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## **RMHS Music Boosters Meeting Minutes**

**MEETING DATE:** January 3, 2016

The monthly meeting of the RMHS Music Boosters was called to order at 7:10 PM by Mat Krawczyk. Co-Vice Presidents Tracy McMahon and Tom Toussaint, Treasurer Mary Fava, and Recording Secretary Jane Ure were present and the meeting was attended by Andrea Schreiber, Jim Wills, Evelyn Wills, Christina Krawczyk, Rebecca Sekirka, Monika Hemm, Julie Birenbaum, Amy Carroll, Meg Sioui, Zaya Keefer, Kevin Carroll, and Christopher Buti.

### ➤ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President** Mat Krawczyk welcomed Boosters to the meeting and led the group through the agenda.

**Treasurer** Mary Fava presented the December operating and year-to-date financial reports. The reports were approved and filed. Mary also presented the proposed budget, updated after last month's discussion, for discussion and approval (see New Business).

**Secretary** Jane Ure distributed draft minutes from the December 6 meeting; minutes were approved as written.

### ➤ **NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget:** Mary presented the proposed 2016-2017 budget, updated after last month's discussion. Mat reminded those assembled that the budget grew from a discussion about how the Boosters can best support students and the directors, spreading financial support to all music groups represented by the Boosters while being fiscally responsible with money that is accumulated through fundraising.

He reminded the group, also, that budget income and expense figures were based on past and anticipated regular expenses. The word "goal" is used to leave flexibility since we may not be able to accurately predict or control dollar amounts but we can have targets and then adjust goals as needed. Budget planning in future years will begin earlier so that the goals for an upcoming school year are established the preceding spring.

A show-of-hands vote was called for and the budget goals were passed unanimously.

**Cookies at Solo/Ensemble contest:** Cookies (and water) will be sold in the E-wing hall at the February 7 RM/EG Solo/Ensemble Contest. The event runs for approximately four hours and will be attended by approximately 400 students.

**Freshman orientation:** Mat Krawczyk will staff a table on behalf of the RMHS music department at the January 11 freshman orientation event.

**Winter concert hospitality:** Coordinator Tracy McMahon reported that hospitality went well for winter concerts. Choir Boosters shared the costs of the joint choir/orchestra concert.

**Website:** Mr. Carroll will post a reminder about the ongoing Yankee Candle online fundraiser. Please give him a couple days notice on anything to be posted on the site.

**Jazz in the Meadows planning:**

- Christina Krawczyk reported cafeteria adjustment plans; some new items will be sold from the concessions area, including nachos. Tracy McMahon is pricing fried rice options as well and reported that we can start with a couple trays and order more for quick delivery if sales are good.
- There will be pre-sale of short- and long-sleeve t-shirts; short-sleeve shirts will be sold on the day of the festival.
- Tom Toussaint and Mary Fava attended the Midwest orchestra event and made connections and gathered leads for exhibitors and sponsors for the program book.
- Tom and Mat put together an ad sheet, leaving flexibility for exhibitor pricing. Tom offered to present sales info to students who may wish to sell ads; if students sell adds a portion of the proceeds can go to their student accounts.
- Tom is finalizing JITM volunteer job descriptions; volunteers present who had experience in the different areas gave input on shift needs.

**Student Accounts:** Jane Ure circulated the latest spreadsheet, updated with December Manna, cheesecake, and Yankee Candle earnings and miscellaneous transfers.

**Fundraising reports:**

- **Breakfast with Gus:** Raffle tickets sold at RMHS functions and Gus's diner for breakfast with Gus (donated by the proprietor) brought in more than \$300. A blind drawing was made and the winner was Linda Myers.
- **Dine and Share:** The next event will be January 11 at Outback.
- **Yankee Candle:** Monika Hemm reported that online sales are ongoing.

➤ **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Orchestra Director/Assistant Director of Bands** Kevin Carroll thanked those present for their concert support and support at the Midwest Clinic. He reported

- \$900 was collected for Feed My Starving Children at the Orchestra/Choir winter concert.
- There was adequate space in the theater for the Orchestra/Choir winter concert audience (students did not sit in seats this year when not performing) but the length of the concert might still recommend splitting the groups to different nights.
- The December 15 Midwest Orchestra Clinic at McCormick Place was a wonderful event; Texas Tech U David Becker was an affable and caring clinician and the event was a great experience for the students.
- The chamber orchestra will travel to University of Illinois in April to attend a performance by the U of I chamber strings and for a workshop.
- Pit orchestra auditions for the spring musical (Evita) will take place early February.

**Director of Bands & Color Guard and Fine Arts Coordinator** Christopher Buti thanked the Boosters for their support at the winter concerts and reported that

- two assembly performances were held to accommodate the size of the student body; eleven groups performed; the assemblies will be held earlier in December next year due to the adjustment of the calendar to hold finals before break.
- Winter Color Guard will work on a flexible schedule to allow for involvement in the spring musical.
- Winter Drumline is working on cadences and may perform at basketball games this year.
- RM will host the joint RM/EG solo and ensemble contest February 7; all students must participate as part of their grade.
- Jazz bands will travel to the Purdue Jazz Festival after finals; information packet/forms were passed out before winter break.
- 112 of 115 JITM spots have been filled.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM. The date for the February general meeting of the Music Boosters TBD and will be posted.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Ure