

Attendees

Adrian Marasya	Eileen Karanikolas	Jennifer Serventi	Lydia McCoy
Ali Nasserri	Ginger Monplaisir	Jim Moran	Marcia Literati
Allie McCandless	Inwook Jang (Choi)	John Jensen	Mari Tagliabue
Alyse Becker	Jacky Dupont	John Luckenbill	Pedy Gandu
Anne Dupont	Jeff Tagliabue	Karen Caine	Susan Harrison
Bronwen Safai	Jeffrey Haas	Laura Galis	Vicki Moll
Dave Sayles	Jennifer Ng	Liz Glenning	Yukiko Murai

The meeting was called to order at 7:39PM

Agenda

- Approval of previous Minutes
- Band Council Report – Allie McCandless
- Treasurer’s Report – Jeff Tagliabue
- Secretary’s Report – Jim Moran
- Band Directors' Report Jeff Haas & John Luckenbill
 - Current State of the Band Program at the start of the new school year
 - Upcoming events/activities for the Curricular Bands and Marching Band
 - A look at the new band website
- Committee Reports – where applicable, validate/establish chairs where they are missing:
 - Marching Band Preseason Training – Marcia Literati and Steve Vandalovsky
 - MB Truck – Steven Vandalovsky
 - Uniform Committee – Carol Rapaport and Marcia Literati
 - Chaperone Committee – Anne Wheaton
 - MB Picnic – Liz Glenning
 - Hospitality – Laura Galis
 - MB Banquet – looking for chairperson
 - Plant Sale Committee – Lorissa Lightman and looking for co-chair
 - Ad/Performance Journal Committee – Lydia McCoy
- Old Business
 - Chairperson update

Reports

- Band Council Report – Allie McCandless
 - Band Council meets every Monday at lunch
 - Has their own budget
 - Runs several events
- Treasurer’s Report – Jeff Tagliabue
 - \$50,700 main account
 - \$2,548 band council
 - \$4,968 Donahue Fellowship account
 - Band Camp actual is pretty close to budgeted amount
- Secretary’s Report – Jim Moran
 - Request summary reports from committee chairs prior to meeting
- Band Directors' Report Jeff Haas & John Luckenbill

Minutes – 9/13/2016

- Current State of the Band Program at the start of the new school year
 - Jeff's 29th year
 - Curriculum mandate is to have a band class, but we have 3 levels of curricular bands and many co-curricular bands with 200 students
 - Thanks to Middle School teachers who prepare students for RHS band program
- Upcoming events/activities for the Curricular Bands and Marching Band
 - Curricular performances are December, March, and June
 - General meeting on 9/27 to roll out fundraising
 - Ad journal is first big fundraiser
 - Poinsettia/citrus blitz days are concentrated sales on one day targeting every private home in Ridgewood
 - Emails will keep you up to date on all band activities
 - If your student is involved in marching band, you should volunteer to chaperone a competition
 - Marching band has a really good staff
 - Marcia/Steve were chairs for band camp at Timberlake in Shendaken, NY
 - First performance is Saturday 9/17 @ 4:30 on the RHS main field
 - There are six competitions this season starting 9/24
 - Marching band has a 7th/8th grade band day where those students play with the band at a football game. About 75 students attended from the middle school last year up from 15 when this started.
 - Current marching band has 116 students.
- A look at the new band website
 - Xenopsi, Inc. (our contracted web developer) has overhauled the web site
 - The new site will be launched at back to school night or at the band parents meeting on 9/27
 - John demonstrated the new band website
 - If parents have photos for the site, please send them in. Email a link (Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.) to John Luckenbill.
- Committee Reports – where applicable, validate/establish chairs where they are missing:
 - Band Picnic - Liz Glenning
 - All invited, not just marching band
 - Currently about 200 committed from 60 families – probably expecting 300
 - Ad Journal – Lydia McCoy - Ad sales will be opened on 9/27
 - Families who sold ads last year can resell to the same merchants before the kickoff
 - Final deadline 11/1
 - A parent blitz team will be sent out to businesses who bought last year without signed contract by 11/1
 - Pricing has changed
 - Full page color \$250
 - Full page B&W \$150
 - Corporate sponsors \$500
 - Preferred Corporate sponsors \$750
 - Half page \$130
 - Half page B&W \$75
 - Business card \$50
 - Band Camp – Marcia Literati
 - Show is awesome

- If you didn't chaperone this year, think about next year

Reports Submitted via Email

- Poinsettia Sale – Lorissa Lightman

I am looking for volunteers. Ideally, I would love to have a co-chair and someone to handle the merchant sale. The same person can do both if they really want to! Ajanta has done the merchant sale for a few years now and is willing to train the person that takes it over. This year is her last year as a band parent, so the time is right for her to help phase in a new person. Please let people know that I am pleasant and easy to work with--and I am willing to do more of the work since I have the experience!

