

Roswell High School Band Booster Association

MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

Meeting	RHSBBA Executive Meeting	Date	August 8, 2017
Type of meeting	Status, Review & Discussion	Time	8:00 pm US ET (90 minute goal)
Attendees	John O'Donovan (chair), Michael Moon (Band Director), Keith Cooper, Ginger Greve, William Poole & Tera Doyle		
Absent	Mark Herring	Venue	RHS Auditorium

AGENDA

Meeting Objective: General Band Booster Association Update and Planned Activity Review. 1st part of meeting is a general membership meeting (limited to 30 minutes maximum). Committee and General Membership Updates to be held within the time limit maximum for the general membership meeting.

1. GENERAL MEETING OPEN – JOHN

John called the general meeting to order @ 8:07 pm.

2. WELCOME – JOHN

John welcomed all new & returning booster general membership members.

3. BAND DIRECTOR OVERVIEW – MICHAEL

- Gave members a breakdown of the band program, directed members to the Charms calendar for important dates and reminded members about the importance and meaning of volunteering.
- Parents can support their students by listening and encouraging their at-home practices. Even non-musical parents listen for change/improvement over time. Additional private lessons are beneficial and much appreciated.
- All students are now registered Charms.
- Encouraged members to send an appreciation email to Dr. Shaw letting him know how much we appreciate his support of the students and the program. Dr. Shaw is an “all student” principal and has already aided the band program in many ways.
- Explained to the members that their fees supplement band director with added instructional staff to improve the students’ achievement and experience. Band Director doesn’t have the time or expertise to teach every instrument. Adding specialists allow for more focused time for each instrument category and overall student band experience. Note: always working to find ways to reduce fees through fundraisers.
- Pit Crew and chaperones need to arrive by 5pm-5:15pm for home games to get free parking.
- Corky-Kell is at Georgia State Stadium and they will be leaving school early that day.
- Students that leave early for athletic events are not penalized as it is treated as a field trip.

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- 2 Honor Band Clinics will be held this year – Janfest (UGA) and Reinhardt; students will be nominated based on merit, selections made by the event organizers; currently about 52 students have signed-up.
- Michael is very pleased with how the students are performing, stating that they are well ahead of where the students were this time last year.

4. BAND BOOSTER OVERVIEW – JOHN

- John introduced himself and the Board, also mentioned the Ways & Means position is still vacant and seeking to be filled.
- John explained to members that the RHSBBA is a 501c3 designated charitable organization; a charitable organization that provides support to RHS for experience enrichment of the band program. John highlighted a few of the enrichment categories: provide talent to teach the students, purchase music, additional instruments & concert outfits, logistics, cover judges fees and provide student scholarships.
- Marching band fees cover camp, uniforms, clinicians, show music & props, drill writing, transportation/travel cost and equipment.
- No meals on Friday nights before home games because kids will have time afterschool to eat.
- You can pre-order food thru the RHSBBA for band competitions, organized and managed by Nan Cooper.
- See Kathleen Foit for spirit wear needs, letter jackets or soft shell jackets. Spirit wear will also sold during home football games at the visitor concession stand. Kathleen needs volunteers to help sell.
- John also highlighted the RHSBBA fundraising blueprint for the year. Opportunities include corporate sponsorships (SYMP), Raffles, Amazon Smiles, Kroger & Publix cards, Aurora Movie Nights, Football Visitor Concession stand, Verizon concerts, Food Truck Night and M.A.R.C.H.
- If M.A.R.C.H.. and the Food Truck Night (09/15) are as successful as anticipated the goal will be to eliminate Verizon and possibly other small trickle fundraisers. This will allow for a focused effort on the larger events and lower everyone's fees at the same time.
- M.A.R.C.H. – a one day student participation fundraiser that puts the students in the community to serve/beautify the community. The goal is for every student to get 25 \$40 donations and make roughly \$1K per band student.
- Members were reminded that they should be receiving weekly communication emails from Ginger. Ginger communicates via Sunday night email blast/text, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Members were also encouraged to check out the RHSBBA website where they can see the calendar, sign-up to volunteer and download forms.
- Michael sets the Charms calendar and all communication goes thru Charms.

5. GENERAL MEETING CLOSE – JOHN

John called the general meeting to a close @ 9:14pm.

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Next RHSBBA Meeting: 09/20/17 @ 7pm

