

# **D R A F T**

## **RMHS Music Boosters Meeting Minutes**

**MEETING DATE:** November 8, 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 Amy Carroll, Andrea Pike, Mary DeMaria, Meg Sioui, Julie Birenbaum, Monika Hemm, Christina Krawczyk, Sharon Hernandez, and Kevin Carroll.

### ➤ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**President** Mat Krawczyk welcomed Boosters to the meeting and thanked Tom Toussaint for running the meetings while he was away.

**Co-Vice President** Tracy McMahon brought treats and will check with Meijer on status of donation request.

**Treasurer** Mary Fava presented the October and year-to-date financial reports. Funds available in the checking account will be used for band, orchestra, and color guard program support throughout this school year and to pay upfront expenses of the 2017 Jazz in the Meadows music department fundraiser. The reports were approved and filed.

**Secretary** Jane Ure distributed draft minutes from the October 4 meeting; minutes were approved as written.

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

**Booster support of students and directors:** The group assembled discussed the role of the Boosters in supporting the students and directors and what the perception of the Boosters is from outside the group. The Boosters provide support in many ways by doing tasks that free up the directors so they can focus on performances. We also help to raise money for program support. We can take a fresh look at our mission statement when we do our periodical review of the bylaws later this year. Additional points included:

- Although there are few who come to meetings and act as decision makers, many sign up or show up to assist with specific events; not all Booster members are able to attend meetings
- It is important to talk with parents of freshmen and sophomore families about what the Boosters do and how they can be involved; conversations with prospective volunteers seem to go farther than written information about Boosters
- Ways to share what Boosters do might include printing our mission statement in programs and posting meeting minutes or excerpts of minutes on the website
- There is a concern about experience and coverage lost when parents leave Boosters after their kids graduate however this is an ongoing situation and the pieces usually fall into place; we've never had to cancel anything because we're shorthanded

- The scope of some of the jobs can be intimidating to new volunteers; it is important to provide training and clarify what jobs entail
- Promote the social aspect of working together
- Director requests carry weight

**Band and football playoff games:** Due to conflict with IMEA and other prior commitments the marching band will not be in full number to perform the show at the Nov. 12 playoff game. The band will play pep tunes from the track bleachers and will wear purple rather than uniforms: no water, pit crew movers, or uniform volunteer support is needed.

**Cookies at playoff game:** Sharon Hernandez reported that enough bakers are lined up for the playoff game; sellers are needed (Volunteer Coordinator Tom Toussaint will post).

**Volunteer posts:** Tom is using past posts as a guideline for what is needed this year but will continue to check with committee chairs and directors to make sure posts are accurate. Communication on what is needed is welcome.

**Music department directory:** Julie Birenbaum will create an electronic directory with this year's information. Boosters will discuss future of the directory. The directory is beneficial for JITM recruitment; is general distribution useful?

**Missing towel bag:** The bag of towels kept in the storage closet for band use has gone missing. Does anyone know what happened to them? Mat brought in a supply of towels to take their place.

**Uniforms:** Meg Sioui reported some progress on sorting old concert gear. Information from the District on where money for resale of uniforms would go is unclear. Marching uniforms will be sorted once football season is over. Boxes are needed: can extra money from uniform budget be used to purchase boxes?

**Website:** Mr. Carroll asked that committee chairs and officers check to see that position listing information is up to date and correct.

**Spirit wear:** Some items that were ordered were not paid for/picked up; if payment is not received the unpaid merchandise will revert to inventory.

**Jazz in the Meadows planning meeting:** Christina Krawczyk will chair the first 2017 JITM planning meeting on Tuesday, November 29. All are welcome to come share their ideas.

**Student Accounts:** Jane Ure circulated the latest spreadsheet, updated with November Manna earnings and miscellaneous transfers.

### **Fundraising reports:**

- **Butter Braid:** Cindy Bieda will run a spring sale.
- **Manna:** Monika Hemm reported sales figures to directors and student accounts. Order and pickup dates coincide with cheesecake (November 4 with a November 14 pickup and December 2 with a December 12 pickup).
- **Cheesecake:** Cheesecake samples and order forms were available at the Fall Concert and Band-O-Rama. Order deadlines/pickup dates are: November 4 with a November 14 pickup and December 2 with a December 12 pickup.
- **Dine and Share:** Next event is November 9, Culver's.

### ➤ **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Orchestra Director/Assistant Director of Bands** Kevin Carroll reported

- we will be hosting a junior/senior high orchestra night on November 30 for orchestra students from our feeder schools to give them the experience of practicing and playing at the high school level
- Midwest Orchestra Clinic at McCormick Place is December 15; we have been selected as a lab orchestra (the event director will work with our orchestra as an open rehearsal)
- the chamber orchestra will perform at U of I in April; program support of approximately \$2,000 for bus will be requested

Mr. Carroll also presented information from Mr. Buti who could not attend this evening's meeting:

- thanks to all for support during the marching season and at Band-O-Rama and the Fall Concert
- an order form for Band-O-Rama CDs is now online
- please consider sharing photos from the concerts (send to Mr. Buti)
- seating auditions for band will take place the week of November 14
- 51 schools/93 ensembles are already registered for Jazz in the Meadows 2017
- feedback on the format, length of the Fall Concert is wanted

### ➤ **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM. The next general meeting of the Music Boosters will be Tuesday, December 6 in the Teachers' Lounge.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Ure