

RHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2022

Sarah Thomas opens meeting at 7:33pm

Booster chair opening comments – Sarah Thomas

- With Covid – we suspect that there is no spring band camp
- We are evaluating options for some group lessons or similar where needed

Director's comments – Scott Brown

- No way to know what SPS will do...some schools closing temporarily due to lack of staff/students
- Ban on any music audiences through Jan 21 – will re-evaluate
- Providing masks for all students, some with slits are available
- No pep bands are allowed at basketball games
- No change to field trip policies yet – everything is day to day
- We will take what we can get – happy to have the opportunity to play together
- The pandemic has caused us to take a step back – which isn't a bad thing. We are reinventing how to motivate kids when it's just about playing music together. As an educator – focused on patience and working to start from where we are at.
- Hope to purchase some trombones – has some funding through the school.
- Looking at how to get the band program on better footing – getting information from feeder schools. Scott is doing the best to motivate kids and keep them involved. Can we get more parent involvement, especially from underclass parents?
 - Mountlake Terrace – started a band leadership program with younger kids – 1X per week Need alternative options without events due to Covid (Pep Band, pizza feed, band camps, trips, etc)
 - Engage with Middle Schools and Elementary Schools – exposure programs with combos, marching band, outdoor events
 - Maybe solo & ensemble groups can perform
 - Swing dance night at Eckstein – have a band play?

Treasurer's report – John Matsumoto

- Expenses
 - New uniforms – need to plan for the expenses – redesign?
 - Some funds available from the school, golden grad, etc.
- Fundraising
 - Raised net \$1500 from wreath sales
 - Raised \$8400 from UW for Husky Clean-Up – check coming soon
 - Drumline had to cancel the Redfin event, so the \$1000 is no longer expected
 - Parent donated \$300 to defray the costs of the concert

Upcoming events – Sarah Thomas

- Looking at potential events this Spring – faculty is evaluating
 - Mar 4 CWU festival?
 - Mar 5 Solo and Ensemble Festival. – as far as Scott knows, this is still happening.
 - Mar 19 Glacier Peak
 - Others – will send out list when approved by staff
- Booster Board Meeting after end of next week (beginning of Feb)

2022/2023 Leadership Roles – Sarah Thomas

- Need a Chair and Treasurer for next year!
- Need a new Chair to step up
 - Not a hard job
 - Mainly tapping other people & Mr. Brown for things
 - Sarah will still be around for guidance
 - Please contact Sarah – happy to go to tea and answer questions

Other business

- Next booster meeting, Feb 15th, 7:30pm
- Meeting Adjourned by Sarah Thomas at 8:22pm

Minutes recorded by Secretary, Tracy Hillstrom