

Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2021

BHS – Band Room – 7:00 pm

MUSIC DIRECTOR REPORTS:

- **BHS – Mr. Allen:**

- Thanked Music Boosters, parents, students for a great start to the year and return to a more typical marching band season
- Upcoming events:
 - Band festival on 9/11 @ North Royalton HS
 - Varsity Concert – 11/1
- Reminder about Light the Night tee-shirt sale

- **BMS – Mr Awad:**

- Thanked Boosters and parents for all help so far
- 5th grade instruments distributed
- 6th grade - new instruments introduced
- Jazz band is up and running
- 8th grade band members will practice with BHS band and march on field at the October 1 home game

- **BHS/BMS – Mrs. Singler:**

- 5th grade strings is up and running
- BMS Honors Orchestra – auditions were last week; rehearsals will be every Tuesday from 3:00 - 3:45 pm.
- BHS has two orchestras for the first time this year: Rocket Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra
- Chamber Winds and Chamber Orchestra will meet after school on Mondays
- Day for Strings will be November 4 –
 - THEME: ¡Baile! - *Dance Around the World*
 - Head Chair: Jacquie Mayer
 - Assistant Chairs: Marnie Louis, Emmie Gillette, Laura Ploenzke
 - Guest Clinician: Dianna Richardson
 - Guest Percussionist: Sunceray Tabler
 - Commissioned new work for BMS Honors Orchestra: *Bay Merengue*
 - New arrangement for Chamber Orchestra: *Sir Duke*

- **BHS – Mrs. Gess:**
 - Happy to be back in the choir room
 - Tux/gown fittings are taking place for choral groups
 - Fall concert scheduled for October 12

- **BHS – Rockettes:**
 - Liz Baumgartner was Introduced as new director of the Rockettes

OFFICER REPORTS:

- **President –**
 - New instrument trailer is in use
 - Private lessons will take place at BMS, rooms have been reserved and are being arranged with instructors
 - Membership drive was a huge success – best results in years
 - All committee chair positions have been filled
 - A membership drive chair will be needed for next year – possibly for (2) people
 - Help needed for the Varsity Concert slide show – need someone to put together a 10 minute show

- **Vice President: -**
 - PTA Council requested a comprehensive calendar from Music Boosters; Robin will provide that

- **Treasurer:**
 - Busy month – Membership Drive netted over \$40K so far
 - Fidelity account is performing well
 - Donor Box and Stripe are functioning well

- **Corresponding Secretary:**
 - Laura requested a minimum of 24 hours’ notice (if possible) for requests for email blasts
 - Website is a work in progress and is constantly being updated; requested current pictures
 - Mail Chimp was upgraded to allow us to send unlimited emails with no waiting period

- **Recording Secretary – no report**

HOSPITALITY:

- 3rd Quarter Snacks are going very well and receiving great feedback and appreciation!
- Donations still needed for upcoming games

UNIFORMS:

- All marching band members were refitted for uniforms before the first game
- Current uniforms will be used a few more seasons; new sizes and components will be ordered this year

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

- A new chair (or two people as co-chairs) will be needed for next year's Drive;
- This year's Drive was highly successful – over \$40,000 in donations have been received so far

SPORTSWEAR:

- This year we will maintain inventory
- Sales of sportswear will be a profit-generating source
- (122) items have been sold so far
- “The Sound of the Rockets” has been trademarked
- May eventually be linked to the website; that is still being evaluated

SIGN-UP GENIUS:

- All requests for a specific Sign-Up Genius for any activity should go through Michele Moore

TUXES:

- Most have been fitted; (10) still need their tuxes
- New tuxes will need to be purchased this year, along with some cummerbunds, ties, etc.

BALLROOM BLITZ:

- New chair this year for the event
- Volunteers will be needed (Music Boosters membership is expected to participate as much as possible)

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Kona Shave Ice Truck was a successful additional fundraiser at the first home football game

Meeting concluded at 7:44 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 7:00 pm in the BHS band room