

RH Music Parents Association Mtg: March 6, 2023

Present: Jenny & Jeff Hamson, Diane Mc Bride, Norai Pisano, Donna Watts, Dan Hentschel, Anna Markowitz

Meeting Called to order (Jenny motioned, Anna 2nd)

**Donna Watts, Director's Report** - Discussed upcoming art show, primary grade level District Music Festival later this week, and the BIG FISH musical opening at the SHS the week of 3/17

**Will Hager, Tri-M Report** - Not super busy, lining up ushers for future concerts, helping with Music Fest as ushers/greeters. Attendee comments re the caliber and character of the Tri-M volunteers at RHMPA events. Their leadership is much appreciated!

**Diane McBride, BOE Report** - New Superintendent arriving in April (family not until summer), BOE doing some budget shifting to make sure she has access to funds should they be needed. Taking the oath of office at the April 11 BOE Mtg, where RHMPA hopes to present a gift. Capital project research is ongoing, more details in May report. Hope to have something ready for community vote by next March (2024).

**Pam Ficarra, Treasurer's report** (in absentia): \$825 expenditures, \$2566 deposit: \$53585 current balance, Beauty & the Beast musical at Burger was a great opportunity for us from a fundraising perspective (THANK YOU, Carol Lamica). Sold out of everything 1st night and brought in around \$1500 total for both nights combined (minus about \$600 in expenses)

**Jenny Hamson, President's report** - We purchased snacks for the upcoming Music Fest and plan to be there manning a booth. It is nearly time to send out applications for our Summer Music Grants (15 grants at \$150 each). We are also seeking more applicants for the Music Teacher Grants (10 @\$100 ea).

**Facebook** - In honor of March being "Music in Our Schools Month", Anna has posted several Music staff bios and will post 2 more RH Music Staff SPOTLIGHTs per week, which may prompt other Music Teachers to submit theirs. Planning to post information about the grant opportunities above for students and teachers, as well as volunteer openings available for Spring concerts. Also mentioning the upcoming RHMPA Board elections, need for officers, and responsibilities of each 2 year position. Particularly looking for parents to attend the DPAC meetings, as these are also Superintendent attended.

Another perk of RHMPA - our meetings are short and infrequent!

And on that note, Jenny called our meeting to a close.