

## RHMS Music Boosters 2/27/2017 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Music Booster President Kawai Billawala at 6:43 p.m.
2. **Music Booster Meeting Minutes** from 1/23/2016 were approved as presented.
3. **Band Director's Report from Mr. Rawlinson**
  - a. **Jazz Band:** Mr. Rawlinson decided against tryouts because there weren't enough students competing for the spots. Even though there are not a lot of students competing to try out, there are enough interested students to have a good band. Jazz Band practice will take place in the morning, he is not sure yet which day.
  - b. **4/22 - Great America Music Festival:** Mr. Rawlinson just received the schedule. We will use a U-Haul truck again as that worked well last year. The paperwork is in progress and will be sent home in the next week or two. Mr. Rawlinson will check with Ms. Dodd about 8<sup>th</sup> graders going without chaperones as they do for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Great America trip.
  - c. **3/29 – STEAM Showcase at Monroe.** Only the Advanced Band will be participating. The District will transport music stands. The combined bands from the three District Middle Schools will practice at Monroe during the school day. Rolling Hills students will go there by bus in the morning then return to Rolling Hills for pick-up at the end of the day.
  - d. **Mr. Knode** from Westmont sent three things over for 8<sup>th</sup> graders – percussion workshop, Mitty Band Camp, and Jazz Band tryouts for next year. The information will be going out to the students.
  - e. **Solo/Ensemble Festival** – there are no Solo/Ensemble festivals anywhere nearby this year.
  - f. **Spring Concert:** The Spring Concert will be held April 12<sup>th</sup>. Dawn worked with Mr. Rawlinson to consider the possibility of West Valley College as the venue, but it wouldn't work on that date. In addition, the stage wouldn't hold the band so it isn't really an option for future events.

#### 4. **Finance Report**

Steven Waste was unable to attend the meeting, however he sent a report that there has been no significant activity in the account since the last meeting, so we still have about \$32,000 in the bank.

Mr. Rawlinson will put together a detailed proposal about what equipment he needs to purchase for the band. He is asking kids how well their instruments are functioning, what shape the case is in, etc. It looks like only about 20% instruments are really top notch. About 60% are in the middle (functions but dented, scratched, stinky) and about 20% really aren't working at all. The instruments are generally getting \$50 to \$100 worth of repairs per year, and getting new equipment staves that off. For the first year in about a decade the district provided some new instruments, which is great news. Some instruments will be purchased new, others will be refurbished.

No updates on the Air Conditioning Project. Will re-visit next meeting.

#### 5. **Committee Updates**

- a. **Notes & Floats – June 7<sup>th</sup>.** Kim is unable to chair Notes and Floats this year, however Jennifer Chavaux has agreed to take on the committee chair position. The event should be a lot easier than in the past since we'll do food trucks and not pre-sell tickets for Root Beer Floats. Dawn will work with the high school to help get some volunteers for Root Beer Floats, we'll charge \$3.

It was suggested that we may need one day insurance if we use Food Trucks. The PTA may be able to help, Jennifer will check with the PTA President. We will probably need 3 food trucks. If anything falls through we might be able to have restaurants cater – Sweet Pea’s, Round Table, etc. Music Boosters will donate 4 front row seats plus 4 Root Beer Floats at Rolling Hill’s La Fiesta. Dawn is coordinating that donation.

- b. **Membership & Website Report** – Jennifer passed out membership flyers at the Winter Concert, but we got only about 3 or 4 more completed forms/donations. The Committee recommends that we return to including it in the packet at the beginning of the year since responses have been so low this year. We’ll still direct them to sign up for the email distribution on the website on their own, but at least we’ll have a vehicle for receiving annual donations.
- c. **Uniforms and T-Shirts** – No update at this time.
- d. **Bake Sale update** – We will have Kona Ice at the Spring Concert. Dawn liked selling items 2 for 1 at the end of the Winter Concert and suggests doing that again.
- e. **Fundraiser Update from Yvonne Grosch:** No updates.
- f. **Concert Programs update from Theresa:** No updates.
- g. **Music Librarian update from Kim:** No report.

#### 6. **President Report by Kawai**

##### a. **Open Positions**

Kawai is looking for someone to be Music Boosters President next year, along with other positions. It would be great to have someone who currently has a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader in Band. She asked committee members to look around for someone who might be interested.

#### 7. **Community Q&A:**

None.

#### 8. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.