

D R A F T RMHS Music Boosters Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: February 8, 2017

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 Christina Krawczyk, Beth Chipchak, Monika Hemm, Jeff Ure, Julie Birenbaum, Amy Carroll, Sharon Hernandez, Meg Sioui, Andrea Pike, Kevin Carroll, and Christopher Buti.

➤ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Mat Krawczyk welcomed Boosters to the meeting and led the group through the agenda, focusing primarily on final preparations for February's Jazz in the Meadows festival.

Treasurer Mary Fava presented the January operating and year-to-date financial reports and reported that our bank balance is sufficient to meet JITM expenses. The reports were approved and filed.

Secretary Jane Ure distributed draft minutes from the January 3 meeting; minutes were approved as written.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Booster membership: Enrollment is higher than in past (51). Keep up the good work spreading word about Booster contributions and membership.

Uniforms: One new orchestra student needs to be fitted. Gauntlets are in and parents will see the new marching uniforms after students see them.

Group rate for upcoming musical: Michelle Shalton is organizing a sign up to get group-rate tickets to the Broadway musical "Something Rotten," which is coming to Chicago in July.

Solo/Ensemble contest expenses: Boosters approved contributing to help with some expenses that were not covered by the school budget.

Website: Mr. Carroll has been posting meeting agendas and minutes on the website.

Warehouse membership: Christina Krawczyk looked into getting the Boosters a warehouse tax-free membership so the Boosters do not have to rely on having a school cardholder present when it is time to shop for events. She found that a two-person account is the simplest to obtain. Christina and Karen Fitzsimmons (who does summer picnic shopping) will hold the CostCo membership.

Jazz in the Meadows notes:

- **Kitchen:** inside security can step in during busy times to help direct people to stations to keep lines moving. Volunteers at the info booth can watch for lines forming, since they have a view of cafeteria, and summon help. CostCo supplies come in on Friday. Pizzas will cost \$12 each; subs will cost \$2.75 each. The group voted on pricing of food items to be sold.

- Concessions: new food items (nachos with cheese and fried rice) will be tested at concessions stand. Both items require use of warmers. Storage in concessions area will need to be arranged to make room for warmers.
- Sponsorships: One more announcement for ads and shout outs will be posted with a Friday deadline. There will be a music booth with repair supplies and instruments to try and buy.
- Volunteers: 66 of 129 spots are filled; Tom Toussaint and Christina Krawczyk will evaluate open spots; the Directors will reach out to families who have not volunteered. Volunteers will have their names checked at admissions table and then proceed to Info Office for JITM shirt and instructions.
- Ticket pre-sales: There have been email requests for ticket pre-sales. Some sort of will-call needs to be set up.
- Plaques have been ordered.
- Pre-order tshirts have been ordered.
- Pre-JITM clinic: A clinic with three of the finale musicians has been planned for students; cost \$900.
- Supplies: contact Christina if extra supplies are needed for your area
- Judges' hospitality: Tracy needs numbers
- Transportation of musicians from airport: Jeff Coffin needs transportation from Midway to RMHS on Saturday. Mat will check with Bill DeSalvo and price Windy City.
- JITM is a good day for Boosters to chat with JITM-day volunteers to see if they are interested in other school year volunteer activities.

Fundraising reports:

- **Cookies at Solo/Ensemble contest:** Sharon Hernandez reported that sale of cookies at contest reached \$550+.
- **Manna:** Monika Hemm will work with shadow Mary DeMaria to set up the spring sale.
- **Butter Braid:** There will be a spring sale.

➤ **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Orchestra Director/Assistant Director of Bands Kevin Carroll and **Director of Bands & Color Guard and Fine Arts Coordinator** Christopher Buti reported

- Elizabeth Peterson, associate director of bands at U of I, will be the guest conductor at the D214 Symphonic Band Festival on Feb. 15.
- RMHS will host the D214 Honors Music Festival on Feb. 28.
- The district summer musical will be The Wedding Singer.
- Winter Color Guard placed 3rd out of 7 at recent competition; Linda Myers is planning the WCG pot luck.
- Drum stand needs welding, no rush.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next general meeting of the Music Boosters will be March 7, 7:00 pm in the Teachers' Lounge.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Ure