- Hospitality – Laura Galis

I am the chair of the Marching Band Hospitality this year. The Hospitality Committee is responsible for providing water and snacks for the home football games and water, snacks and meals for their competitions. All water, snacks for football games and the main course for competition lunches or dinners are paid for by the Band Association. The desserts and fruits served at competitions are donated by parents. The committee purchases the food and drinks, coordinates donations and serves them at the games and competitions.

- Chaperones – Ann Wheaton

We have the following competitions scheduled:

Northern Valley Old Tappan - Saturday, September 24
Pequannock HS - Saturday, October 8
Yamaha Cup - MetLife - Saturday, October 15
Rutgers - State Championship - Saturday, October 22
Ridge HS - Bernardsville, NJ - Saturday, October 29
US Bands Nationals - Allentown, PA - Sunday, November 6

We need 20 parent chaperones for each competition including two volunteers to drive the truck. Parent chaperones serve as road crew to the band. We ride the three buses with the students, help push the equipment, serve snacks, plume the shakos, manage props and basically do everything necessary to help our kids put on a great show.

I will have sign-up sheets for all six competitions at the band picnic. Once the season gets underway, I will send out an email at the beginning of each week to confirm who is still available to chaperone for that week's event. I realize that schedules change, and fortunately, we have flexibility with so many parents. Please consider chaperoning at least one event - you will be glad you did.

Steve Vandalovsky will be coordinating the truck drivers. Potential drivers will have to submit a copy of their driver license to the Board of Ed. If you are interested, please scan your license and send it to yvandalovsky@gmail.com. If you are considering driving the truck and have questions, Steve is happy to talk at the picnic.

Finally, we need a dozen or so parents at every home football game to push the front ensemble equipment on and off the field at half time. I will send out an email before the game seeking

volunteers. We gather on the football field by the front ensemble equipment when there are 2 minutes left on the clock in the second quarter. Even if you don't sign up you can still come down and lend a hand!

Discussion

- Jeff T Tagliabue: Questions on Minutes:
 - Is there a line item in the budget for the new web site? Should add to budget? Yes.
 - \$33,000 not allocated – this might be points
- Anne Dupont gave a brief description of the function of the band association.
- Jim Moran: Explore SignUpGenius for recruiting volunteers
- Anne Dupont: Need volunteers for poinsettia sale – assistant chair needed
- Jeff Haas gave a description of the Connor Donahue Fellowship. Brochures and applications will be given to students. Applications are due 9/22. Interviews on 9/27 and 9/28.

Motions

Motion	First	Second	Vote	Status
1. Approve the minutes	Alyse Becker	Jeff Haas	20 For 0 Against 8 Abstained	Approved

The general meeting was adjourned at 8:32PM

Executive Board Meeting

Following the general meeting, the Executive Board met to discuss:

- Jeff Haas: purchasing a used trombone for \$2,250. Henry Heizer indicated that it is a good purchase and is about \$1,200 less than purchasing a new instrument. A selection of mouthpieces will also be purchased to allow students to try various ones before making their individual purchases. This is estimated at \$2,000. Both of these are within the \$8,000 budget.
- Jeff Tagliabue: \$6,000 had been allocated from a prior year donation to purchase Timpani.
- John Luckenbill: Staff schedules have made it difficult and created a need for stipends (Tim Talavera and Elise McAloon– both percussionists). Tim has also asked for travel reimbursement (\$500 for the season) as he commutes from Manhattan. John is looking for \$5,000 for stipends for Tim/Elise. Jeff Tagliabue indicated that \$2,000 on unused budget remains from Band Camp.

Motion	First	Second	Vote	Status
1. Reallocate the budget to accommodate instruments from capital rather than expense to allow for additional stipends and travel expense	Anne Dupont	Jim Moran	7 For 0 Against	Approved

Submitted by Jim Moran
RHS Band Association Secretary