an expenditure for choir sweatshirts for upcoming holiday events. Motion to accept as is made by Tracey; seconded by Jennichelle; all in favor and motion passed. Report on file.

HS Band:

Following a successful fall concert, a review of the distancing requirements occurred. Administration has approved return to full capacity at winter concert in December. Administration also thanks the Boosters for donation to the expense of the tent for Homecoming dance. Fall Pep Band has concluded. The tailgate event was successful and the new band shirts have been received. The marching band banner is still outstanding. A suggestion to pursue purchase of a standing banner for use at concerts or other events was suggested. This will be further explored to determine cost and design. With the Covid relief funds the band is able to bring in guest clinicians to work with different groups in break out clinics. CMB applications are due and videos have been uploaded. Eastern CT State University will host this event.

MS Band:

A big thank you to all who assisted with the fall concert. Regionals sign up deadline has concluded and students are working on their videos. Rham will not be hosting the Eastern Festival this year as originally planned. The location of the festival is still to be determined. The trumpet section had pizza with Nick last month as part of the effort to reward consistent practice. Kerrie provided an itemized list of instruments for the establishment of a percussion section as part of the Colebrook project. The theme for the winter concert for the middle school band will be Japanese themed. There will be the need for a flute accompanist for this concert. Kerrie requested \$150 to cover this cost. Ken motioned to accept, Tammy seconded. Request approved. In January there will be 2 guest clinicians coming in to work with students one from Wesleyan and Mallory Kokus has offered to provide a clinic for the sax section.

MS and HS Choruses:

The HS select choir will be caroling at the Fitch Family Christmas Tree farm in Andover and at the Tree lighting in Hebron. Additionally, 28 students will carol at the senior centers in Marlborough, Hebron and at Colebrook. The students will be able to wear their new choir sweat shirts for these events. The Flour Girl Café has prepared a lunch menu for the students for a cost of \$13 per student. Bailey requested \$450 for this luncheon. Motion to approve by Tracey, seconded by Amy. Request approved. .

Music Technology and TriM:

Tri M has selected officers with Teresa Hooker as their president and student rep to the Boosters. Welcome Teresa! A Tri M fundraiser is still in planning stages. Any funds raised from this will be donated to a cause/charity.

Administration has approved a piano class beginning next year and as a result, new keyboards have been purchased. Drama club is doing a radio play which will be uploaded to Youtube under Rham Music and available for view thru January.

Old Business:

Booster membership continues with more received from the fall concert and added to spread sheet. As previously mentioned, band shirts have been received, the marching band banner is still outstanding.

Website- add specific post for upcoming concert.

Rham music is on Youtube.

New Business:

A review of the scrip fundraiser was provided by Jennichelle who has partnered with Lori Black on this project. A new account needed to be set up with the company and the company was encouraging a yearlong open ended fundraiser rather than a time limited one. There are options of using a paper format or a digital format. The downside to a digital account is that funds will funnel to a general booster account rather than to individual accounts for the students. Also there could be digital/app fatigue resulting in a low turnout. With a paper version, the timeline is very tight to ensure our requests are processed, shipped and students can receive them prior to winter break. As there is no current goal to fundraise for, the decision was made to defer this as a winter fundraiser.

Winter Concert- There will be no concessions for the concert and will continue with donations vs tickets for this event. Deb Fitzsimmons will coordinate the basket raffle. The application for the raffle needs to be submitted to the town prior to the event. This needs to occur ASAP. Also there needs to be a letter to the Rham music community calling for baskets. Given the past success of the 50/50 raffle, we will continue this at this event. Anne will work with Sign Up Genius to call for volunteers to set up, sell tickets, guard during performance and then deliver baskets to the winners.

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

Motion made by Nick and seconded by Amy to adjourn at 8:25PM. All in favor; Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Garbarino

Secretary