

# **RMHS MUSIC BOOSTERS**

## **General Meeting Minutes**

August 14, 2025



### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President, Jackie Manola (Band/Orchestra/Theatre Parent)

Vice President, Dana Aguirre (Color Guard Parent)

Secretary, Michelle Nelson (Band Parent)

Treasurer, Mike Ackley (Band Parent)

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 6:33pm**

Attendance: Jackie Manola, Dana Aguirre, Stephanie Sutton, Anne Hansen, Julie Carlson, Melissa Gabriel, Tiffany Ferguson, Scott Scholten, Laura Toussaint, Tom Toussaint, Caitlyn Walsh, Katie Lockwoos, Colleen Haigh, Betsy North, Mike Ackley, Michelle Nelson, Kevin Carroll, Elliott Hile

### **APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES**

Motion: T.Ferguson, 2<sup>nd</sup>: D.Aguirre

### **TREASURER REPORT: M. Ackley**

New Treasurer readout

Vote to approve at the September meeting: Motion T.

Ferguson, 2<sup>nd</sup>: M. Ackley

M. Ackley to send out draft budget with questions in prep for September.

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Director of Bands, Elliott Hile [present]

Director of Orchestras, Kevin Carroll [present]

Director of Choir, Caitlyn Walsh [present]

Director of Theatre, Stephanie Svarz

Director of Color Guard, Tiffany Ferguson [present]

### **DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS**

- Band/Hile
  - Sponsorship Wrap-up
    - \$10,000 raised- 50% to students, 50% goes to music scholarships – details sent to the board. ~\$7K used last year on scholarships.
    - Waiting for all checks to come in.
  - Big thank you to all the parents and family who volunteered through band camp
  - Marching Band upcoming events:
    - 4 football games; first game 8/29
    - Competitions
      - Wheeling HS Sat Sep13
      - Prospect HS Sat Sep27
      - Marengo HS Sun Oct19
      - Sandwich HS Sun Oct19
  - Marching Band Volunteers Needed!!
    - Signup Genius! Biggest help needed is props and equipment

- Emails to be sent out from boosters too; Mr Hile will share contact info (helpful to hear from people other than him)
- Jazz Band Updates
  - Starts next week!
  - RM City Gigs
    - RM City Gigs: RM Library 9/26; 9/24 RM Food truck event
  - Clarifications needed on combo coach and guest artists support for this year. Process to be defined.
- Senior night will likely be last home game along with feeder night.
- Orchestra/Carroll
  - 20-25 new freshmen, looking to get families more involved
  - Calendar sent to Boosters – a couple key dates called out:
    - October 23 Fall Orchestra concert (first concert)
    - Nov 20 Junior High String Festival
    - Dec 4 Winter Concert (Holiday)
    - March 19 Spring Concert (Night at the Opera)
    - May 14 Last concert (dance theme)
  - Orchestra Winds, sign up sheet will go out next week
  - ILMEA auditions due October 1, will be encouraging students to apply
  - Discussion on uniform logistics
- Chorus/Walsh
  - Fine Arts activity kick off today
  - Spring Musical will be Putnam County Spelling Bee
  - Madrigals meet next week, some are going to Renaissance Faire this weekend
  - Night choir is a class students get credit for – starting Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, any interest connect with C. Walsh
  - October 28 Junior High Night
  - Need to coordinate uniform times – planning to come during lunch on 2 or 3 dates TBD by J. Manola
- Theater/Svarz
  - 24 Hour Play – August 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>, low commitment, performance is 7pm that Saturday
  - Fall Play – auditions Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, callbacks on Aug 29<sup>th</sup> : The Sparrow
- Color Guard/Ferguson
  - March 8<sup>th</sup> Cologuard Comp Date
  - Invite students to come to practices now for winter guard
- General Membership
  - SOSS Updates - S. Sutton

- 9/18/25 7pm @ Toscana Restaurant AH (Banquet Hall)
- Trying to get 80 in attendance
- Raffles are coming in
  - Looking for season tickets or gift cards, etc for silent auction
- Reminder for each area to contribute a basket or item; Melissa Gabriel to put together a basket for Band “local flavors” theme
- Tickets are live for purchase, \$50 per ticket covers food & space

