

Ridge Point Band Boosters
Monthly Board Meeting – Band Hall
August 3, 2021 @ 7:00pm

MINUTES

Board Present:

President	Brenda Prezas
Vice President	Monica Ray
Treasurer	Kristen Belbin
Asst. Treasurer	Jennifer Major - absent
Communications Director	Kristen Blomstrom
Secretary	Corrie Da Vera Cruz
Parliamentarian	Shanda Guillory-McClure
Member-At-Large	Seema Weinig
Member-At-Large	Kevin Sareen

Board Not Available:

Jennifer Major

Directors:

Luis Saldaña

Other Attendees: Kristin Tassin, Leslie Piwowar, Tim Piwowar, Kristie Price, Rachel Wallace, Rob Blomstrom, Grace Koennecke, Claudia Hernandez, Wendy Chopin, Sara Nguyen

Call to Order (Prezas)

- Called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- Approval of minutes from June meeting. Shanda Guillory-McClure Motioned. Kristen Belbin Seconded. Minutes were approved.

Board Reports

Directors (Saldaña/Burson/Baños)

- Summer band is in full swing!
- Performance for families will be in the Auditorium on Friday, August 6th, in the evening.
- There will be rehearsal on Monday, August 9th, but no rehearsal on Tuesday, August 10th.

President (Prezas)

- Registration—90% of students are registered
- Parent Meeting and Meet & Greet planned for Friday, August 6, 2021
 - Plan to discuss general information with parents regarding upcoming marching season
 - Volunteer recruiting needs for pizza sales, chaperones, pit crew, meal crew
 - Board Member and Committee Chairs please be available at Meet & Greet (name tags, position/committee)

- Lift gate for band trailer
 - Needs of the band program have grown to the point where it is a safety issue for student and parent Pit Crew as well as ensuring the best care for large instruments and equipment.
 - Have contacted WB, Services for quote on installation of cantilever lift gate and waiting on reply with facts & figures
 - Installation will take approximately 1 week once the parts arrive – due to labor shortages this may actually take longer so should consider that when planning
 - Either the band program or WB, Services to provide transport of trailer
- Trailer needs to be inspected and possible repairs will be needed. This is done annually and will be scheduled soon.
- Need to update bylaws to reflect accurate description & distribution of duties of Executive Board members. Shandra Guillory-McClure will lead the update.
 - Last update in 2018
 - Need to be revised/updated every 3-5 years
- Chaperone planning—number of buses for games. No one is aware of requirements for social distancing on buses so we will assume that there will be the same number as pre-pandemic which was 5 busses. May consider requesting six but need a roster in order to request – be sure to include chaperones in count.

Vice President (Ray)

- Sponsorships—Set a goal to raise \$20K; final total \$23,150. This year we have 29 corporate and 5 sponsors. Claudia Hernandez is ordering plaques and will prepare gift bags for corporate sponsors later this month. Great Job getting those sponsors Claudia!
 - Need group picture of students for one of the plaques (Dr. Gee). Consider taking after a game.
 - Need to update trailer decals to reflect this year’s sponsors as applicable by sponsor level.
 - The consensus is that we should purchase a new banner to display at games with sponsors listed.

Treasurers Report (Belbin/Major)

- Financial Reports finished & emailed.
- Audit scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 9am in band hall.
- Students that have not paid their band fees; looking for the best way to contact these families for payment. Initially an email will be sent from Kristen Belbin.
- Please email any band expenses with Check Payment Request Form to treasurers@rpband.org or place it in the secure booster band box in the band room. The form is also available on the booster website. A tax exempt form can be obtained from Kristen Belbin and presented to merchants so that tax is not paid.

Check Approvals/E-motions To Ratify

- E-Motion to pay Mr. Garrett Tagliabue \$720.00. Mr. Tagliabue has assisted Mr. Banos with RPHS Percussion Camp in preparation for the upcoming 2021-2022 season. (6/24 approval). Brenda Prezas Motioned. Shanda Guillory-McClure Seconded. The e-motion was ratified.

- E-Motion to pay Mr. Bensen Kwan \$1,656.00. Mr. Kwan has assisted Mr. Banos with RPHS Percussion Camp in preparation for the upcoming 2021-2022 season. (6/24 approval). Brenda Prezas Motioned. Shanda Guillory-McClure Seconded. The e-motion was ratified.
- E-motion to pay Sienna Cleaners \$1,387.76. This is for the concert uniforms that were be delivered on Friday, July 9th. (7/7 approved). Brenda Prezas Motioned. Shanda Guillory-McClure Seconded. The e-motion was ratified.
- E-motion to pay Ms. Elizabeth Clark \$2,262.50. This is reimbursement for her payment to Fritz Chair for 125 RPHS Band juguzzi's. (7/27 approval). Brenda Prezas Motioned. Shanda Guillory-McClure Seconded. The e-motion was ratified.

Communications Report (Blomstrom)

- Instagram account—Drum Majors have asked about the possibility of having more input into what gets posted. Mr. Saldaña stated he and Blomstrom will continue to oversee social media postings to the band booster accounts. He also stated the Drum Majors are aware they must continue submitting posts requests to Blomstrom.
- Consider getting liability insurance for social media.

Parliamentarian (Guillory-McClure)

None

Secretary (Da Vera Cruz)

None

Member-at-Large (Blanchard/Weinig)

None

Committee Reports

Fundraising (Tassin)

- Update on planned pizza sales and other fundraising plans for the year.
- Will be communicating needs for future volunteers.
- Pizza sales will be outside in the back by the football doors. Volunteers do not need to check in the front desk and can park by the curb. Pappa Johns will deliver to the back of the school. The first lunch starts at 11:20 so volunteers should get there by 11:00. Potential to raise \$25,000 or more from this fundraiser. The Royals will be hosting some of the weeks and the volunteer calendar reflects the weeks the band will be doing the pizza sales.
- Considering selling flowers and candy grams for students as an additional fundraiser. May want to consider additional items boys would be interested in receiving.
- Big annual fundraiser being planned – Panther Palooza Music Festival! Will include Ridge Point and middle school bands. Each school will perform, and the headliner will be an 80s cover band. Festival will be on the field behind the school. Planning for silent auction, food trucks, instrument petting zoo and dunk the band director. Planned for April 9th in the afternoon. Tickets for entry, food, etc. will be used to raise money plus there will be sponsorship. Consider eventually to be modeled after the Denton Jazz and Arts Festival.

- Businesses have been expressing interest in additional sponsorship. Claudia Hernandez will communicate with Brenda Prezas potential opportunities.

Merchandise (Clark/Yavar)

- Spirit Wear should arrive in the next few weeks.
- Students' shirts/shorts/caps, etc – shorts and sponsor shirts have already arrived.

Pit Crew (Henderson)

- Will meet with directors to discuss trailer organization/loading needs before first football game.

Uniforms (McDonald)

- Uniform Fitting on July 31st—about 86% of band students (other than color guard)
- Uniform Fitting Makeup on Friday, August 6th 12pm-2pm
- Order for marching shoes went in today and should arrive in two weeks.

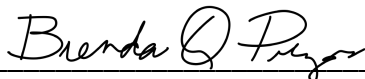
New Business

None

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.
- Next board meeting is set for September 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes typed by Corrie Da Vera Cruz



Brenda Prezas, President