

RH Music Parents Association Meeting  
February 6, 2023

Present: (10pp)

K Arbegast, Quinn Webb (ASL interpreter), Will Hagar, Pam Ficarra, Lori Mack, Donna Watts, Anna Markowitz, Jenny Hamson, Diane McBride, Scott Cannan

Call to order 7pm.

November meeting minutes approved - Jenny/Pam

Donna Watts - Director's Report:

80 students participated in NYSSMA Solo Fest in January. Additionally, 20 HS vocalists recommended for participation by their teachers. 48 kids 4-12 grades going to represent R-H at the March All County Festivals - Elementary through High School.

Beauty and the Beast Burger Musical February 10th and 11th, K-3 Art Show Wed, Benchmarks Scale/sight reading, performance, This Thursday HS Dr. Shewan came to work with Band-Orchestra combined doing an All-County piece (80 mins of performance) "Astounding!" per Will H., he said Dr. Shewan gave really specific feedback. Guest Conductor/Workshop, Shewan 6th grade kids sat in on HS kids' band rehearsal, helps bond younger kids to upper class musical role models. HS Musical is "Big Fish," SHS/JHS kids performed at primary schools to give them a taste of theatre things to come

District Music Fest Is March 8TH, RHMPA sell concessions, Tri-M kids do ushering. Can Spotlight put table out to sell tickets or promote it? Estimate 400 students/1000pp in SHS gym, one grade per primary school

Student Representative Report: Will Hagar (Tri-M) - group recently made lasagnas and served people in need and donated leftovers to food pantry, Recruiting Jr Tri-M kids to usher for SHS concerts, making video to promote inclusion in upper grades music programming

Board of Education Report: Diane McBride - New superintendent working on transition with temp super, has temp housing, a LOT of work went into finding her, negotiating contract, new budget: bussing, capital projects, road project had to have more funds because costs of everything increased across board, buy property for SHS parking lot 5 acres adjoining east of property. No update on auditorium project

Treasurer's Report: Pam NovBal 2606.05?/ purchased ros Spent 917.37 since Nov, deposited 1681.61 + 1037.25 (\$23 )for 14 concerts so far), Need more PARENT volunteers, maybe we should do pts/lottery tix/ incentive, AMM said she'd put on FB to see if she could wrangle a few more.

Discussed Teacher Scholarship, goal of 10 \$100 scholarships, having Jenny create a quick form and use lottery system to determine who gets them. Deadline for applications March 10th

President's Report - Jenny: We need to meet as a board to make wooden roses. Selling light-up roses, putting Chipotle date on calendar. Need an ice cream fundraiser, Maybe Jojo's Cool bus.

Grant Ideas for music staff - 27 on staff , much discussion on how to divide up \$ Limit to 10 grants of \$100 each, 2 weeks to apply, may need to remind Music staff 2/27-3/10 entry

Recruitment for RHMPA - down to 3 on Board again (no VP)

Big Question whether parent groups CAN accept non-cash payments at concert sales events, as student groups are discouraged from non-cash sales. Nothing stipulated in our by-laws as such, and parent groups have less turnover than student groups which are transient by nature.

Anna Markowitz question: must RHMPA Board members have a child presently at RH regardless of 2yrs of recommended svc, Answer: They can continue to work but will be ineligible to vote, so would RHMPA want a Board member who cannot vote?

Also, as March is "Music in our Schools" Month, it lends itself to the release of our first RH Music Staff Spotlights. We currently have one from Geoff Jones (Burger), who has been with the district 33 years, and another from the accompanist at Burger. Will plan to run these on our FB page, ask District to add at least one to theirs, as well as asking the schools for whom they work to add them to the March newsletter.

Follow up question for Donna Watts re improved signage for Burger Auditorium. Needs to be over entrance in letters that are easily seen from the exterior entrance, as most folks walk further down the halls without realizing that IS the auditorium entrance (not intuitive). Currently, the tiny sign to the right of the entrance is often blocked or overlooked by visitors. It was agreed that this should likely be a maintenance request.

Karen Arbegast has hot bev cups purchased by RHMPA that can be used for events

Scott Cannan - suggested we offer new RH music garb to new Superintendent to increase her exposure to RH Music Parents, and the exposure of others in the district through her wearing it. RH is hosting a Music Educators' Wind Ensemble concert August 1st at, 7pm (SHS), Also hosting "Senior High Area All-State" in November 2023 (11/17-18). Looking for parents to assist in the Hospitality Room for event (sell lunches to participating students, possibly flowers, etc).

**Next meeting: Monday, March 6th at 7pm** in the Senior High School Chorus room.

Please join us to help support music in our district!