

RMHS MUSIC BOOSTERS

General Meeting Minutes

October 9, 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 6:32pm

Attendance (Board): Jackie Manola, Dana Aguirre, Michelle Nelson, Mike Ackley

Attendance (Faculty / Advisors): Elliott Hile, Kevin Carroll, Tiffany Ferguson, Scott Sholten

Attendance (Members): Julie Carlson, Melissa Gabriel, Katie Lockwood, Laura Toussaint, Tom Toussaint

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Motion: Tom Toussaint; 2nd: Dana Aguirre

TREASURER REPORT: M. Ackley

Budget/Account Status (Checking/Savings)

- Budget update discussion

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director of Bands, Elliott Hile

Director of Orchestras, Kevin Carroll

Director of Choir, Caitlyn Walsh

Director of Theatre, Stephanie Svarz

Director of Color Guard, Tiffany Ferguson

DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS

- Band/Hile
 - **1.) Marching Band Updates:**
 - **Parent Road Crew - Thank You!**
 - **Upcoming Games and Competitions**
(Dates)
 - -10/12: Marengo Competition
 - -10/19: Sandwich Competition
 - -10/24: Home Game/Mass Band Night/Senior Night/5th Quarter
 - Senior night schedule in progress (will be before the game), will be sent out
 - **October 24 Updates:**
 - **-Middle School shirt order invoice sent via email (Budget: Program Support, T-Shirts)**
 - **-Pizza Numbers sent via email (Budget: Band Director Discretion)**
 - **-Senior Vinyl Banners Ordered! Need follow-ups on student account transfers (Hile has list)**

- Vinyl banners - add to the Boosters budget for next year?

- **- "5th Quarter": 9PM in Main Gym (4th Quarter of Football Game)**
- **Playoff game will likely be October 31 or November 1.**
- **2.) Jazz Band Update:**
- **-Portillo's Gig = SUCCESS!**
 - Will work on carpooling/van in future for offsite events
- **-Jazz Combos have an upcoming gig (D214 Board of Ed)**
- **-Combo Concert Moved to Nov 5th (From Nov. 4th)**
- **-Tues Nov. 18 Jazz Band Concert ft. Guest Artist: Janelle Finton**
- **3.) Upcoming Band Notes:**
- **-Oct 20-24: Band Placement Auditions**
- **-Oct 20-24: Masterclasses for every instrument and section (will work on invoices)**
- **-Oct 22: Last Wed Marching Rehearsal!**
- **-Oct 23: *Mostly Bones* coming to perform for students and clinic with jazz students.**
- **-Oct 29: Marching band awards**
- **4.) Halloween Concert (Oct 30) - CANCELLED**
 - **-Too challenging with schedule over the next few weeks to prepare music.**
 - **-Next year!**
- **4.) ILMEA District Results - Next Week!**
- **5.) Music Trip 26-27 - December is the Goal for Approval**
- Fundraiser Ideas
- O' That Jazz: O' That Jazz is a happy hour/silent auction in support of the O'Fallon Panther Band Boosters. The spring event will include the great performances from the O'Fallon Jazz Band, in a more casual environment to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.
- Golf Outing
- Craft Show
- Band on the Run 5K
- Band Community Day:
 - Vendors, Food Trucks, Flag Football Game, Raffles and the Premiere Performance of the RMHS 2026 Show!
- Orchestra/Carroll
 - Next week fieldtrip to CSO
 - Fall Concert Thursday Oct 23
 - Junior High String night – Nov 20 @RMHS theater; **looking for Booster representation**
 - Will need t-shirts, provide #s when available
 - Spirit Wear currently open
 - New Violin/Viola teacher available for private lessons; reach out to Mr Carroll
- Chorus/Walsh

- Choir members had a great time at the annual Voices of D214 schools at Prospect last month. They worked with a wonderful guest conductor and sang with choirs from all of the other D214 schools.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the Choir Homecoming Tailgate Party! Special thanks to [Anne Hansen](#) & [Stephanie Sutton](#) for helping with set-up. Choir members had fun performing for the Coronation Assembly and Pregame Show
- D214 Honor Choir rehearsals start later this month.
- We have 35 Music Honor Society members this year. Students will be volunteering at various RMHS music events, mentoring feeder school students, and performing in the community throughout the year. There is no formal recital or induction ceremony this year; however, students have the opportunity to perform at Open Mic nights on Friday 11/21 and Friday 3/13 at 7p in the Black Box.
- Fall Choral Festival is on Tuesday, 10/28 @ 7p in the Theater! We are so excited to host over 100 students from Carl Sandburg, Holmes, and South again this year.
 - \$500 needed from Boosters made out to RMHS Choir to help cover cost of shirts.
- **SAVE THE DATE!**
 - 39th Annual Madrigal Dinner will be held on Sunday 12/14 @ 5p at The Cotillion
- 2025 Senior Gift Night
 - Going to see Phantom of the Opera on Sunday 12/21 @ 6:30p at The Cadillac Palace Theater. Thank you Boosters for the tickets!
- Seeking updated student account balances, post-butterbraid sales

- Theater/Svarz
- Color Guard/Ferguson

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

- SOSS Recap
 - 72 Tickets sold, close to actual attendance
 - Income
 - Ticket Sales: \$3600
 - Auction: \$480
 - Raffle tickets: \$520
 - Cash: \$745
- Expense: (Food & Tip): \$2160
- Net Profit **\$3185**
- Fees were taken at the event for raffle tickets & auction items.

- No square fees taken on any ticket sales
- To include the fee for each ticket in the future, ticket cost would be \$51.40
- Yard Sale Signs Recap
 - 36 sales this year (2 raffled off at SOSS), compared to last year with 52 sales.
 - Not sure the message got out to all different groups. Band/Drumline/Guard accounted for 28 of the 36 orders.
 - [Catherine Olson](#) will email everyone with pickup instructions no later than 10/24.
 - Still seeking 1 raffle winner from SOSS!!
- Simply Shipped Fundraiser in November
 - 11/1-11/17
 - Items ship direct within 5 business days
 - Over 14 different categories to choose from including coffee, tea, food items, soaps, etc.
 - <https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/5Y69>
- Seeking an Orchestra parent to shadow Stephanie Sutton this year, as she may move to theatre rep in the coming school year.
- Choir rep is also graduating, so need to start looking for a replacement

NEW BUSINESS

- Student accounts- look into a more efficient process, potentially a Google Form?
- Consider selling cookies at other RMHS competitions – A Procarioni consideration? Next year each section own cookie sales each game?
- Look into RaiseRight
- Create a Music Boosters directory

OPEN DISCUSSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Tiffany Furgusen, 2nd Mike Ackley

COMMUNICATION

Website: 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, moving to a committee**)
 - **Sewing OPEN**
- **Hospitality OPEN**

- **Feeder School Relations** (T. Toussiant)
- **Website** (T. Ferguson, M. Culley **SHADOW**)
- **Jazz in the Meadows 2025** (T. Ferguson, S. Boucher/J.Manola **SHADOW**)
 - **Sponsorship/Program Book** (T.Toussiant)
 - **Festival Scoring Office** (M. Kossack)
 - **Finance Chair** (B. North, Michelle 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)

VOLUNTEER LEADS

- **Spirit Wear** (Directors)
- **Dining Nights** (S. Matras)
- **Cookie Sales** (Currently M. Gabriel, 26-27 A. Procarione)
- **Social Media** (K. Lockwood)
- **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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RMHS MUSIC BOOSTER WEBSITE:
BOOSTERS > COMMITTEES
for our committee leads and latest volunteer needs!**