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RMHS Music Boosters Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: October 4, 2016

The monthly meeting of the RMHS Music Boosters was called to order at 7:12 PM by Tom Toussaint, Co-Vice President. Co-Vice President Tracy McMahon, Treasurer Mary Fava, and Recording Secretary Jane Ure were present and the meeting was attended by Meg Sioui, Monika Hemm, Julie Birenbaum, Christina Krawczyk, and Sharon Hernandez.

➤ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Co-Vice President Tom Toussaint welcomed Boosters and led the group through the agenda.

Co-Vice President Tracy McMahon was happy to be back and let the group know that she has submitted a donation request to Meijer.

Treasurer Mary Fava presented the September 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 September 6 meeting; minutes were approved as written.

➤ NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cookie coordinator: No one has come forward thus far to take over this position which involves coordinating bakers, sellers, and floaters as well as procuring dough and paper pockets; Tom will talk with support volunteers at the Homecoming game to see if any are interested in teaming up to fill this spot.

Directory coordinator: A volunteer is still needed to organize data for the 2016-2017 combined band, orchestra, color guard, choral directory; post announcement? The coordinator organizes data supplied by the directors, the kids check their listings for accuracy, and the coordinator prepares a PDF. Mr. Buti handles the printing end of the operation. Ideally, directories are ready for distribution at the fall concerts.

Marching season: Boosters were grateful to see Mary Lucritz come out to support band at the rainy Prospect competition. Multiple band directors expressed discontent that the Prospect show was held outside in bad weather. The RMHS football team made playoffs so there may be more home game performances.

Junior High Mass Band Night: Julie Birenbaum coordinated this year's event, which took place at the September 30 football game. Pizza, dessert, and water were served; there were no complaints about change to serve water only. There were sufficient greeters and servers, who

efficiently moved students through the food line, however, we would do well to have more volunteers who could round up the students and escort them to where they need to be.

Uniforms: Meg Sioui reported on drying of uniforms after the rainy Prospect competition and the need for an adequate supply of rain ponchos was discussed. The group also discussed disposition of old uniforms once new uniforms are in; donate? sell? The group decided that after a November cleanup of the uniform storage closet to organize what is in inventory a recommendation can be made to Mr. Buti. Meg also discussed the challenges of uniform check in and condition of uniforms after sitting on the field if the students stay in uniform until after the fireworks at the Homecoming game. Can students change before fireworks?

Spirit wear: Christina Krawczyk reported some nonpayment issues; if payment is not received the unpaid merchandise will revert to inventory.

Jazz in the Meadows: Christina Krawczyk will schedule a planning meeting soon. Some topics that were touched on included ordering smaller trophies; an alternative to using the kitchen or what to do if the kitchen must be closed early again; and meal prices. Tom Toussaint and Tracy McMahan will travel to the Midwest Orchestra event to recruit exhibitors and vendors; what will exhibit fees be? Where can exhibitors set up? Where would be best spot for an instrument vendor?

Student Accounts: Jane Ure circulated the latest spreadsheet, updated with Yankee Candle and Butter Braid earnings.

Fundraising reports:

- **Butter Braid:** Cindy Bieda handled orders for our group and choir; our students raised nearly \$1,500. The company was generous in handling late orders; five orders were not picked up and had to be temporarily stored. Monika Hemm reported that she and Katrina used to remind parents via phone prior to pickup. Another sale will be held in the spring.
- **Yankee Candle:** Monika Hemm sent September order detail to student accounts.
- **Cheesecake and Manna:** coordinated ordering and pickup fundraisers will be held in November and December; cheesecake samples and order forms will be 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.
- **Greeting cards:** Zaya Keefer is organizing a greeting card sale for choir and our group. She stopped in to show the cards and card box. Order forms will be available at the Fall Concert.

➤ ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM. The next general meeting of the Music Boosters will be Tuesday, November 1 in the Teachers' Lounge.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Ure