

**RHS Band Association
General Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at: 7:40 by Greg Gardner

John Luckenbill gave a Marching Band update: the band came in first place in both its competitions, NJ state championships will be held October 19 at Rutgers, the Yamaha Cup will be held on November 1 at Met Life stadium, Nationals will be held in Allentown PA, the awards dinners is scheduled for December 4 at the Tides Restaurant

Jeff Haas discussed these issues:

1. the first Smart Music assignments were given out, he asked parents to consider getting Smart Music for home as the labs at school are getting crowded
2. 7&8 graders came for marching band night; Jazz and Percussion Ensembles require auditions, Wind Ensemble members are eligible to audition for Chamber Orchestra, there will be a meeting for the Jazz Ensemble on October 21 and for the Winter Guard on October 22 , spring concerts will be held at West Side Presbyterian Church
3. Fundraising: West Side Presbyterian rental costs \$3000+, it is mostly funded by the school budget, the budget also covers Marching Band staff and transportation, the band tries to raise \$65-70k each year. Fundraising helps cover trips. The band went to Virginia last year and will travel to California next year. This trip takes place every four years. The last California trip cost \$1700/person. Next year's is estimated at \$2000/person. Students will visit a theme park and attend workshops at Disney. This year's trip will be a 1 day excursion (maybe NYC).

The three main fundraisers are:

- a. Performance journal ads, Rie Nagami will collect the contracts
- b. Poinsettia sale on November 2
- c. Citrus sale on February 8

Additional fundraisers:

- d. Applebees Pancake Breakfast on October 26
- e. NY Voices concert
- f. donations (which are tax deductible)
- g. car wash in May

After the general meeting, a board meeting was held:

Band parent, Julia Ferraro, owns an exercise studio in Park Ridge where she teaches the barre method. She has offered to conduct a fundraiser at her studio whereby parents or students would organize a small group of people (less than 10), take a one hour class and Julia will donate the money to the band.

Shoko gave an update on the band Council: on September 23, twenty one 7th &8th graders trying out for the Bergen County Band came to RHS to work with Wind

Ensemble musicians, afterward the Wind Ensemble musicians sent “good luck” letters to the middle schoolers, some students will go to GW on Wed. Oct 8 to play with the band, Catherine Negron is in the process of organizing sheet music, Teddy Trent, historian made a video of the first two marching band competitions, the council is looking into selling band magnets as a fundraiser, they are planning to get rubber bracelets for the Metlife competition,

Jeff said that reaching out to 7th graders might be the key to getting musicians for the high school band.

Treasurers Report: the Boiling Springs account balance is \$42,472.17 and there is \$30,485.67 in TD Bank

Melissa Pizza approved the minutes from the September meeting

The New York Voices concert break even point is 400 tickets, expenses include renting lighting equipment and providing food for the performers. The total cost is estimated at \$14,000. Jeff is working with Bob Unanue for Goya to underwrite food for Jazz in the Wood, it will not be a sitdown meal and will be reasonably priced, there may be children and adult tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42PM

Submitted by Liz Glenning, Secretary
October 21, 2014