

**RIDGE POINT BAND BOOSTERS
MINUTES – December 10, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by David Dern, President at 6:09pm. The following members were in attendance:

David Dern, President	Christy Carroll, Band Trips
Daniel Zuniga, VP Sponsorship	Tina Parlante, Guard Mom
Jennifer Vega, Treasurer	Lawrence Bonnette, Equipment/Pit Crew
Wellie Harris, Asst. Treasurer	Lisa Spring, Scholarship
Anne Osterhold, Parliamentarian	Marianne Zuniga, Chaperones
Rhonda Everson, Communications	Chrissy Bonnette, Parent/Member
Michael Barnes, Band Director	Linda Jennings, Parent/Member
Camille Garcia, Uniforms	Stephanie Crochet, Parent/Member
Colette Michalis, Spirit Wear	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 12, 2013 were reviewed and approved as written.

BOARD REPORTS

DIRECTOR UPDATE:

Dr. Barnes reported that he will be meeting with Mr. Drew, FBISD Director of Fine Arts, to discuss plans for growing the fine arts programs district-wide. He has already shared a proposed fine arts budget with Mr. Drew. Barnes also sent an email to Charles Dupre, FBISD Superintendent, indicating his support and plans for increased focus on fine arts; Mr. Dupre responded shortly thereafter. FBISD currently in the budget process for the 2014-15 school year – if the fine arts programs receive additional funding we will have some confirmation that we are moving in the right direction. During this process, it becomes increasingly important to the FBISD Board to hear parent and student voices in support of the programs.

Dr. Barnes also noted that state-wide division realignment is taking place beginning in the 2014-15 school year. RPHS will be classified 5A next year and current 5A schools will be promoted to 6A.

With regard to the middle school band programs and continuing efforts to grow the band programs across schools, Dr. Barnes has reached out to the various band directors as well as Mr. Fickel at Baines Middle School.

TREASURER:

It was noted that ten students have paid nothing toward their band fees for the 2013-14 school year. A list of those participating in Winter Guard and Drum Line is needed so that invoices can be distributed.

SPONSORSHIP:

Two new sponsors have been confirmed - Richard Patton with Edward Jones and Appalonia Dental. Other potential sponsorships include Harris family members, Crystal Ranch, Central Nissan (formerly Baker Jackson).

FUNDRAISING:

No report. It was noted that the Mistletoe Music Festival is on the evening of Thursday, December 12th. Volunteers are still needed to help with this event.

It was also noted that volunteer involvement needs to be addressed – more parents need to get involved. It was suggested that a meeting to specifically address volunteer recruitment and involvement is needed.

COMMUNICATION:

Communications going well. Efforts are being made to send an update regarding the Mistletoe Music Festival plans, dinner event and urgent volunteer needs.

HISTORIAN:

No report. Suggested that for future events – and for budgeting purposes – need to consider a videographer at some of the key events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**UNIFORMS:**

It was reported that all concert uniforms have been fitted and in process of alterations being complete. There was some issue with tuxedo shirts and determine who needed a new one and then getting those orders placed. A few additional shirts were ordered to cover students who didn't submit an order or their proper shirt size. It was suggested that we initiate a tuxedo shirt recycling "program" – collecting donations at the end of the concert season. Any shirts collected can be used by students the following season as may be needed.

Motion – It was moved, seconded and approved to use RPBB funds to cover the cost of the tuxedo shirt order for a 60 shirts totaling \$858. These funds will ultimately be repaid by the students purchasing a shirt.

It was noted that the concert uniform fitting schedule for next year needs to happen much earlier in season to allow for adequate altering time. It was also suggested to place orders for tuxedo shirts at the same time t-shirt order is place – and add the fee to the student band budget.

Everyone was reminded that their marching uniforms need to be laundered and turned in before the holiday break.

SCHOLARSHIP:

No significant changes regarding scholarships at this time. Everyone who has been granted a scholarship is on track with required service hours.

GUARD:

Currently working to strip the guard floor so it can be prepared for the winter program, but encountering difficulty. It was also noted that the RPHS Band & Guard Christmas ornaments are currently on sale.

DISNEY TRIP:

The following are currently confirmed for the trip – 90 students, 1 directors, 1 RPHS administrator, 8 chaperones, 1 medical personnel, and 2 truck drivers.

Final payments for airfare, hotel, tickets and meals are due before the end of December as follows –

Motion – It was moved, seconded and approved to pay Southwest airlines the final airfare balance NTE \$46,000.

Motion – It was moved, seconded and approved to pay Disney the final hotel balance NTE \$9000.

Motion – It was moved, seconded and approved to pay Disney the total ticket balance NTE \$18,000.

Motion – It was moved, seconded and approved to pay Disney the total meal voucher balance NTE \$18,000.

Motion – It was moved, seconded and approved to pay Universal the total ticket balance NTE \$7000.

Motion – It was moved, seconded and approved to pay Universal the total meal voucher balance NTE \$4000.

CHAPERONES:

No report.

SPIRIT WEAR:

Spirit wear inventory is nearly depleted; new t-shirts have been ordered.

BAND BANQUET:

No update.

WINTER DRUM LINE:

It was suggested that we need to form a Winter Drum Line committee as there a lot of activities required to operate a success program.

OLD BUSINESS**RATIFY MOTIONS:**

*It was moved, seconded and approved to ratify the e-vote presented on November 13, 2013 as follows:
Payment of \$700 for the Winter Drum Line contest fee. This amount was included in the \$2500 drum line fee that was approved at the November 12, 2013 RPBB meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the RPBB, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm