

**RHS Band Association
Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2014**

Attendees: Shoko Nagami, John Luckenbill, Jeffrey Haas, Tracy Meara, Greg Gardner, June Tesoriero, Rie Nagami, Melissa Pizza, Ajanta Kumar, Liz Glenning

Meeting Agenda Items:

- call to order at 7:30 P.M.

Band Association Officers for 2014-2015

Greg Gardner - President
Melissa Pizza - Vice President
Tracy Meara - First Vice President
June Tesoriero - Treasurer
Liz Glenning - Secretary

Approval of May board meeting minutes:

- June made a motion to approve the minutes and Ajanta seconded; motion was passed

Band Council Update - Shoko Nagami

- the car wash made \$1,614: Jazz at Chakra was held the following day
- band members participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony
- the band enjoyed beautiful weather for the Tunes in June concert
- the marching band will participate in the July 4th parade in Ridgewood with a party for families at John Newell's house afterwards
- on July 31, the Drum Corps International Tour of Champions will play at Rutgers, pamphlets went out to marching band members
- band council projects include a new website and a video series about the band for middle schoolers. It will include clips of concerts, competitions and rehearsals
- would like to start a band buddies program where RHS students are paired with middle school students

Treasurer's Report - June Tesoriero/Greg Gardner

- June 17 bank balance : \$42,464.76 Boiling Springs
 \$35,251.06 TD bank
 \$77,715.82 Total

- Greg read a thank you note from Rachel Posner who received the Sonny Igoe Memorial Scholarship

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Secretary's Report - Liz Glenning

- Liz read a thank you note from Brittany Chung who received the Murray Colosimo Award

Band Director's Report - Jeffrey Haas

- Donations: Jeff read a thank you note from the Ruhl family which included a \$350 donation. There was also a donation of \$1,000 from an anonymous supporter.

- The Memorial Day ceremony was lovely. Students looked sharp in band polo shirts.

- It was great to be outside for Tunes in June. The village did a nice job preparing the bandshell. The following awards were given out to seniors:

Allison Gnerre - Colorguard Award
Emily Highfill

Warren Grimm - Outstanding Musicianship
Emmett Rapaport

Murray Colosimo - Outstanding Service
Brittany Chung

John Lochner - MB Exceptional Leadership
Edward Prettyman

Sonny Igoe Memorial Scholarship- Jazz Performance
Rachel Posner

Band Association Scholarship:

Shayna Lyandvert
Chelsea Ayukawa
Chloe Norell
Britta Potter
Victoria Chung
Emily Rizzo
Alessandro Lamacchia
Zion Chang

- all members of the Wind Ensemble will be required to audition for the Bergen County Band. Audition pieces were given out today. Students will be tested by September 15th.

- The Spring concert will be held on April 10 at 8PM at West Side Presbyterian Church. This leaves four days after the spring break to finalize plans. This is the first time it will be held on a Friday.

- Jazz at Chakra was a well attended event. Guest artist Don Braden was tremendous.

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New venues being considered for next year: the new Ridgewood restaurant, Roots and the Women's Club. If held at the Women's Club it will most likely be held on Friday, June 20 at 6:00 and 8:30. We would have to bring a caterer and lighting designer. Catering from the Market Basket would run between \$12 and \$19 per person.

- the graduation band of 85 musicians is smaller than last year's of 120
- attendees should try to bring a friend to the next board meeting
- there will be a general meeting of the Band Association on Tuesday, October 1
- Jeff would like to have a concert with New York Voices, they are interested in participating, cost \$7,000, would like to have it at BF & involve the choir and instrumental group, tickets would cost between \$25 and \$30, likely date Friday Feb. 7.
- budget: there is a decent reserve, current \$70k balance, a suggestion was made to possibly have the Band Association take up private lessons as a cause, maybe 2 private lessons for freshmen, paid by BA, this leads to a question of how to choose teachers - maybe through Encore or Community School, Jeff will talk to Gary Fink regarding daytime lessons
- General meeting in October: it will be hard to get parents to attend since there is no trip next year, maybe we should start planning for the California 2016 trip now. Melissa suggested making use of the parents' talents. We might do this via Survey Monkey. Maybe have a break out at meeting for volunteers. The suggestion was made to invite all band families to the fall picnic.

Marching MB Director's Report - John Luckenbill

- right now the band is up to 103 members compared to 96 this past year; this puts it in group 5 for competitions, this is the first time since 2006 that the band is over 100. There were two rehearsal in June, the music is written, the next step is to go to drill
- for the July 4 parade about half of band will attend
- DCI show is July 31
- MB night for middle school students will include 7th & 8th grade
- MB videos were sent to to the middle schools and there was a good reaction
- staffing changes: Ryan Mallen is leaving; Dave Caravella is the new Visual Instructor, Meredith Gnerre is also leaving and Shannon Burton is the new Color Guard Instructor. There are two new Color Guard Instructors - Stefanellie Saavedra and Dormeshia Ward. Steve Zimmerman is not returning.

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- new uniforms: John met with the uniform company and will have a price at end of summer, we need to earmark funds in the school budget: the new uniforms will have a maroon jacket and white pants like the existing ones but with an updated style

Budget Update - Greg Gardner

- Greg reviewed the budget. He feels the projection is conservative and that the \$1,952 deficit may not come to pass.

- Liz made a motion to approve the budget, June seconded and the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Next meeting: Tuesday September 9

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Glenning
RHS Band Association Secretary