

D R A F T RMHS Music Boosters Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: May 3, 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 Julie Birenbaum, Mary DeMaria, Monika Hemm, Sharon Hernandez, Christina Krawczyk, Zaya Keefer, Meg Sioui, Evelyn Wills, Jeremy Wall, Kevin Carroll, and Christopher Buti.

➤ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Mat Krawczyk welcomed Boosters to the final general meeting of the year and thanked them for their regular attendance and support in 2016-2017. A summer meeting will be scheduled, date to be determined.

Treasurer Mary Fava presented the April operating and year-to-date financial reports as well as the Treasurer's JITM analysis. The reports were approved and filed.

Secretary Jane Ure distributed draft minutes from the April 5 meeting; minutes were approved as written.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive Board nominations: The floor was opened for additional nominations to the 2017-2018 Executive Board (nominations were opened in April). Hearing no additional nominations votes were cast with the following results: for President, Mat Krawczyk; for Vice President, Tom Toussaint; for Treasurer, Mary Fava; for Secretary, Evelyn Wills.

Senior recognition: Christina Krawczyk will order boutonnieres and order and wrap senior photo frames to be presented at the spring band, jazz, and orchestra concerts.

Spirit Scholarships: The Boosters voted to supplement the \$466 available for Spirit Scholarships to bring the amount up to \$500. The group reviewed and considered essays submitted by seniors and voted to award two scholarships.

Spring concerts: Tracy McMahon has hospitality under control for the spring concerts; Mr. Buti confirmed that water supply is good. Uniform help is not needed.

Incoming band freshman orientation will be held May 8, 7:00 pm. Polo and shoe fittings will take place before (for those whose last names begin with A-L) and after (N-Z) the event. Mr. Buti is expecting about 25 prospective students. Boosters will assist with the fittings and attend to answer questions and present fundraising information.

Uniforms: Mr. Buti brought the awesome new drum major, marching band, and color guard uniforms and plumes for the group to see and demonstrated the snap (no-sew) alteration options.

Drum stand: Tracy McMahon will bring home the drum stand for welding.

Band camp tailgate: Tailgate for 2017 will be Thursday, June 29 from 6:30-9:00 pm as a catered meet and greet with the opportunity to see the kids practicing.

Student accounts: Jane Ure circulated the student accounts report which was updated to include the spring Butter Braid, Manna, and Yankee Candle sales.

Fundraising:

General: Boosters will seek to better communicate to parents and students the fundraising opportunities offered throughout the year and that money students raise in these fundraisers goes directly to their own accounts for their own use (for approved music department expenses). The JHHS website fundraising page is a good model.

JITM ad book: Boosters discussed ways to generate more ad sales for the JITM program book. In general, the group does not feel comfortable requiring students to sell ad space. Ad sale coordinators could contact businesses that purchased ads in similar programs.

- **Manna:** Mary DeMaria provided the following sprint sale summary: \$13,635 total received (deducted \$50 cash for discontinued Petco cards); \$12,900.58 paid to Manna (waiting reimbursement check for \$47.50 for Petco cards). \$899.85 went into eleven (11) student accounts. Band surcharge was \$97.25; choir surcharge was \$20.93.

Additional information: Manna has been purchased by Great Lakes Scrip so Mary will be using this organization to offer gift/prepaid cards next year. Unsure the process will change much, but Westgate Elementary will be using Great Lakes Scrip later this spring so she'll get a clearer understanding then. Maria requested proof of non-profit status to begin enrollment process with Great Lakes Scrip.

- **Yankee Candle:** Monika Hemm will continue to keep online sales going until she finds a replacement but would like a shadow. She reported that YC is expanding the goods it offers and she will modify the flyer. This month one student made purchases.
- **Butter Braid:** Cindy Bieda coordinated the spring Butter Braid sale. Twelve band students earned \$348.
- **Yankee Candle:** Zaya Keefer let the group know that the Choral Boosters are planning a poinsettia sale next year and our group is welcome to join in; this will be an agenda item for Music Boosters in the fall.

➤ **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Orchestra Director/Assistant Director of Bands Kevin Carroll thanked Boosters for their support of the chamber orchestra's U of I trip; the symphony performance was tremendous and our students enjoyed the clinic experience. He reported

- Guitar recital will be May 21; some students will be performing original compositions.
- Robert Heck will be a featured soloist at the spring Orchestra concert on May 25.
- Orchestra camp will be August 7 through 11, 6:30-9:00 pm. Ice cream social will be held mid-week.
- Evita pit orchestra very successful; thank you for supporting your performers!
- District summer musical will be "The Wedding Singer."
- See also, New Business notes.

Director of Bands & Color Guard and Fine Arts Coordinator Christopher Buti introduced student teacher Jeremy Wall to the group and reported that Mr. Wall will be returning to assist with the percussion section after the school year ends. He also reported

- He is looking for videos anyone is willing to share from holiday concerts, Carnegie Hall, etc., to add to the presentation material he is preparing for the application to play at Orlando Disney next year.
- The Disney itinerary is in the works and packets will go out to students next week with a breakdown of payments required; the trip will cost approximately \$1,200.
- Two marching show options remain in the narrowing down process; announcement will be made at the spring band concert; cost for show is typically in the \$5,000 range.
- The RM mayor has invited the band/Boosters to participate in the community-building monthly farmer's market this summer. They would be provided with a free booth with electricity to sell cookies, CDs, other music department paraphernalia and play music. If this would be difficult to organize through the summer, perhaps consider participating in at least the event following the Memorial Day parade.
- See also, New Business notes.

➤ **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM. A summer meeting will be held at a date to be determined.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Ure