

**RVRHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOOSTERS
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Members Present: K. Horner, A. Gwynn, L. Cortese, M. & B. Dowling, C. Contiliano, H. Wishnefsky, M. Hardiman, L. Driggers, D. Beam, M. Fahey, B. Castro, D. & W. Carrington, S. Ullman, C. Otto, S. Graves, R. & D. Handwerk, and C. Williams.

Review of Minutes: August 12, 2008 minutes were approved with Mrs. Dowling making the motion and K. Horner seconding it. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The account balance is \$23,438.16 of which \$7,807.95 represents student account monies and \$7,377.69 is in the Booster's account. The remaining \$8,252.5 is being sent to Music Travel as payment for Nationals.

We still have \$1050 going out for WAWA coupons. Monies coming in are \$257.99 from Friendly's Night and \$292.88 from the Can Drive.

Director's Report: None

President's Report: (old business)

1. RV Field Hockey Moms were informed of our decision not to join them in their fight. They were disappointed in our decision. Any concerns, please see D. Handwerk.
2. Chaperones for Nationals – D. Handwerk spoke to Mr. Britton regarding them paying the \$400. The trip cost may increase for all students to cover the cost for chaperones. Mr. B. will also speak to Music Travel for some help. Cost sharing is also being considered. C. Williams would like to know which staff members are being "comped" and to see if they can assume roles of chaperones.

Committees:

1. Band Camp – no report.
2. Uniforms – C. Williams reports getting final preps for Sat. game.
3. Fundraising – Cancan had some students sign-up, but not show up. This has happened before so for these students, parents will need to sign. Email S. Ullman with questions. Next Cancan is on Oct. 5th at Super Fresh in Lumberton. Sue is working on getting a carwash at Shoprite before Nationals. Bagel Shop in Westampton from 8-12 is also being considered. 50/50 will be attempted at this week's game. City Book fundraiser begins today. Pick up your book from L. Cortese for \$20 (\$8 from each book goes in student account). You must pay to get a book.
4. Hospitality – R. Handwerk is beginning preps for spaghetti dinner. Look for emails coming your way. Aug. mini camp was a huge success. Aug. cost was \$87.63 which included band camp First Aid Kit. Rita is planning game snacks, Homecoming, and Thanksgiving Day games as well (something special). All hands on deck for this week's game. Rita will check with Mr. B.

- for how many events she needs to plan food for. Rita is still working on changing tarp.
5. Public Relations – L. Cortese is starting to prep for advertising the Spaghetti Dinner. Please contact her with any ideas for places that will help us advertise.
 6. Decorating – No report.
 7. Nominating – No report.
 8. Spirit Wear – order has been placed and waiting for delivery.
 9. Equipment – sign-up sheet brought 5 names for assistance during the games and competitions. Challenges for this season – new podium that becomes hard to transport due to height/weight. Old podium will be a back-up if enough help isn't available. Full pit has a great deal of equipment. Props are still unknown. Check out Sat. if you can help. First travel trip is 19th. Dwayne IS looking for help!
 10. Chaperone – Dwayne spoke to encourage those to help and spoke that a variety will be asked – not just the same 6 every week.

New Business:

1. Home Game Hospitality – R. Handwerk wants to prepare meals on the extended Sat. practices. Some donations from businesses are made, but during the season, parents are usually asked to donate.
2. Tailgate Party – Rita will check with Mr. B. Please contact her with ideas.
3. RVIMB Store – C. Williams has put together an online shop for a variety of items. This is going to be available ALL YEAR. Parents can order and will have to pay S&H. There is NO cost or profit for the Boosters. She passed around a sample and a printout of items. C. Williams is also thinking of embroidery on shirts. A motion was made by S. Graves and seconded by R. Handwerk to set this up. This was carried with a unanimous vote.
4. Buses for Competitions - \$2000 was set aside in budget for possibility of our support being needed to cover bus costs. The more competitions we perform in, the more credit we receive at Nationals. Giant's Stadium is still up in the air due to Homecoming. We were asked to cover the competitions on Sept. 27 and Oct. 10. These are both the closest and cheapest ones. Without a contract, there won't be an indoor season. A motion was made by A. Gwynn and seconded by K. Horner to approve the funds. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. With a contract, it is up to Mr. B. whether there will be one. If there is no indoor season, that \$ will help buy down Nationals.
6. Concern for pit kids safety with cars in parking lot. Cones will be donated and placed out during practice.
7. Mr. Check (custodian) always helps us out with unloading and it was thought and agreed to do something nice for him at end of season. More discussion will occur as season goes forward.
8. D. Handwerk asked for any questions and concerns from floor. Please be comfortable bringing your thoughts and ideas to Booster Group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Wishnefsky
Secretary