

Ridge Point Band Boosters
Monthly Board Meeting - Virtual
September 2, 2020 @ 6:30pm

MINUTES

Board Present:

President	Brenda Prezas
VP	Rachel Wallace
Treasurer	Kristen Belbin
Asst. Treasurer	Simonette Wolf - absent
Communications Director	Kristen Blomstrom
Secretary	Heather Sanderson
Parliamentarian	Stephanie Peitsch
Member-At-Large	Mary Blanchard
Member-At-Large	Seema Weinig

Board Not Available:

Simonette Wolf, Asst. Treasurer

Directors:

Luis Saldaña

Other Attendees: Carolyn Borak, Linda DiPaola, Monica Ray, Kristie Price, Betsy Clark, Roland Koennecke, Rodney Barnes, Michelle Ruben, Betty Yavar, Sara Nguyen, Linda Gaither, Beatriz Collado, Alka Parekh, Nisha Shah

Call to Order (Prezas)

- Called meeting to order at 6:34pm.
- Approval of August Minutes – 8/11/20 meeting. Rachel Wallace motioned. Kristen Belbin seconded. Meeting minutes approved.

Board Reports

Directors (Saldaña/Burson/Baños)

- Possibility of Resumption of UIL Activities (aka "face to face" Marching Band Rehearsals)
 - Depending on decision made this evening by Board of Trustees.
 - We have a plan created for both outcomes
 - If B.O.T. decides to permit these activities:
 - Our Ridge Point HS Band Plan will be revealed on September 3rd.
 - Band/Dance Rehearsals (across FBISD) would begin September 21st
 - All information will be sent via Charms on Sept 3rd.
- SM Microphone/Blue Book have arrived. Pick up this Saturday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Mr. Saldaña will be ordering special masks and instrument covers for COVID protection.
 - For after school marching band rehearsal use and "Face to Face" instructional option during school day

- Linda DiPaola is assisting with researching appropriate PPE at the best price
- Private Lessons - Please sign up! Students need especially during virtual learning.
- Virtual Fight Song Performance
 - Mr. Baños has almost finished. Should be ready for newsletter this Sunday.
 - Next phase is getting members of the Ridge Point community involved.
- What's on the foreseeable horizon (that's within OUR control)
 - All Region Jazz Auditions - October
 - All Region Band Auditions - November
 - Recording Projects
 - Virtual Performances for:
 - Full Marching Band
 - Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band/Concert Band/Percussion/Color Guard/Winter Guard
 - Chamber Music
 - Multi-Track by Single Student
 - Multiple Students via recording app

President (Prezas)

- Recent email scam - Currently updating board & committee emails. Requests for donations will be sent out via official mass email (similar to newsletter).
- Medical History/Physical Exam forms - Still missing a lot. Will create a list to remind families.
- Committee positions still needing to be filled: Band Banquet (depends on where we are with F2F)

Vice President (Wallace)

None

Treasurers Report (Belbin/Wolf)

- Audit update - to be completed by September 5th
- Working on adding student refunds to the system.

Financial Review - deferred at this time until the refunds are completed.

Check approvals

- Check Amounts for Summer Band Sectional Coaches
 - Amanda Sanderson (Clarinet) \$1,234.99
 - Andrew Schoen (Saxophone) \$120.00
 - Dominique Reilley (Flute) \$120.00
 - Note: Awaiting W9 form
 - Lilia Gamez (Flute) \$735.95
 - Note: awaiting receipt for one month pro subscription to Zoom
 - Nicholas Bissen (Saxophone) - \$960.00
- Brenda Prezas motioned to approve the checks. Rachel Wallace seconded. Motion passed.

- Also, we had Mr. Jason Finnels (RTMS) and Mr. Christopher Song (BMS) teach for us during summer band. Mr. Saldaña has not received W9s or invoices from them. As soon as he does, he'll submit them for to be approved either via e-motion or at the next board meeting.

E-motions To Ratify

- Passed 08/20/2020. Payment to Romeo Music, LLC in amount of \$1,112.00 for Smartmusic microphones for students. Cost is for 52 microphones at \$21 each with \$20 shipping. This is in budget but needed approval due to amount greater than \$500.
 - Kristen Belbin moved. Kristen Blomstrom seconded. Motion passed.

Communications Report (Blomstrom)

None

Parliamentarian (Peitsch)

None

Secretary (Sanderson)

None

Member-at-Large (Blanchard/Weinig)

None

Committee Reports

Merchandise (Clark/Yavar)

- Sponsor shirts order to be placed on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. Pre-order extended until Monday, Sept. 7th. Monica Ray will share on social media.
- Considering creating Band & Guard logo masks for fans. Merchandise team will survey the families to check interest. The market may be flooded, and they can be expensive to buy.

New Business

- The band will perform at in-district football games at Hall & Mercer Stadiums only. Parents will need to transport.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.
- Next board meeting is set for October 6, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Minutes typed by Heather Sanderson


Brenda Prezas, President