

## Minutes of the 3/10/2009 RHS Band Parents Association Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Jim Moran at 7:05 pm. The list of attendees is included as an attachment. A motion to accept the minutes from the 11/3/2008 meeting was made by Theresa Iannone, seconded by Sue Staples, and unanimously approved.

### I. Reports by Jeff Haas:

- a. The packet for Band Camp is almost ready but the most difficult issue is pricing. We may be able to come in at a lower price but the camp prices went up \$5 per day per person.
- b. There is nothing definite on what will be cut or trimmed that may affect transportation. Right now it looks like any activity that is dormant will go. Support for competitive groups seems to come first. We may be asked to consider how many competitions we do next year.
- c. Scheduling Issues include:
  - i. It looks like State Championships will be on the last Sunday in October.
  - ii. Northern States in Allentown will be the first Sunday in November.
  - iii. The Calendar will reflect both dates without a firm Poinsettia Sale date.
  - iv. The Yamaha Cup is not scheduled yet.
- d. Positions are being cut at the school, so everyone is nervous but we will go ahead with what we think is normal and hope for the best.
- e. We need to have the price and packets by the March 20, and the price could be as high as \$470 per student if we have to pay for the busses.
- f. MOTION: to set the price of band camp at \$450, with any difference in price made up by the Association made by Cathy Scroggin and seconded by Eileen Haynes passed unanimously.
- g. We hit our number on the Citrus Sale, were a little low on the Ad Journal, but overall our expenses were lower so we ended up with a positive net cash flow for the year.
- h. We need a volunteer list with descriptions for the Marching Band. Theresa Iannone and Cathy Caputo thought they might have something that was used at the band picnic and will check and forward to Jim.
- i. Should we maintain the credit card payment option? MOTION: That we abandon the credit card payment option by Theresa Iannone, seconded by Eileen Haynes, was unanimously approved.
- j. We need some dates for the Poinsettia Sale so for now we will put an asterisk in the Calendar for possible dates.
- k. The Band Council is trying to pick a date for a day trip, which will probably be a trip to New York followed by dinner and a show. The price came in at \$165-\$185 but if they skip the earlier part of the event and had dinner here the price can go down to \$115 or maybe as low as \$105. The downside of Thursday, April 16 is that they would be out two nights in a row.

- I. Jeff is taking MB students to mid-schools and needs drivers. The trips will be on Thursday at 8:55 am, returning to the high school at about 9:30 am and Friday at 12:55 pm, returning at about 2:00 pm.
- II. The minutes of the January and February meetings were moved by Sue Staples, seconded by Cathy Caputo and approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report by Sue Staples: The Citrus Sale revenue was over budget. The expenses reported were for Winterguard flags and costumes. The Budget does not reflect the cost of the citrus, which was a little over budget. We made a 15.5% profit on citrus. The report was moved by Traci DuBois, seconded by Cathy Caputo, and approved.
- IV. Other discussions:
  - a. Cathy Caputo raised the issue that Carol Gyzander paid for mailing because of the snow day but the Band Association should pay for the postage for its' events. A motion to reimburse Carol was made by Eileen Haynes, seconded by Cathy Caputo, and approved.
  - b. Cathy Scroggin reported on the Citrus Sale that there was only a \$33 cash error and that the \$25 price point helped keep the records straight. There were some complaints that the oranges were dry but otherwise things went quite well.
  - c. Jim Moran reported that the NY Voices concert was fabulous. Jeff and Jim had discussed that a big band of teachers might be a good fund raiser.
  - d. Jim Moran: David Spungen had offered his band for a social activity "Sock Hop"
    - i. Inga has volunteered to organize it but dates are pretty full this year. Perhaps this could be a fundraiser next year for the Band Council.
  - e. Jim Moran: The Executive Council will vote on the ByLaws after changes are made as proposed by:
  - f. Theresa Iannone pointed out that the ByLaws section on the Scholarship Award Committee needs some reworking and that it would be better if some parents of Juniors or Sophomores run the committee but bylaws indicate that the Chair decides. There may be a similar situation with the nominating committee. Jim Moran indicated that we may not always be able to get 2 or 3 people. Theresa agreed to propose updates to the Scholarship section and Jim agreed to propose updates to the Nominating section. The Executive Council will vote on the ByLaws after the proposed changes are submitted.
  - g. Truck Rear Camera: We paid \$900 and got shoddy equipment but there is nothing we have in writing that says we overpaid. We should get a new one but where? Tim Graham offered to go to the dealer who sold us the original camera to see if they will offer us something. In the meanwhile, Cathy Scroggin will check to find a reputable vendor for a new camera.

A Motion to Adjourn was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted by

Tom Jewell

Attachments:

List of Attendees

Committee Reports

Attendance at Band Association Meeting

March 10, 2009 at Ridgewood High School

Peggie Telscher

Eileen Haynes

Sue Staples

Cathy Scroggin

Eric Arnesen

Cathy Caputo

Theresa Iannone

Traci DuBois

Tim Graham

Jane Harlin

Tom Jewell

Jeff Haas

Jim Moran

Mark Sonnick