Band Booster Meeting Minutes April 13, 2023

Comments from the President:

* Welcome: The President welcomed everyone to the last formal meeting of the school year. The next meeting will be held at the Spring Concert.
* The President noted that all information is posted to the website.
* Fitting Days for the 2023-2024 school year would be:
  + Tuesday, May 2nd for Juniors and Seniors
  + Thursday, May 4th, for Freshman and Sophomores
  + Fittings are from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the band room
  + Students need to wear their practice uniform.
  + Students need to wear socks and shoes to fittings. (bandos, if they have them)
* Spring Concert:
  + Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 pm in the football field.
  + In the event of bad weather, the concert will be moved to the East Gym.
  + The band will be taking donations for Cast Aways and the Bryan County Animal Shelter.
* Black and Gold football game on May 12th. More information will be provided at a later time.
* Band Banquet on Saturday, May 13th at 6:00 pm in the East Cafeteria.
  + Smoking Pig will be catering.
  + Tickets are $10 per person and payment will be taken at the banquet in the form of cash or card.  A preorder form will be going out shortly.
  + You do not have to eat, to attend the banquet.
  + Seniors eat free.

Comments from the Treasurer:

* Current checking account balance is $142,021.62
* Income for March was $1,785.00 and expenses were $1,754.50.
* We still have $4,291.12 in outstanding fees. We are asking all the parents to pay your band fees by April 26th or sooner. We will be closing the books to get ready for registration.
* All unpaid dues will be carried over to next season.
* Registration for the new year will start soon and parents can pay their band dues as soon as students are registered.
* Band fees for 2023-2024 are $375.00 (no change from last year.)

Comments from the President, on behalf of the Volunteer Coordinator:

* Volunteers needed for fitting days
* Volunteers needed for Black and Gold game
* Please sign up

Comments from the Fundraising Coordinator:

* Would like to have a Tour de Ford committee for the 2023-2024 school year.  A minimum of 3-4 people.
* Savannah Bananas Group Fundraiser starting soon. Be watching your emails for more information.

Comments from the Band Director:

* THANK YOU for 16 years!
* Spring Concert:
  + On the football field.
  + Dress code is formal wear. Same as LGPE.
    - Young Men will wear black tuxedos, white button up shirts, with black bowtie and black shoes. Long sleeve black dress shirts will be accepted.
    - Young Ladies will wear length appropriate solid black dresses or pant suits with closed toed black shoes.
    - Each class will perform four songs. There are four groups performing. The event will last 1 ½ hours. Please stay for the entirety of the concert and give the children your attention. They have worked very hard on this performance.
* Leadership Camp:
  + Monday, April 17th through Friday, April 21st
  + 2:45 – 4:00 pm
  + Letter will go home to all the parents. Please be supportive of your children and the process. Not everyone that tries out will get a leadership position, but please be respectful of the children that do get leadership.
* Percussion Camp:
  + Monday, April 24th through Friday, April 28th
  + 3:30 to 4:30 pm
  + Camp starts later to allow the incoming freshmen time to get to the High School from the Middle School.
  + This is not try-outs, this is placement camp. Everyone attending percussion camp is a band member. Percussion camp gives the students the opportunity to show their skills and they will be placed on instruments that best meet those skills.
* Guard Camp:
  + Monday, April 17th through Friday, April 28th
  + Information was sent out by Marlon.
  + There is no set number of positions. These are try-outs and in order to make the team, they must have the skill needed at the end of two weeks.

Introduction to RHHS new band director, Steven Hendricks.

* Here for the week. Was able to spend time with the High School and Middle School band classes. Attended several meetings.
* Once served as the Assistance Band Director at RHHS.
* Looking forward to taking a great program and making it even better.

Other Comments from the President:

* This is the last formal meeting of the year. It was a pleasure being a part of this organization for seven years. Its success is due to the faithful volunteers that are always here. They are the superheroes. The President feels very at peace for leaving the band in great hands with the new board. Thank you again to all the volunteers.
* The President thanked Dr. Daniel Kiene for everything he has done for the children and wished him the very best.

Last board meeting will be held at the Spring Concert on May 9th.