## NEW BUSINESS

## OPEN DISCUSSION

### Fundraising:

- Portillos collaboration: E. Hile to set up Portillos Dine & Share, Dine & Share during JITM. T.Toussiant interested in helping out.
- Mattress Sale 2/22

### Apparel shop:

- Hile looking into get a “Prop Crew” shirt for parent volunteers
- Shop closing tomorrow 8/15

### JITM:

- Go through & lay out what each position that needs a shadow does – J. Manola to review & post. Put it out ahead of time.
- Sponsorship/Program Book : JITM - \$7100, 22 paying sponsors. Need to allocate space to the sponsors. T.Toussiant wants to start selling add space immediately.
  - \$1,668.72 cost to print, likely printed 1000? 2 boxes were left over from last year
- Schedule volunteer ZOOM, tie into Oct/Nov Booster Meetings

### Volunteer Needs:

- Looking for a Social Media Manager – should it be the same as the Website?

### Parent Social Events:

- Hile to schedule space at Reps for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the football games, a place for band parents to go, interact during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the game.
- Holiday meeting in Nov/Dec offsite, location TBD

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion: D. Aguirre, 2<sup>nd</sup>: T. Toussaint

## COMMUNICATION

Website: [www.rmhsmusicboosters.com](http://www.rmhsmusicboosters.com)

Facebook: (Page - Public) @rmhsmusicboosters

Facebook: (Group - Private) RMHS Music Booster Parents

Instagram:

@rm\_musicboosters

@rmhs\_choir

@rmhs\_bands

@meadowstheatre

Twitter:

@RMMusicBoosters

@rmhs\_bands

@RMFineArts

@RMHSOrchestras

@RMHSMustangs

@RMHS\_Chair

## COMMITTEE LEADS

- **Student Accounts**
- **Uniforms** (J. Manola **SHADOW NEEDED**)
  - **Sewing OPEN**
- **Hospitality OPEN**
- **Feeder School Relations** (T. Toussiant)
- **Website/Social Media Manager** (T. Ferguson, M. Culley **SHADOW**)
- **Jazz in the Meadows 2025** (T. Ferguson **SHADOW NEEDED**)
  - **Sponsorship/Program Book** (T.Toussiant)
  - **Festival Scoring Office** (M. Snider)
  - **Finance Chair** (B. North, M. Nelson **SHADOW**)
  - **Ticket Sales** (S. Sutton)
  - **Security**  
Band Ambassador (Indoor) Amy Procarioni  
Bus Greeters (Outdoors) (C. Ferguson)
  - **Judges Hospitality** (C. Olson **SHADOW NEEDED**)
  - **Souvenirs** (V. Giurato)
  - **Cafeteria/Concessions** (V. Manola)
  - **Info Office** (T. Toussaint & L. Toussaint)
  - **Emcees** (J. Manola)
  - **Volunteer Coordinator** (D. Aguirre **SHADOW NEEDED**)

## VOLUNTEER LEADS

- **Spirit Wear** (Directors)
- **Dining Nights** (S. Matras)
- **Cookie Sales** (M. Gabriel; **A. Procarioni SHADOW**)
- **Social Media (OPEN)**
- **Volunteer Coordinator** (D. Aguirre)

## FUNDRAISER LEADS

- **Butterbraids / Cakerolls** (L. Bolash)
- **Coffee** (S. Sutton)
- **Sponsorships** (E. Hile)
- **Symphony of Spirits** (S. Sutton)
- **Mattress Sale** (E. Hile)
- **Yard Signs** (C. Olsen, J. Matzin)

## REPRESENTATIVES

- **Choral Representative** (A. Hansen, B. North)
- **Color Guard Rep** (C. Dirksen)
- **Orchestra Rep** (S. Sutton)
- **Theatre Rep** (A. Hansen)

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BOOSTERS > COMMITTEES  
for our committee leads and latest volunteer needs!**