

## **Minutes for Monthly Ridge Point Band Booster Club Meeting: October 18, 2016**

Board President (Zvonek) called meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

In attendance: Missy Masters, Scott Masters, Wayne Ouellette, Lourie Moore, Christy Stephens, Lisa Landry, Ray Waters, Michelle Henson, Jean Wall, Leah Smith, Tammy Navarro, Carmell Zvonek, Meghan Harris, Jenneane Cardenas, Elisa Garcia, Lanie Hauschel, Denise Shanar, Dr. Barnes, Greg Davis, Melannie Boullion.

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

**Zvonek proposed that the Board approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Hauschel was the seconder. The motion carried.**

### Board Reports

#### President (Zvonek)

- Kim Curet is in charge of senior pinning night on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Hall Stadium (Ridge Point VS Hightower Tollway Cup Game). Claudia Seranil will co-chair. Pinning will be pregame and lineup will begin at 6:15 p.m. Game will be televised and will begin at 7:00 p.m. Information will be sent out to senior parents and included in the newsletter.

#### Treasurers Report (Landry/Hauschel)

- Financials as of September 30, 2016: \$51,641.34 in regular checking account.
- Landry motioned to amend first tax-free date for merchandise from September 20, 2016 to September 21, 2016. Waters was the seconder. The motion carried.
- Landry motioned for second tax-free date for merchandise to be October 28, 2016. Zvonek was the seconder. The motion carried.
- \$627.66 to Denise Shanar for meals on September 29, 2016 (Homecoming Pep Rally)
- \$1,349.71 to Denise Shanar for meals on October 15, 2016 (Dulles game)
- \$2,114.57 to Denise Shanar for meals on October 8, 2016 (Sam Houston Marching Festival)
- \$875.00 to Top Flight Trucking & Logistics, LLC for trailer driver to/from SHSU marching contest on October 8, 2016 (outside of FBISD contract). Roadrunner refused to accept liability for scratching the trailer on Sep. 23 (Fort Bend County Fair) Roadrunner then refused to drive for the band anymore. Top Flight Trucking is the replacement company. Will try to get reimbursed by the district. Zvonek motioned to approve expenditures. Cardenas was the seconder. The motion carried.

#### Directors Report (Barnes/Davis)

- Band will be split into two bands for play-off games. Students will have an option not to go to every play-off game, only the one they are assigned. They can still attend all games if they choose. For the Thanksgiving play-off game all students that are available will be asked to attend.
- Top Flight Trucking has been approved by the district and will be now be used.
- Baines and First Colony Middle Schools will be participating with the RPHS band at football game on October 22, 2016.
- Directors are concerned about the small size of the band hall. When the entire band practices in the band hall, they are 60 people over capacity. Discussions have begun with the Fine Arts Department Director about the potential to expand facilities. Document submitted to RPHS Principal to prove that band has outgrown facilities, and there are no future plans from the district to expand the facilities. Directors were told by Principal that facilities would not be expanded at this time. Directors added that the Sienna Plantation neighborhood is growing, an additional middle school will be built, however there are no future plans from FBISD to expand facilities.
- Question arose from the directors: What do we do about small facilities? The choices are: expand facilities, or limit the number of students allowed in the marching band. Discussion followed about the size of the band for competition. Concern is expressed that RP band will be unfairly judged at the competitive level because of their size (compared to other competitive programs). Discussion followed about Baines Middle School's new track and field being mostly funded by LID. Facilities would have to be open to the public for such funding. A parent suggested appealing to FBISD school board members for help. Portable buildings were also suggested.

#### Communications (Waters)

- Waters requests parents to continue to send pictures of the band for the website.
- Waters confirms schedule from UIL contest to Area contest.
- November 3, 2016 is panoramic picture night. Band will set up at RPHS in one of the gyms to have the picture taken.

