

**RHS Band Association
Board Meeting
January 7, 2014
Minutes**

Attendees: Cy Caine, Brittany Chung, Greg Gardner, Irene Garcia, Jeff Haas, John Luckenbill, Tracey Meara, Melissa Pizza, Elaine Posner

Meeting Agenda Items:

- Call to Order at 7:30

- **Band Council Report - Brittany Chung**
 - For November and December there was the banquet, which went well.
 - Downtown for the Holidays and Community play along both were cancelled.
 - 1/8 is the 8th grade orientation.
 - Several high school students are scheduled to speak at the orientation.
 - Council is investigating the possibility of hiring a bus to bring a group to a Winter Guard performance to show support.

- **Secretary's Report - Liz Janson**

The December meeting was cancelled.
- **Treasurer's Report - Greg Gardner/June Tesoriero**
 - Currently have \$ 43,403.05 in Boiling Springs
 - \$ 48,066.47 in TD Bank.
- **Band Director's Report - Jeffrey Haas**

The Bergen County band auditions were held and 7 RHS students made it: Jessica Chang, Catherine Janson, Leo Kwon, Daniel Kim, Shayna Landvert, Mallory Peskins, Stephanie Pizza

First band concert went well.

Students have started practicing the music for the next concert.

The assessment music has been announced and distributed. Also made available to GW and BF.

There is a smaller pool of 8th graders this year than last.

Approximately 12 of the interested 8th grade students asked about lessons.

Smart Music is being used for auditions.

The 2nd payment for the Virginia trip is done. Most have paid. Enough money has been collected to cover the current costs.

There have been several requests for financial assistance that the Executive Council will consider.

February 8th is Enrichment Day at the school. A discussion topic will be the possibility of an Honors Program for music. One proposal that will be considered is a Laureate program whereby students who have participated for all 4 years and are considered top performers will have recognition of this on their transcripts.

Jazz Bands are well under way. Burlington City High School will be the site of a Jazz Festival. There will be clinicians present (Don Braden). A second date is also being looked at.

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The concert at West Side is all set. Guest soloist will be Rachel Hertzberg.

- **Marching Band Report - John Luckenbill**
 - Banquet was very successful and had a very good turnout.
 - Season is still not officially over as the Superbowl performance remains. It appears that it will be moved in doors to the old BOA building. John will be going to inspect the venue this week.
 - Staff meets this week to begin next year's Marching Band show.

-Winter Guard is up and going. WG will hold a dinner show to preview their show this Saturday evening in the Campus Center. Their first competition will be Sunday at West Milford.

-Winter Guard has two new instructors, Anthony DeMarino and Amanda Alvez.

- **Committee Reports** – where applicable, validate/establish chairs where they are missing:
 - Ad/Performance Journal Committee –**Roger Widicus**
 - Applebee’s Fundraiser - **Melissa Pizza**
 - Jazz Masters date is March 30 in the Little Theater **Irene Garcia**
 - Jazz at Chakra - **Irene Garcia, Elaine Posner and Carol Rapaport**—will start April-ish
 - Regional Jazz Auditions March 17 - **Melissa Pizza**
 - Budget & Finance Committee - per bylaws Lissette Negron
 - Development Committee – per bylaws Tracy Meara
 - Hospitality Committee - **Vicki Case**
 - Uniform Committee - **Carol Rapaport and Janice Cross**
 - Poinsetta Sale - **Melissa Pizza and Lorissa Lightman**
 - Citrus Sale Committee – Marata Maas is coordinator
 - Nominating Committee - committee will consist of at least three (3) members who are approved by the Executive Board
 - Scholarship & Awards Committee - **Karen Rispoli**
 - Chaperone Committee – **Charles Prettyman**
- **New Business**
- Assistance requests mentioned prior.
- Approximately 130 signed up for the spring Virginia trip. The Marine Concert has been confirmed. William & Mary visit may not come through so it may be replaced with Old Dominion. Those interested in chaperoning this trip should email Jeff. There is a possibility that the truck may not be required depending on the busses size as the larger ones can fit the timpani's.
- Approximately 6 parents will be needed to assist setting up for the West Side concert. They will not be needed after the concert, as the students will do the breakdown.
- A request was made for \$800 to purchase a used trumpet, which was made known to Jeff. A motion was made to make the funds available by Greg, which was 2nd by Tracey and Cy Caine. All voted in favor and purchase will be executed dependent on Jeff's inspection of the instrument.
- Marching Band price for 2014 needs to be decided. 2013 was \$630 with CG having an additional costume charge. This topic was discussed and several attendees brought up the idea that what is included should be more publicized so people understand everything they are getting. The idea of separating out the camp charge was also discussed. John will consider these ideas and further discussion will be had on this topic.
- Off-season percussion has begun. The staff is working with students on a show that will be performed at other organized shows. Joe Bergen and Mike Deering have both expressed interest in working on this.
- John requested that we make the two thousand we budgeted for this activity available to pay Joe and Mike as appropriate based on their involvement. Greg made a motion, which was 2nd by Cy Caine and Tracey Meara. All voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Janson

RHS Band Association Secretary