

RHMPA Mtg Minutes 4-10-23

Present:

Alex Johnson, Ayush Savalia, Diane McBride, Donna Watts, Pam Ficarra, Jenny Hamson, Anna Markowitz

Minutes from last meeting (3/6/23) were approved by Pam, seconded by Jenny

Tri-M: Alex & Ayush updated us on Tri-M activities. Tri-M will be ushering at upcoming concerts and did a fantastic job helping at the District Music Festival.

Donna Watts, Director's Report updated us on district music happenings including the High School and Junior High musicals, which were great successes and showed a lot of talent, and the District Music Festival, which was also a great success and showcased the work of the Elementary music schools and the R-H Singers.

Diane McBride, BOE President gave an update on the R-H Budget, which will be voted on Tuesday May 16th from 6am to 9pm at the R-H Transportation & Operations Center. It is important to get out and vote for the school budget and Board of Education Elections.

Highlights of the proposed budget can be found here:

<https://www.rhnet.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=58317&dataid=113140&FileName=Budget%20Handout.pdf>

Diane and Donna provided an update on the Auditorium Committee, which has been working hard to assemble the important needs for the future auditorium. Request for proposals will be the next step and the target is for a community vote in March.

Treasurer's Report, Pam Ficarra: funds added from the District Music Festival will allow us to offer more music grants this year. Receipts are coming in for the Music Teacher Grants and will be paid accordingly.

President's Report, Jenny Hamson

Summer Music Grants: it has been decided that we will award twenty \$150 music grants, and that we will distribute them evenly throughout the grade levels. New this year: Grant Recipients must perform a piece of music at a Summer Music Grant Recipient Recital to be held on Monday, September 18th 2023 at 6:30pm in the Senior High School Auditorium to share what they learned and inspire other students. There will be 5 performers from each grade level.

Spring Concerts are coming up soon, the first will be May 15th and there will be 15 in all. Volunteers are needed and can sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4dacab28abf58-rushhenrietta#/>

Chipotle night: coming up June 7th from 4pm to 8pm.

Recruitment: we will need new members to fill leadership roles and continue the group. A significant effort will be made to attract new members moving forward in order to ensure that the group can continue on successfully. Next year meetings will take place at a different school for each meeting in an effort to attract parents from younger grades. We are hopeful that the Summer Music Grant Recipient recital will help spread the word about the organization. We would also like to present at the new instrumentalists meetings in the fall.

Music Teacher Grants: 8 entries to be used for classroom and lesson supplies for students and items for high school and elementary musical.

Secretary Report, Anna Markowitz: talked about the RH Music Parents Facebook posts dubbed “RH Music Staff SPOTLIGHT”s, that have been a popular way to highlight some of our R-H Music staff.

New Superintendent started last week. We will attend the Board of Education Meeting tomorrow night to welcome her on behalf of RHMPA and present her with a shirt and hat.

Final Meeting of the Year will be Monday June 12th in the SHS Chorus Room