#### VP Fundraising (Navarro)

- Route for march-a-thon adjusted on Scanlan Trace.
- Laurie Moore filled the need of a volunteer to drive behind band for medical emergencies.
- All rest stations have volunteers.
- In need of water and Gatorade donations.
- As an incentive for fundraising for March-A-Thon, Directors will be dunked in a dunking booth on October 27, 2016.
- Discussion of having a lawn concert for a band member who has cancer.
- Masters will take pictures of both bands on their routes.
- Only high school band at the amphitheater.

- Fort Bend County Sheriff will help with both routes.

#### VP Sponsorship (Zvonek for Samson)

- Zvonek spoke for Samson. Goody bags on track for sponsors.

#### Committee Reports

##### Chaperones (Henson/Cardenas)

- Stand rules clarified: no cell phones and no food.
- Discussion about band playing more stand tunes.

##### Historian (Masters)

- If 150 band yearbooks are presold, then yearbook will contain four more pages. Preorders will be available now through January 2017.
- Yearbooks will cost \$10 if 150 people preorder, cost will be \$14 if 100 or less preorder.
- Zvonek suggested waiting to submit yearbook for publication to see if band makes it to state.

##### Band Trips (Stephens)

- FBISD has approved necessary forms.
- Information on registration and volunteers: students 132, chaperones 12, medical 2, directors 5, administrator 1. A total of 152 are scheduled to go on the Disney trip.
- Outstanding items:
  - Ground transportation in Houston through FBISD
  - Universal Orlando park tickets and meal vouchers (order and payment due December 1, 2016)
  - WDW park tickets and meal vouchers (order and payment due December 1, 2016)
  - Hotel (rooming list and final payment due December 19, 2016)
  - Air (passenger lists and final payment due December 19, 2016)
  - T-shirts (payment due date TBD)
  - Cash to cover airport meal on return home (request to be submitted mid-January 2017)
  - Baggage fees (to be paid at airport; CCS will request reimbursement post-trip)
  - Miscellaneous: registration fees, bag tags, postage, chaperone supplies, medical supplies
  - Date to post rooming list sign-ups (before December 19, 2016)
  - Date to confirm chaperone group assignments by sleeping room (before December 19, 2016)
  - Date for medication drop-off/baggage drop off
- Some band families organized a fundraising event and will be donating the proceeds towards the Disney trip.

- Confirmed cost per person
  - Students \$1,200, scholarship students \$600, chaperones \$600
- The date for the mandatory parent/student pre-trip meeting is January 26, 2017 at either 6:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Parent and student must sign in at the meeting.

Late Cancellations – After October 1<sup>st</sup>

- Stephens has been receiving cancellations after the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The contract stipulates no refund after October 1<sup>st</sup>, no exceptions.
- Options for providing refunds were discussed. **Stephens motioned that boosters amend the refund policy for the Disney trip to allow cancellations after October 1, 2016 with a refund amount to be determined after November 15, 2016. M. Masters was the seconder. The motion carried.**

New/Other Business/Motions

E-motions to Approve

- \$500.00 to lacy Orsak for summer band clinician payment
- \$854.93 to Dry Clean Super Center for hemming/pressing of black marching bibs.
- \$1,407.06 to Denise Shanar for meal expenses (Stratford game)
- \$844.01 to Denise Shanar for meal expenses (Kingwood game)
- \$1,357.78 to Denise Shanar for meal expenses (Lamar Consolidated game)
- \$6,960.50 to Leonetti Graphics, Inc. for sponsor shirts and merchandise
- \$1,177.40 to Denise Shanar for meal expenses (Fort Bend County Fair parade)
- \$1,513.50 to Denise Shanar for meal expenses (Friendswood contest)
- \$1,515.88 to Denise Shanar for meal expenses (Kempner game)

**Waters motioned to approve all E-motions. Zvonek was the seconder. The motion carried.**

Board President adjourned meeting at 7:41 p.m. Next meeting will be held at Center Court Pizza on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes prepared by Melannie Boullion

