

RHHS Band Booster General Meeting

Agenda

October 17, 2024, 7:00 PM, Band Room & Google Meet

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1. President (Jennifer - pres.rhhsbb@gmail.com)
 - Thank you - She wanted to thank everyone who helped at the competition. It was phenomenal. All the volunteers did an outstanding job.
 - SGMBC debrief - October 22 at 6:00 in Band room - Next Tuesday evening at 6:00, we're going to do a competition debrief. So if you'd like to come out and join us, anybody is welcome to come and give us some feedback. We'd greatly appreciate it. If you're not able to join us next Tuesday, just email or text.
 - 10/18 Game vs. Valdosta & Senior Band Night (itinerary on website under This Week in Band)
 - 10/19 Competition in Warner Robins (itinerary on website)
We still have those open board positions. So if you're going to be possibly interested in volunteer coordinator, fundraising, or vice president, keep that in mind. And if you have any questions, please email me or call me and I'll fill you in.

2. Treasurer (Molly - treas.rhhsbb@gmail.com)
 - Treasurer's Report - Molly was very thankful for all the hard work at the competition. As of September 30th, we have a total of about \$228,000. We transferred 15 from our operation checking into our savings, so that adds up to 91,000 and 135 in checking. The major inflows for the month we had 27 in concessions, about 4000 in T-shirt and merchandise sales. There was 3000 in sponsorships and donations and the golf cart raffle. So we sold about \$3000 in tickets for that. One of the big inflows last month was we got an insurance refund when we went from one insurance to the other. There were \$2500 in participation fees. As far as outflows, there were about 24,000 in concessions. We finally did the final payment for the drill writing and music. That was 6200. We also paid for instruction and instructors. There were 37 uniform tops at 25, competition of 1000 and then just some fees and supplies at 9. If anyone is interested about pre-orders, if you pre-ordered either for the canceled 9-27 game or the 10-4 game that we provided pizza instead of giving the kids their pre-order, you already have a pre-order for this Friday's game.

3. Volunteer Coordinator (Debby - volunteer.rhhsbb@gmail.com)
 - Debby wanted to thank everyone who donated food and supplies for our competition. It was greatly appreciated. And thank you to those volunteers who signed up, showed up, stayed all day, did whatever was needed. You guys are the rock stars. Thank you so much.
 - This week we have Friday night as senior night. It's our last regular season home game. We ask anyone who can volunteer to please do so, so that our senior parents can have

the night off and enjoy their evening. We definitely need help in concessions. It's always our neediest place. So if you can volunteer, please look at Booster Hub and see if there are any openings. And we are also getting into competition season, so we're looking for volunteers for equipment and props. Again, check Booster Hub to see what volunteer opportunities are there and please sign up.

6. Fixed Assets Coordinator (Tanya - assets.rhhsbb@gmail.com)

- We could use all the volunteers we can get. If you've never tried it before, we're willing to train, please join us. I know transportation and equipment could use some help this weekend, Friday, we could train you and get you ready for Saturday. That would be awesome. And also I just want to say thank you again to everybody that came out and supported our band and one of our largest fundraising activities that we do. So without you, we can be successful.

7. Fundraising Coordinator (Harlee - fundraising.rhhsbb@gmail.com)

- We are going to try to do a suggestion from Tanya, do another raffle this year because it would be great to have new uniforms when we go to the new school. If there is any kind of fundraiser you can think of, please just let her know. Our kids are the most important thing and we want them to look good at the new school. She also mentioned that with concessions, people have a hard time with it and they talk about how hot and how hard and everything, but it's not that bad. Some people come each week and they still smile for us. We really still need help there. It is also one of our biggest fundraisers. It would be nice if you would sign up to help and maybe you might actually enjoy it. So if we can get some more, more help in that area. We really want to thank everyone that participated in the competition.

8. Director's Report

- Mr. Hendricks wanted to let everyone know how much he appreciates everyone's work, especially at the competition. He is very proud of our band program, our band boosters, and everything that everyone was doing.
- Tomorrow night is senior night. The director of Valdosta said we could have all of halftime and do the whole program.
- Saturday they have a huge show - Warner Robins show, right in the middle of the state and people come from everywhere. Mr. Hendricks is excited that some of the groups that our kids are going to have the opportunity to compete against, and compare themselves with. Plan is for kids to be at school at about 10:00 and we're going to rehearse them and then hit the road. They need to bring their lunch. Then we're going to feed them dinner at the rest area in Dublin.
- Our kids have a lot of time invested, and we have a lot of money invested in these kids making sure that they have their best performances possible for the next three shows. We're going to make sure that we set our kids up for success as best as possible in those shows. So we're not going to be hanging around the shows for hours and hours on end, but before our kids perform, we're going to do everything we can to set them up for success there. That's what every successful band program that I've ever seen does.

- If you are a senior parent and you're expecting tickets, those will be coming from the AP. Check your spam folder. Last year, a lot of people just got filtered into their spam folder. So make sure you're checking that. We sent them to her this morning and then the last of the kids we sent this afternoon, which I have two parents.
- We've got 3 contests in a row. Come see your kids. I can't tell you how hard they've worked. I can't tell you how resilient our kids have been in the last couple of months. They've dealt with all of it. They've dealt with heat, they've dealt with missing school, they've dealt with rain. They've dealt with all the craziness, not to mention the demand of the programming for them.
- The next two away games, we're going to pep band those games. Now what that means is we're not going to bring the entire band to Lowndes and we're not going to bring the entire band to Colquitt. We're going to take a couple of school buses, just like last year. What we'll do is we'll have a sign-up. Some of our kids are going to have to go. When we do sign ups, we'll sign up our oldest kids first and then work our way down.
- Something new this year - we have 149 students signed up to audition for all-state and or district honor band. Our middle school this year has 98 kids signed up to audition for district honor band and or all-state. That is a gigantic number for them. So Miss Parker and I were talking about how we can help them set them up for success. So one of the things we're going to do, our kids are going to go to the middle school. It's the third Saturday in November or around there. We're going to have kids audition for these opportunities, but they're going to go and they're going to work a clinic for the people in their sections. So our best flute player will go teach all their flute players their etudes and their scales and their things like that to try to help those kids prep for their audition. We're going to do that in all the sections. It'll be an audition based thing and, and, and I'll get more information about that. The effect of that is that we have better and better players because of it.
- The next thing I'll talk about is the fall concert. Missing all of these days of school has really pushed us back. We have taken the fall concert off the calendar hoping that we can put it back on a couple weeks later or something like that. Absolute worst case, we'll just play more music at the winter concert. He would love to not be working marching at music in class anymore, but it's still happening. That's an effect of us missing all those days. So the worst case is we'll play a longer winter concert. But he'll get that information out to you.
- The winter concert is Thursday, December the 12th. It'll be here at Richmond Hill High School.
- Competitions:
 - Saturday, 10/19 - Warner Robins
 - Saturday, 10/26 - Statesboro
 - Saturday, 11/2 - Wayne County