

RSDMF Board Meeting
August 5, 2009
At the Saltzman Home

Members present:

Ben Reeve, Claude Herron, Sallie Saltzman, Judy Ruekberg, Kaaren McElroy,
Lisa Hines, Patty Allen, and Mr Almanza

Members absent: Peter Gevanthor

Meeting called to order at 6:40 by Ben Reeve.

REPORTS:

Secretary – Judy presented the minutes from the meeting of July 8th, 2009. Motion to accept minutes, with correction of “Parent Music ADVOCACY Group”, made by Bob Allen and 2nd by Sallie Saltzman. Motion carried.

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS per the meeting agenda:

a. **DONE - Claude and Ben will complete signature cards at Union Bank for the RSDMF bank account.**

Signature cards are signed and Claude is just awaiting online access

b. **WORKING - Judy will look into getting nametags that will have name and position in white on orange.**

Mock-up of name badges shared by Judy – agreed they should be smaller and the color should be more the VHS orange. Also, agreed that the expense would be carried by individual Board members. *Judy to get the nametags made.*

c. **DONE - Sally will get email addresses for new students from Karen Stewart.**

Sally has the email addresses of the new students from Karen Stewart. Advised us that the email addresses are on the website in a “hidden area”.

d. **DONE - Members of the Board will help make introductory phone calls to the new student families.**

Sallie and Claude made the introductory calls. Only 24 calls. *Sallie will be sending the band camp countdown emails shortly.*

e. **DONE - Mr. Almanza and Barbie will update the band camp forms and costs.**

Sallie is to rework forms for the volunteers for the parent’s meeting. She has organized packets of forms etc. for band camp. Mr Almanza advised us that the price of the polos has gone from \$23-\$25 and the shoes from \$30 to \$33.

f. **DONE - Mr. Almanza will provide the competition dates.**

- g. DONE - Mr. Almanza will update the calendar with the correct dates and forward it to Lisa to be published on the web site
- h. TBD - Judy will restock the first aid kits once she can get into the band room
First aid kits revision is still pending admission back into the band room. ***Judy will do as soon as the room is open***
- I DONE - Kaaren will get more info on the Rubio's fundraiser.
The Rubio's fundraiser was easy to schedule. We will get 20% of the income. She will pass out the flier at the first day of band camp so that parents can elicit others to join us at Rubio's on 8/26. It will also be emailed to the band parents. We can do this every 4 weeks.
- j. TBD - Kaaren has offered to ghostwrite on grants.
She asked for anyone who has a relative that works for Coco Cola as they give a 2:1 donation. She is looking for grants. She is looking into Parker Foundation. They require a measurable outcome so she was thinking of covering Mr. Caldwell's cost as there are outcomes that could be measured with him working with the marching band now.
She is also looking into the MockingBird Foundation.
The Pampered Chef email party was mentioned and agreed upon that it would be a good fundraiser.
- K TBD - Claude will sign us up for Gift Card fundraising once he gets the letter of affirmation.
Claude has the letter of affirmation. Has not signed up for the gift card programs, yet. He mentioned that he met with Mr Almanza and Barbie to discuss the financial records.
Claude noted that the bylaws need updating as the last time was 2007. Will consider doing this after marching season.
- l. TBD - Ben will take the student leader, RSDMF Board, Band Director & CG Director pics for the website.
There are already pics on the website that Jackson, Dennis and Carly put on. ***Ben will still take pics the first week of band camp.*** Lisa noted that there are now pictures on the web site that go back to 2003. Thanks to our web builders
- m. DONE - Sally will make professional looking stationary for the Foundation to use.
- n. DONE - Ben is working on the business cards which will need the new re-drawn logo.
Ben handed out the new business cards to each of the Board members.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Claude states that the checking account is good now – signature cards signed, etc.

After talking with Mr. Almanza he spent time going over the last year's budget and this year's budget. He changed the "net zero" for all of the fund raising, which revealed an \$7000 carry over. He presented his work and explained how the budget had been presented to Mr. Almanza last year. Mr. A. always felt the band was over-budget which made Mr. Almanza cut back on expenses. This was also how the budget was presented to us. Claude put the fundraising expenses and income back into the budget which gave a much more favorable budget and also more realistic. Claude states that he will rework the budget one more time before our next meeting and then ask for Board approval of it. Mr. Almanza reminded us that the budget will always change throughout the year, according to the needs of the band.

Claude closed the old paypal account and started the new one, which has no \$500 withdrawal restriction.

Other planned activities for Claude:

- 1. Obtain student donation amounts from Mr Amanza.***
- 2. Rewrite RSDMF financial page on the website to reflect new Student Donation information.***
- 3. Consider a "donation per student" report for parents that he would hand out monthly He noted that if a donation is greater than \$250 the donor needs a receipt for taxes.***
- 4. Identify RSDMF assets – what are they? And what value do they have?***
- 5. Claude is pursuing a webstore for the organization.***

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Assembly bill that would give marching band students an exemption from their second year of PE (AB 1569) was dropped in the education committee that was reviewing the rewrite of it. Last year everyone but freshmen got PE credit but that was the last year that could be done.

Mr. A would like an alumni page on the website. ***Lisa will work on it.***

He wondered if the pit crew could have orange jumpsuits – they are about \$25.

Snowball needs painting and some work on it. ***Sallie will look into a donation for the painting.***

The semi needs a committee to continue to work on the rebuild.

The student leaders are ready for band camp. This year's leaders are really on top of everything.

The writing of the show is being finished. It had to be changed from the original idea and restarted. The new show will use snippets of Silverado along with other songs but it is not a western show.

Hugo Ramirez is the new percussion instructor. He is going to have a percussion camp the week before band camp starts. He is really good and the students like him.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Sallie is working hard on figuring out the emails and duties that need to be done, especially for band camp. She will be sending out the "2 weeks to band camp" email this evening.

WEBMASTER REPORT:

Jackson, Dennis and Carly have been hard at work on the website. All the pictures have been added now.

PMAG REPORT:

Bob reported that the last School Board meeting was 7/9 and he was not able to attend.

There was a special Board Meeting on 7/23 regarding the Helix Charter School problems, only. Bob did not go.

Mr. Almanza stated that we need our "uniform" money – we have been delayed 3 times in getting our money.

MEMBERS AT LARGE REPORT:

Kaaren was asked if she could be the coordinator for all of the committees. She accepted the challenge. We had already discussed some of the grants that she was going to try.

New Business:

Band Camp – Committee – Sallie and Patty are going to work together. Sallie will send an email tonight requesting volunteers for the meals.

Fund Raising – Several of the fundraisers, as listed by Ben on the agenda, were discussed.

- The car wash for 8/29 has been canceled due to the students being too tired from band camp. It has been rescheduled for 9/12 at the Shell Station (our usual place).

- Mr. Almanza discussed why we do not want to do the Entertainment Books as a fundraiser.

- The Miramar Air Show is a great way to make money. It is 10/2-4th. Mr. A recommended that we talk with Cathy Gac regarding it. The students could help with the booths.

- Qualcomm Stadium Concessions was noted as a great money maker – need parents to help at the concessions. The students can take tickets at the entrances. Have to be 16 to do it. Mr. Almanza recommended talking to Kathy Flinn.

- We discussed the selling of food/candy and decided it might work to do it in the stands during games. We are still considering selling lollipops.

Parent presentation at the first parent meeting:

Ben discussed the presentation that he would like to do and asked for input and others to speak.

Adjourned at 8:35.

Next Parent Meeting 8/24 at 6:00 – band room

Next Board Meeting 9/2 at 6:30 – at the Allen's home