

Ridge Point Band Booster Club – Board & Parent Meeting, October 9, 2013
6:00 – 7:30 PM
Minutes

AGENDA

- The meeting of the RPBB was called to order by Linn Miller at 6:00pm on October 9, 2013.
- The minutes of September 11, 2013 were reviewed. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as written.

BOARD REPORTS

- **Treasurers Report** (Vega/Harris)
 - Update on 2013-14 Band Fees – Jennifer Vega reported that there is currently \$8400 in outstanding band fees; the deadline to pay these was October 1, 2013. It was moved and seconded to require payment in full of band fees on or before November 15, 2013 to remain in good standing and attend the Disney trip; there are absolutely no extensions on this deadline.
 - Financial Review – Monthly financial reports were emailed to each Board Member in advance of the meeting for review. No questions or concerns were noted.
 - Refunds – The issue of refunds due to students who registered for band and guard but then dropped out at some point before the first day of school. It was moved and seconded to issue refunds in full less any actual incurred costs for items such as shirts, shoes, gloves, etc. It was also suggested that a very specific refund policy should be considered for the future and clearly communicated to all band and guard participants in advance.
- **Directors Report**
 - Winter Guard – Mr. Lee reported that the cost for writing the Winter Guard show – typically \$2000-\$3000 – is not currently allocated in the budget. It was noted that these funds were initially included in the draft budget, but were removed as Ms. Moreno indicated that she could write the show, however this is no longer a possibility. Consideration of this funding is essential to the Winter Guard program and approval for this is needed to ensure the program is ready in time. At this time, Winter Guard is expected to participate in 5 shows plus competitions. It was recommended to table further discussion pending additional information regarding the actual cost and Ms. Moreno's role in helping to design the show.
 - Winter Drum Line – Mr. Lee proposed starting a Winter Drum Line of approximately 15-20 percussionists in addition to Winter Guard. Although Winter Drum Line will result in additional costs, it could also help alleviate costs to individual Winter Guard members as the total cost for things such as transportation will be spread across a greater number of participants. Before proceeding, Mr. Lee will query members of the drum line on interest.
 - TCGC Funding Approval – No report.
- **Sponsorship Report** – Daniel Zuniga reported that 8 prior year sponsors have not renewed their sponsorship at this time; he will send a list of these to the RPBB Board for possible outreach/connection. Sponsors thus far will issued incentives based on their sponsorship level.
- **Fundraising Report**
 - General Fundraising - Linn Miller reported on the efforts of Scrip (now available online), dinner nights (low participation), Flamingo Flocking, and wreaths (placing samples in school store).
 - Disney Fundraising – Carwash (final date extended by one week; approximately \$7000 in sales) and raffle (recommended to cancel due to low participation; all purchases will receive refunds) – were also reported.
 - Mistletoe Music Festival – Linn reported that auction items are needed for this event – especially those that can be used in the live auction. 12/9/13 is the last day to submit auction items for packaging and prep prior to the event. Student sections will be donating baskets again this year. Invitations will be issued to each of the RPBB sponsors and flyers hung throughout the community. Possibility of offering additional food/meal items this year.

- Other Fundraising – It was suggested to implement a few additional fundraising events to cover costs associated with Winter Guard and Drum Line. Possible ideas include gift wrapping, Santa’s elves, etc.
- **Communications Report** – No report.
- **Historian Report** – No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Uniforms – Linda Jennings reported that there continue to be a number of “missing” uniforms after games. It was suggested that section leaders need to be responsible for ensuring uniforms are hung properly and placed in their correct location after each use.
- Scholarship – No report.
- Guard – No report.
- WDW Trip – Final balance details will be calculated based on the actual fundraising numbers and communicated to students in early November. Also affecting the final balance is whether or not we will be required to include an FBISD administrator. Christy Carroll will be working with Dr. Barnes to finalize these requirements and plans.
- Pit & Props - The prop frames have been delivered; only thing needed to complete these are the fabric coverings.
- Chaperones – No report
- Band Directory - Working to complete this by end of October.
- Spirit Items – Middle school band night was a success and students really appreciated receiving their “future band member” shirts. Merchandise will continue to be sold at home games as well as during the Homecoming Tailgate.
- Band Banquet 2014 – Confirmed for Thursday, May 7th, 2014 at Sweetwater Country Club
- Homecoming/Mums – No report.
- Senior Pinning – It was reported that Senior Pinning traditionally takes place during the last home game of the season during half-time. It was suggested that band and guard Senior Pinning could take place during the Spring Concert along with an announcement of each student’s post-graduate plans.

OLD BUSINESS

- It was moved and seconded to ratify the following e-votes which were presented after the September 11’ 2013 Board meeting.
 - E Motion of Sept. 20th: Motion by J. Vega to pay Sweetwater CC a deposit of \$500 to secure May 7th date at club for Band/Guard Spring Banquet. No monies budgeted, so a charge of \$20-25 per attendee will be assessed to cover costs. Minimum bill will be \$1500 + 20% gratuity. David Dern seconded the motion. Students voted knowing about this assessment and still wanted to have the banquet. Motion passed on 9-21-13.
 - E Motion of October 2nd. Motion by J. Cardenas to have RPBB cover cost of meal for band/guard on October 8th (Band Night at Mercer Stadium). Cost not to exceed \$1000. Need for Board approval since cost is over \$500 and the event is not a football game. David Dern seconded the motion. Motion passed on October 3rd.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS/MOTIONS – No discussion

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, the meeting of the RPBB Board was adjourned. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 5th.