

Minutes for Monthly Ridge Point Band Booster Club Meeting February 5, 2019

In attendance: Rachel Wallace, Greg Davis, Michael Beckelman, John Hurter, Tracey Alexander, Stephanie Peitsch, Nisha Shah, Simonette Wolf, Kathleen Alcorn, Melannie Boullion, Maria Castillo, Leticia Castillo, Nick DiPaola, Linda DiPaola, Simonette Wolf, and Vanessa Santiago.

Board President (Wallace) called meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of previous meeting minutes.

Beckelman proposed that the Board approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Alexander was the seconder. The motion carries.

Board Reports

President (Wallace)

- The jazz concert with Baines will be held 2/9/19 at RPHS from 7-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10. Been Here Coffee is donating the coffee. Parents are donating baked goods. \$300 will be going to the Baines Band. RPHS band members were asked to sell 15 tickets.
- Jazz on the Hill will be 5/11/19. Wallace asks board members to help by composing a letter to invite food trucks to attend. Bands that attend will be provided a meal courtesy of the band boosters.
- Banquet and Rock In will be April 6, 2019. Several volunteers are signed up to help, but more are needed. There will be a DJ, laser tag, and dodge ball. Custodian has already been contacted.
- Wallace was contacted by FBISD nutrition department and stated that the band could sell pizza every other week. RPHS Royals were going to sell pizza the other weeks. Wallace reminded the nutrition department that a contract was signed allowing the band to sell weekly. Because of this Wallace is concerned that the band will not be able to sell pizza next year as the primary fundraiser. Other fundraiser ideas are:
 - A capital campaign focusing on alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends.
 - Snap raise (Davis)
 - Discount card focusing on dining restaurants including Sienna area restaurants. There is a possibility of raising \$9,500 if 100 band students sold five cards for \$20 each. There may even be incentives for students to sell more than five cards. Volunteers will be needed to ask area restaurants to participate in the discount program. Possibilities include free appetizers or deserts. Parent participation in exchange for fees is tabled for future discussion.
- Possibility of inviting corporate sponsors to last two performance of the year on 2/12/2019 and 5/14/2019 to show appreciation. Next year's sponsors will be invited to every performance.

Vice President Report (Alexander)

- Payments for Schlitterbaun trip on 4/27/2019 will be collected from March 18-29. The cost will be between \$75-\$80. This will include transportation.
- Disney 2020 trip will be 1/29/20 – 2/2/20.
- Trouvaille Meetings & Events will organize the trip for \$30 per student. This fee will be included in the cost of the trip which will not exceed \$1,500 per student. Trouvaille Meetings & Events will plan all aspects of trip:
 - Travel and hotel, meals, snacks, coordination of workshop, trip itinerary, manage overall budget, ordering trip t-shirt/bag, general supplies, pre-trip meeting, on-site management of pre-trip, departure day, and onsite logistics.
 - \$50 per student trip insurance will also be included in the \$1,500 fee.
- **Alexander proposed to approve \$30 student fee for trip planning by Trouvaille Meetings & Events and up to \$50 for trip insurance. Peitsch was the seconder. The motion carries.**

Directors Report (Davis)

- Davis proposes for Saldana (not in attendance-ill) to approve trip costs for Mr. Toth to visit twice. The first visit will be in May to teach dance fundamentals and again in August for two days. Directors believe there is an advantage to having Toth visit twice because the show will be taught more quickly and with a higher quality. Discussion and questions from band board members. Toth visits tabled for another meeting.
- Band will receive new uniforms for the 2020-21 school year. There will be a bid process. Marching and formal uniforms will be purchased.
- Davis gives update on performances. There will be a mid-winter concert on 2/12/19 and Pre-UIL 3/20/19.

Treasurers Report (Shah/Alcorn)

- The operating account has a balance of \$98,807.03. Funds available \$44,926.03.
- \$4,825 total scholarships have been paid out. Money needs to be transferred for the difference.
- Some students still have balances and treasures are working to have students complete fee payments. Balance slips will be sent home via directors 2/6/19.
- The purchasing process needs to be included into the by-laws for future spending decisions so all is clear for board and directors.
- Money will be moved from reserves to scholarship (and also using for private lesson fund) and trailer maintenance. \$10,000 for scholarship fund and \$5,000 for trailer maintenance. This was approved in spring 2018 so no need to approve as it was previously approved.
- Meal allowance of \$15 was given to Winter Guard members who are paid in full for 1/25/19 contest. (One member was given \$10 because she owed \$10,

and that was deducted from balance.) Cash withdrawn from booster bank account.

- Issues with Winter Guard members paying their fees. Alcorn will give balance slips to Charro to distribute. Meal money will not be given to students who have not paid. Charro will begin providing a list of members who will be attending contests a few days in advance. Email will serve as invoice for cash withdraw. There are currently 35 members in Winter Guard. If all are in attendance the total for each contest would be \$525.00.
- **Wallace proposed to pay \$15 meal allowance for contests to Winter Guard members who have paid fees. Hurter is the seconder. The motion carries.**
- E-motions to ratify:
 - \$21.23 paid to Rachel Wallace to reimburse her for a card and fruit delivered to Mr. Watts as a get well gift from the band boosters. Not in budget. Passed 1/26/19
 - \$1,000 paid to Fleming Instrument Repair for jazz specific mouthpieces for Jazz Band. In budget. Passed 1/26/19
 - An extra \$205.97 to be paid to Houston Pizza Venture to pay for pizzas for the side by side concert. \$200.98 was spent on drinks and snacks, and we owed \$504.99 for pizzas for a total of \$705.97. Not in budget but can be covered by the food budget. Passed 2/2/19
- **Alexander proposed to ratify e-motions. Beckelman was the seconder. The motion carries.**

Parliamentarian (Hurter)

- Nomination committee to be formed to complete the nomination process. During the February meeting the nomination committee is selected. During the March meeting the board members will be confirmed. The new board members will be elected in April. The new board will be installed in May. Peitsch suggests that a guard parent be part of the board.

Yearbooks (DiPaola)

- Linda DiPaola will be in charge of Yearbook Lite band yearbooks. Yearbook price is \$13. Yearbooks will also be given to sponsors. This will cost \$870 for 70 yearbooks. **Alexander proposed to approve no more than \$875 to Yearbook Lite for yearbooks. Peitsch was the seconder. The motion carries.**

Adjournment at 7:55 p.m.

Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the band hall.

Minutes typed by Melannie Boullion

President: _____

