

Minutes of the September 3, 2009 RHS Band Parents Association Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Theresa Iannone at 7:40 pm. The list of attendees is included as an attachment.

1. Welcome and President's Report: Theresa Iannone.
 - a. Thank you notes came from students from \$15,000 in scholarships awarded to 18 students.
 - b. A baritone sax and snare drums were donated and nine instrument donations.
 - c. Uniform job excellent by Cathy Caputo. Traci DuBois helped get them ready. Need a cleaning schedule from James.
 - d. July 4 Parade was fabulous and more than 70 kids marched.
 - e. The band truck was fixed over the summer and the Scroggins got the camera issue fixed.
 - f. Lord and Taylor's, Diane Mulroy helped us get signed up for their benefit on October 6.
 - g. Diane also ordered the cow bells. Nancy Scappaticci asked to sell cow bells for the football team, so we ordered more.
 - h. Several seniors wanted their names added to the plaque in the hallway, so that will be done next week.
 - i. Ameer did a great job planning band camp. Carol Gyzander bought snacks and Cathy Caputo got extra. The chaperones were outstanding.
 - j. Ameer also did Jazz at Winberie's, which is too much, so should be broken up.
 - k. Welcome back picnic, Cathy Caputo has everything set for the picnic on 9/12.
 - l. Friend of Music Rep will be Roger Widicus, running several events and being a public face of the band. He will also organize the Ad Journal.
 - m. Friday, October 2, an invitation for a mini-fundraiser/reception at Iannone's home at 7:00 pm. The group decided on a recommended fee of \$40 per person. We probably need a newsletter with dates and contact information, which will be sent out through the Post Office and by email. We need a splash page on the Ridgewood HS site.
2. Motion to approve minutes was accepted: Tom Jewell.
3. Band Council Report: Veronica Saron. They will report at the next meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report: Tim Graham
 - a. Transfer of books took place later in summer than planned. Everything was up to date. Some expenses and checks had to be reconciled. Bottom line—

Band Camp came in on budget and revenues were slightly under budget (\$2-3,000). We're on plan for the next few months.

- b. An analysis of points 18,256 indicate a liability, of that total 2/3 is allocated to sophomores through seniors. Graduate points 7,133. Based on records we could roll over 1,051, leaving roughly 6,000 in play to be written off or rolled over to others. This year about 3,200 points were used for band camp, about 600 for the Stomp production and a number for Jazz at Winberie's. We need to determine soon how to deal with those 6,000 points, knowing a significant number will be rolled over for future students but also that many won't. Theresa: We have, in the past, rolled over 1000 points to the Band Council, and should do the same this year. Theresa Iannone moved to give \$1,000 to the band council out of this fund. Tim Graham seconded. Unanimously approved.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Pre-Season Training: Ameer Righthand. The camp went very well and chaperones got along. The check for the nurse is being processed. She would like to have her salary raised. Another new expense was medibags because the old ones were in bad repair. There are still some t-shirts to give out. Emily Wong has been involved for 20 years.
- b. Uniforms/Marching Band/Welcome Picnic: Cathy Caputo. Everyone has paid the full amount. Picnic is going very well and people are volunteering to help.
- c. Lord & Taylor's Benefit: Diane Mulroy. Tickets at \$5 on October 6 for 20% off on 1 item and 15% off on almost everything, including makeup. Limit of one short or tall classic Uggs. There is a presale opportunity beginning Sat, Oct 3 and you can pick them up early or later by a few days. If you purchase four tickets you get a fifth for free. The entire \$5 goes to the Band Association. If we sell 50 tickets, we get to share in the At the Door Sale on that day, which was about \$100 extra last year.
- d. Cowbells: Diane Mulroy. Cowbells are on order and will be ready in a week. They will be \$10 each.

6. Band Director: Jeff Haas.

- a. A bill for the lifeguard to pay for his certification was received.
- b. Met with Band Council—two issues: The Upcoming Club Fair, two tables one for Wintergard and one for MB. Need to update web site. Yoon Ji Nam will try to get pictures. The Band Association should have a page on the School website. The principal's secretary will help someone do it.
- c. Fundraiser idea: Pens with logo and school fight song when you click them.

- d. Back to School Night Table possible for Band Association.
- e. Have events coming up—Back to School Night on 24th and October 5th meeting, which will include trip meeting and Ad Journal kickoff.
- f. How do we increase communication with 8th graders? We're going to put a scavenger hunt on the web site. We probably lost kids when research requirement went away. We'll try a variety of approaches to communicate with them before and after our official contact, including a buddy system. Last year we brought them to a MB show, and about half chose to march this year. We should try it again but the dates might be a problem. There are two possible dates and there is a Giants Stadium possibility (conflicting with Morris Knolls). The recommendation is to bring the kids to Midland Park, which is on a Sunday, competing less with other activities. We should take them in a bus.
- g. The music group talked about apparel for concerts. Is there any interest in recommending dresses for them? The group consensus was to keep things they way they are, but that modesty should be emphasized.
- h. There will be a student teacher starting in January, Jessica Delia, who plays clarinet.
- i. Guest Artists: For concert band April concert in conversation with James Markee of NY Philharmonic. For Jazz at Winberrie's working on Anthony Breker, director of Jazz studies at Princeton, a trumpet player, and former director of All State Jazz Band.
- j. Thinking about grant to get Smart Music up and running and integrated into classroom teaching, to get licenses for students.
- k. Trip. Put in proposal last spring which was approved. Looking at 3 ½ day to Philadelphia and Wash, D.C., leaving on Thursday, Feb 4 and returning on Feb 7. Highlights so far include: spend part of the trip at Lower Moreland HS, where we will do clinics and a concert and combined concert. They will provide a catered dinner. We'll have jazz clinics and a clinic for wind ensemble and work with wintergard, greatly reducing costs. On Friday, go to school and do some touring and back to school for a jazz coffee house. Thursday and Friday stay outside of Philly, and Friday and Saturday tour and see music that we find in their schedules. Don't have an idea of the cost yet but waiting for some information. We haven't done trip insurance for bus trips but there is cancellation insurance available now for emergencies within two days of the event, terror alerts, etc. Can be optional per person or mandatory for the group, and the group prefers making it optional per

person. It would be helpful to have a trip chairperson to collect checks and obtain chaperones.

7. Poinsettia Sale: Jane Harlin. We need help with Poinsettia planning beyond the work the committee does. Committee meets during the day but can coordinate with people not available during the day.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39.

Submitted by Tom Jewell

Attendance

Jeff Haas

Theresa Iannone

Tom Jewell

Tim Graham

Cathy Caputo

Mike Tisosky

Jane Harlin

Diane Mulroy

Rose Mary Fernandez (Hampilos)

Paul Schuler

Wendy Schuler

Ameer Righthand

Cathy Scroggin

Carol Gyzander

Debbie Coniglio

Eric Arnesen