

Attendees

Anne Dupont
Charlotte Ferraro
Jim Moran
Jeff Haas

Jeff Tagliabue
John Luckenbill
Lydia McCoy
Margaret Gambardella

Mari Tagliabue
Ronnie Farfalla

The meeting was called to order at 7:34PM

Agenda

- Approval of previous Minutes
- Band Council Report – Charlotte Ferraro
- Treasurer’s Report – Jeff Tagliabue
- Committee Reports
- Band Director’s Report – Jeff Haas and John Luckenbill
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Fundraiser for Winter Guard – Roni Farfalla
 - Gift for Lynn Arnesen – Lorissa Lightman

Reports

- Band Council – Charlotte Ferraro
 - Mystery event is this Friday
 - Discussion about expenses
 - Distribution for magnets and T-shirts under control now
 - John Luckenbill: Need to transfer revenue for these from the shopify account to the band council account
- Treasurer’s Report – Jeff Tagliabue
 - Bank balance: \$36,572
 - Tides banquet budget shows collecting amount spent. Last year was a \$3,000 deficit. Tides is charging \$38.72 includes 20% service charge. Last year’s ticket price was \$40.
- Ad Journal – Lydia Neff
 - About 50 ad contracts received to date
 - Low on family ads
 - Deadline 11/1
- Marching Band Banquet – Mari Tagliabue
 - Went to Tides to discuss banquet
 - Met with Theresa van Sickle for handoff
 - Need to meet with John to change the invitation process (e.g. Brown Paper Tickets)
 - Need Everest artwork – John will send to Mari
- Band Directors' Report Jeff Haas & John Luckenbill
 - Successful Alumni night – about 60 people at the game
 - Interesting for them to meet students
 - Alumna Lisa Wagner organized reception at MacMurphy’s
 - Next big alumni event will be in 2022 – 100th anniversary of RHS band
 - Brickhouse will be booked for Jazz at the Brickhouse
 - One week away from confirming guest artist

Minutes – 10/11/2017

- Reached out to Darryl Bott to do clinics with curricular bands
- Today is the deadline for honor band – 17 from GW and 8 from BF
 - Saturday Nov. 18th
 - Wind Ensemble will fill out missing parts
- 7/8 Grade band day was a success – 78 attendees (45 8th graders 15 guard members)
- Marching Band members wrote handwritten letters to the attendees
- Yamaha Cup – band was awesome
- Blue Moon fundraiser for digital pianos is Monday
- Wind Ensemble playing Friday Dec 8th for NJ Wind Symphony. We have been invited to participate in a ticket sale program. Tickets are \$20 band association gets \$10. We'll handle this on Shopify.
- Dallas:
 - Not going well
 - Received 54 paid participants
 - Survey showed 73 yes, 73 no, and the rest are undecided out of 180
 - Asked why:
 - Conflicts
 - Price
 - Timing is bad
 - Possibly substitute a NYC overnight trip

- Citrus Sale – Eileen Karinokalas - submitted by email

Since we will have to decide about getting things printed up soon and we're a bit blind on what the Spring pricing will be for the fruit sale, we were thinking of adding a dollar to each item. Even if we don't raise the prices we would come out ahead (unless they had a completely unforeseen extreme price increase), but why take the hit if their prices don't come down for the Spring. If you want to go with \$2.00 - we could certainly make the case for that as well.

Product	2017 Spring LBG Price	2017 FALL post-Hurricane Price	Differential
Small Box Navel Oranges	16.40	18.04	+1.64
Small Box Red Grapefruit	11.35	12.96	+1.61
Fresh Medley (apples, oranges, pears)	16.03	18.76	+2.73
Citrus Sampler	24.06	28.40	+4.34

- Discussed increasing the price in order to get the printing completed, but deferred until grower provides the actual cost.
- Poinsettia Sales – Lorissa Lightman – submitted via email

I am in the process of getting ready for blitz day. Mostly photocopying, emailing people, and stuffing bags. Next week the real work begins as we assign students to teams, publicize the sale, and get ready for the big day. I have great people helping me. Vicki Moll is my co-chair, Alison Hunter is handling the merchant sale, and Dave Sayles is handling hospitality for both the blitz and the delivery. I will start actively recruiting volunteers once everyone knows whether they are driving a team around.

One thing to be aware of is that Lynn Arnesen is retiring. She is the teacher who has been helping us stuff all of those door hangers all these years. I don't know if her school will continue to help us out once she retires, but I will try to find out. I thought it would be nice for the band association to give her a gift for all of her years of service to the band. We could give her a gift card (Home Depot since she is moving). Another idea I just came up with is to give her

something from the RHS Bands online store so she can remember us--also this won't cost us anything extra.

- Marching Band Hospitality - Laura Galis and Alyssa Mathews – submitted via email
 - The Marching Band Hospitality has provided meals and snacks for the band this MS season for these events:
 1. MB Rookie Camp - pizza, water
 2. Football game snacks and water - Sept. 15th
 3. Pre-competition dinner and water, competition snack, pre & post performance water, Northern Highlands - Sept. 23rd
 4. Away Football game snacks and water - NVOT - Sept. 28th
 5. Pizza dinner for the band and more that 75 7/8th graders - Oct. 6th
 6. Football game snacks and water for the band and 75+ 7/8th graders - Oct.6th
 7. Pre-competition dinner and water, competition snack, pre & post performance water, Pequannock - Oct. 7th
 8. Football game snacks and water for the band and band alumni - Oct 13th
 9. Pre & post competition water, Taco Bar Dinner - Metlife Stadium, Oct. 14h
 - We are midway through the competition season - we have spent about 1/2 our budget - we still have 3 competitions and one home football game remaining (plus any possible playoffs) .
- Old Business
 - Trestle Sign has been reserved for 1/8 – 1/21
 - Roni Farfalla will work with Jeff Haas on design
 - Potentially put sign on the fence on Ridgewood Ave or on bleachers
 - Lorissa Lightman contacts Ridgewood News, North Jersey News, and Patch
 - Anne will ask Lorissa Lightman to contact town to get notice on town's electronic display
- New Business
 - Fundraiser for Winter Guard – Roni Farfalla
 - Went to a pocketbook bingo – profit \$4000 – sell tickets to attend, play bingo, winners get designer pocketbooks
 - Jeff concerned that this might take away from other fundraisers
 - Bingo would require NJ gaming license
 - None of other sections have fundraisers
 - If not for trip, could this fundraiser apply specifically to the Winter Guard
 - Roni is willing to chair it, but band association needs to fund the upfront cash.
 - Roni will research and bring info to next meeting
 - Use Google Sheet to check in students on blitz day
 - Gift for Lynn Arnesen – Lorissa Lightman
 - John Luckenbill considering purchasing basic sound equipment ~\$12,000 – would try to involve school in the purchase, but would also need a staff member

Motions

Motion	First	Second	Vote	Status
1. Approve the minutes	Mari Tagliabue	Roni Farfalla	9 For 0 Against	Approved
2. Present Lynn Arnesen with a Ridgewood blanket and \$25 Blue Moon gift card	John Luckenbill	Mari Taglibue	10 For 0 Against	Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36PM

Submitted by Jim Moran
RHS Band Association Secretary