

Minutes of the 4/20/2009 RHS Band Parents Association Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Jim Moran at 8:15 pm. The list of attendees is included as an attachment. A motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting was made by Sue Staples, seconded by Ameer Righthand, and unanimously approved.

- I. Treasurer's Report by Sue Staples: We did well, about \$3,000 under budget on revenue, considering the diminished returns from this year's Ad Journal. Expenses that changed from last time include a baritone sax and snare drum. Stomp was \$5600 but some students paid with points. Winberrie expenses are coming up and the guest artist will cost more than usual. We usually break about even on the dinner.

II. Announcements:

- Jim Moran:
 - Truck expenses will be between \$725 and \$750 for the camera and should not exceed \$800. A motion to approve the purchase below \$800 was made by Cathy Caputo and Seconded by Theresa Iannone and unanimously approved.
 - We're in the process of recruiting for members of the executive board. Tim Graham has accepted a nomination to be Treasurer. We still need a Vice President. We'll have a slate at the next meeting.
 - Changes to the bylaws developed earlier have been recommended to the Board by Jim Moran.
 - Changes to bylaws for nomination committee were proposed since the President is not currently supposed to be involved. Someone should be recruiting for officers but the bylaws need to be reconstructed.
 - We will have an email vote to set a date to meet about next year's budgeted.
- Mark Sonnick:
 - The Stomp trip people had a great time.
 - Tomorrow is the Band Council election and next year's group has some real challenges to meet financial shortfalls due to the economy and shortfalls in some income attempts this year.
 - The Pizza Party was great and more middle school students showed up than even signed up. About 18 of them seemed serious.
 - Mark expressed how much he enjoyed working with the Association this year.
- Jim Moran:
 - Tomorrow is election day. Everyone should vote.
 - The Board of Education met on the budget and Jim addressed the board on the issues of the consolidation of the Art and Music Supervisor positions and the cuts to the co-curricular budget line.
 - Cuts to the music budget will be minimal, we only had to give up the Allentown Competition to save some money on transportation, but that's not all bad since the Band Council lost money on that event anyway for lack of adequate ticket sales.
 - There have been some changes to the middle school schedules which may affect the quality of music education.

- Ameer Righthand discussed Jazz at Winberries. There is a new manager but the price is still going to be set at \$40 each. The event will be on Wednesday, May 27.
- Theresa Iannone reported that the Scholarship Committee met and is preparing the June 11 event and awards. Cathy Caputo and Maeve Cunningham will co-chair the committee next year, and Roger Widicus will also serve on the committee.
- Jim Moran reported that most positions for Committee Chairs have been filled but we still need someone to manage Communication.
- Jim Moran read a thank you note from Elizabeth and Barrett Hartman for the toasting flutes.
- James Garde reported that next year's show is upbeat and the Ode to Joy and a Shaker Melody. He agreed that the Pizza Party engaged new students and that about 8 new color guard students were interested. Rob Morton will help out with the Winter Guard.
- Jeff Haas:
 - He was thrilled with the Concert and Jazz Coffee House.
 - He is looking forward to a new student officer election.
 - The calendar for next year is coming together now.
 - He would like to keep our meetings on Mondays.
 - We may change the Citrus Sale dates for delivery on March 6 next year.
 - There will be a Concert Tour the last week in February next year.
 - The press release for Jazz at Winberries will start in early May.
- Jim Moran: Soon there will be a new team in place. We'll finish the budget discussions by email, including approving the purchase of a new camera for the truck.

A Motion to Adjourn by Sue Staples was seconded by Jeff Haas and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully Submitted by

Tom Jewell

Attachments:

List of Attendees

Committee Reports

Attendees

Theresa Iannone

Sue Staples

Cathy Caputo

Traci J. DuBois

Ameer Righthand

Carol Gyzander

Tim Graham

Jim Moran

Jeff Haas

James Garde

Tom Jewell