

## Minutes of the May 11, 2009 RHS Band Parents Association Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Jim Moran at 7:40 pm. The list of attendees is included as an attachment. A motion to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2009 meeting was made by Theresa Iannone, and seconded by Traci DuBois, and unanimously approved.

- I. Jim Moran thanked the board for their service to the Association.
- II. Treasurer's report by Sue Staples. We'll have a surplus of about \$10,000. No checks are in yet for band camp. Last year's surplus was about \$25,000. We have been running a high surplus for the last few years because of citrus sales, but we used to run relatively even for the year. Last year was exceptional. Expenses coming up include the Winberies's clinician for \$2,500 and the truck repair of \$750. We shouldn't need a line for stipends this year since clinicians are being paid by the school. A motion was made by Carol Gyzander, seconded by Traci DuBois, and unanimously approved.
- III. Band Council report by President Veronica Saron: This year we have an all female Council. Goals for coming year have been discussed but are not specific at this point. We have a car wash on Saturday and need chaperones and towels. Veronica can be contacted at [veronica@rhsbands.org](mailto:veronica@rhsbands.org). This was a good election with lots of participation by candidates and students voting. Yoon-ji Nam is the VP, HanSol Choi, Treasurer, Chelsea Tisosky, Secretary. The elections were very close which shows how much people want to be involved, so hopefully we're going to have more people in charge of events and fundraisers. We will also need more parent involvement.
- IV. Trustees Voting Issues:
  1. The slate to be presented:
    - a. Theresa Iannone, President
    - b. Cathy Caputo, First Vice President
    - c. Jeff Haas, Second Vice President
    - d. Mike Tisosky, Vice President
    - e. Tim Graham, Treasurer
    - f. Tom Jewell, Secretary
  2. The Bylaws
    - a. Trustees unanimously approved the new bylaws.
- V. Committee Chairs for next year.
  1. Co-chair poinsettia sale needed. Jane Harlin is seeking help since she will be a senior parent.
  2. Website. Paul Schuler being sought. Jeff Haas and Jim Gaard did most of the updating, which includes the annual calendar other issues as needed. Jim will train Yoon-ji Nam to update information.
  3. The Secretary used to be two positions, but we need a newsletter and such, which requires a communication secretary separate from the recording secretary.

4. Cathy Scroggin may be looking for co-chair for Citrus Sale.
5. Sue Staples, Treasurer:
  - a. Next Year's Budget as proposed: Changes are highlighted in the proposal. Fees were increased by \$500. Guard fees were actually Winter Guard cleaning fees. Band camp needed more, so was increased by \$1500. Projection by points of 7000 is an old number and needs to be adjusted increase \$3000. Places to save dollars include the website cut back from \$2,000 to \$500. We also need to write Council a check for website expenses to save \$1500. We took out money for the preseason training stipend by \$2000, but that still leaves us a nice cushion. Communication on postage can be reduced about \$180 for bulk mail, since it's probably cheaper to pay full rate when we need to do mailings. The Poinsettia sale and Ad Journal are our only big mailings. We may need to analyze these postage expenses further to do a break even analysis. Bulk rate mailing is also very slow. The Winterguard stipend can be cut by about \$800 down to \$1000. Marching Band Operating expenses were \$1750, but increasing to \$1900. Jeff Haas mentioned that we sent drum majors to camp last year with unallocated money amounting to \$580 that perhaps should have a specific place in the budget. We could reallocate props to a category of props and drum camp.
  - b. Theresa Iannone suggested we could have a cocktail party for parents that could raise a fair amount of money. We could have some entertainment. A good date might be October 2.
  - c. We may also be able to do another fundraiser with Jeff's alumni band.
  - d. Marching Band equipment was reduce to \$400

A motion to approve the amended budget was made by Tim Graham, seconded by Traci DuBois and unanimously approved.

- VI. Jim Moran: Peggie Telscher volunteered to help organize the Tunes in June reception.
- VII. Jeff Haas:
  - a. The Wind Ensemble is preparing 11 songs for Memorial Day at Van Neste Park.
  - b. The Concert Band and Wend Ensemble and others are preparing for Celebration of the Arts.
  - c. Bids are going out for Marching Band bus service in the next couple of weeks.
  - d. Band camp hasn't officially been approved but forms go out this week.
  - e. Jim Moran is going to write a letter about a donated Baritone sax with a list price of about \$9,500.
  - f. We bought a snare drum & harness for \$650.
  - g. Thanks to the Scroggins, a camera was installed on the truck and offers a panoramic view.

- h. Jazz at Winberies is coming up on May 27. We had our first rehearsal which went well.
  - i. We're encouraged about the Band Council and the goals they're setting.
  - j. We want to revisit honors credit for band, which was rejected last year but we can change the proposal to be more acceptable.
  - k. There is some information coming around about summer music programs, including the Rutgers program which offers scholarships.
  - l. We had about 65 new band members by May 8 but more calls are coming in. The email rush didn't work too well. We doubt that we'll break 100 members.
- VIII. James Garde briefly reviewed the fall Marching Band schedule which will be finalized in the next couple of weeks. Will Ebbels will come out to camp with us again this year. Rob Watson will assist with the color guard this year.
- IX. Jeff: Poinsettias will be on Nov 1. If the band trip will be in early February, it will be over jamboree weekend so would have to do citrus the Sunday before (Jan 31), conflicting with Jamboree dress rehearsal. It was preferred to change the date and not conflict with Jamboree.
- X. Theresa Iannone presented a gift to Jim Moran for his service as President of the Association.
- XI. Jim Moran suggested that for the next meeting we should decide what to do with unused senior points. We can write a check to the Band Council or choose some other option. Some money usually goes to a Band Council alumni scholarship. We'll have to wait until everything is done.
- XII. Cathy Caputo suggested that a digital camera and Ipod from the Citrus Sale can be used for some future awards.
- XIII. Jeff Haas noted that there is nothing in the cultural events line but as we budget a trip for next year, we need to consider how much we should budget for it. It would probably have to be self-funded. We should err on the side of self-funding until income from fundraisers is apparent. The trip should be under \$500. We need information from past trips to help predict what it will cost.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Tim Graham, seconded by Traci DuBois, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Tom Jewell

Attachments:

List of Attendees

Committee Reports

Attendees May 11, 2009  
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Cathy Caputo  
Tracy DuBois  
James Garde  
Tim Graham  
Jeff Haas  
Jane Harlin  
Theresa Iannone  
Tom Jewell  
Jim Moran  
Veronica Saron  
Sue Staples