

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

Attendees: Brittany Chung, Irene Garcia, Greg Gardner, Jeff Haas, Liz Janson, John Luckenbill, Tracy Meara, Melissa Pizza, June Tesoriero.

Meeting Agenda Items:

- Call to Order at 7:37

- **Band Council Report - Brittany Chung**
 - The Virginia trip was great. Marine Tattoo was terrific. Brittany felt like she still had time to prepare for her AP exams despite the trip being so close.
 - Still selling performance shirts \$16.
 - Had band council elections: Shoko Nagami, President, Connor Gardner Vice President, John Newell is Treasure and Stephanie Pizza is Secretary
 - Shoko is now the president.
 - First event is the car wash on May 17. She needs parent volunteers to chaperone and to donate baked goods. Fliers need to go out.
 - Greg suggested that they sell advanced tickets. Brittany and Shoko will look into it.
 - Had marching band pizza party. Made phone calls the night before and invited non-members.

- **Secretary's Report - Liz Janson**
 - Greg made a motion to approve the minutes. Liz seconded and the motion passed.

- **Old Business**
 - Virginia Trip:**
 - Students were excellent. Great clinics. Received complements on student performance and behavior. Good weather although had to leave Busch Gardens a little early due to incoming storm. Staff and chaperones were very good. Overall Jeff was very pleased. Jeff heard no complaints from teachers. 131 students traveled to Virginia. Seven people will be receiving refunds for cancelations.

- **Treasurer's Report - Greg Gardner/June Tesoriero**
 - Currently have \$ 42,450.01 in Boiling Springs
 - \$ 30,830.76 in TD Bank.
 - About \$10,000 less than this time last year.

- **Band Director's Report - Jeffrey Haas**
 - Have had a very good month.
 - Concert at West Side was excellent and Jeff is glad that they did it. Day before was challenging, however.
 - Video of concert available at www.NEHST.com.
 - Seventh grade band from GW watched the Wind Ensembles' dress rehearsal.
 - Jeff would like to use West Side again and thinks that perhaps that expense should be included in the future budgets.
 - Standardized testing may impact travel opportunities in future years.

- Jeff and John are considering scheduling concerts on Friday nights (no school the following day).
- Jeff opened conversation about what is the best night for Band Association meetings.
- Had 4th graders come in in April to demonstrate all the instruments.
- Have only four weeks until Tunes in June and they are picking up things very well.
- Have been rehearsing with Don Braden for Jazz at Chakra.
- Jeff heard back from New York Voices and are interested in performing at some point next year.
- Have had a request to do a tribute of Nelson Riddle (who once attended RHS).
- Ridgewood Concert Band recital is Friday night. Catherine Janson and Chloe Norell are playing in the Side-By-Side Concert. Emmett Rappaport is the guest student soloist.
- Stephanie Pizza won Gold in the International Virtuoso Competition and will be performing at Merkin Hall in September.
- Dan Kim made All-State Jazz Ensemble.

- **Marching Band Report - John Luckenbill**

- Registration packets due last Thursday. So far 83 signed up.
- John's tentative number is 110 (9 are question marks).
- Color guard and percussion have been rehearsing already.
- Show is coming together. John is hoping to have a opener to play at the organization meeting.
- Staffing—Ryan and Will are uncertain. All others are coming back but he is looking for a color guard instructor.
- Are adding drum line instructor for band camp.
- Hoping to do another family night to see a Drum Corp show, possibly in July.

- **Committee Reports :**

- **Jazz at Chakra---Irene Garcia, Elaine Posner and Carol Rapaport—**

- 28 families have ordered tickets.
- Jeff has a new lighting director.

- **New Business**

- Tunes in June (June 5)
 - Liz will order senior flowers from HoHoKus Flowers (35 seniors)
 - Liz will organize refreshment donations for Tunes in June.
- Nominating Committee: Have a new slate of officers: President- Greg Gardner, Vice President-Melissa Pizza; First Vice President-Tracy Meara; Treasurer-June Tesorerio; Secretary-Liz Glenning. Elaine moved to approve the slate of officers for next year; Liz seconded and the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:22

Next meeting: June 9 at 7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Janson

RHS Band Association Secretary