

RHHS Band Booster General Meeting

Agenda

November 7, 2024, 7:00 PM, Band Room & Google Meet

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1. President (Jennifer - pres.rhhsbb@gmail.com)

- Jennifer thanked everyone for a fantastic marching band season! It was awesome, exceptional, phenomenal! She also thanked the executive board for their work. She then thanked all the volunteers, the directors, and the parents. She thanked them for showing up and getting kids to practice, getting kids everywhere that they need to be.
- Jennifer shared about an email she received from a parent that worked the ticket booth at the Statesboro competition.
 - “Jennifer, as one band parent to another group of them, I want to say thank you to your organization. I was working the ticket booth at the East Georgia competition in Statesboro last night. Our Internet connection went down at such a bad moment. So, ticket sales went sideways when we couldn't make it work. For those who didn't have cash, there was no way I was going to let someone miss their child's amazing performance because of technical difficulties. Joe and I gave tickets on the honor system. Every single person came back to the ticket booth to pay. Every single one. And no one got snippy when we were absolutely panicking, trying to get square to work and trying to track our cash sales until they could be run again. Y'all are an amazing group of parents and supporters, and you have no idea how much I appreciate your support and kindness. Congratulations on such a great performance by your kids. It's easy to see. They were raised right.

Sincerely and With Gratitude,
Rachel Sieve
Statesboro High School fan mom”

- The email was shared with Mr. Miller as well. He said thank you so much!
- We still have band left to do and a few things are going to be coming up in December
 - Christmas parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th
 - The winter concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th. And that's going to be held in the gym.
 - We will be having some open board positions for next year. We're going to hold an interest meeting probably the third week in January.

2. Treasurer (Molly - treas.rhhsbb@gmail.com)

- Treasurer's Report – We have 128,000 in the checking and 91,000 in the savings for about 221,000 total. From the beginning of the season to now, we're down about \$4,000 from June 1st. So really good job of fundraising and keeping us going. The significant inflows for last month was the competition, which was about \$18,000. Concession

14,000. And then merch sales, T shirts, shoes, things like that. 3,000. And some people have paid their participation fees. Thank you. For another 3,000

- Next, we have significant outflows for this month, the Competition for about 16,000, concessions for 10. Our instructors \$4,000, vehicles and equipment for 4,500 and some guard uniforms for \$3,000.
- As far as concession sales goes, we hit 100% of what we budgeted, so great job to everybody who was willing to jump in and help in concessions. With respect to the competition, we hit about 75% of what we budgeted, but really that's what we expected because we had a few bands drop out and the bands that came were much smaller. So again, great job with everybody jumping in and making those things our top fundraisers.

3. Vice-President (Alan – vp.rhhsbb@gmail.com)

Alan started off by reiterating what Jen said earlier on about our parents and our volunteers. It wouldn't be possible without our volunteers and without our parents. But we see the same faces over and over and over and without hesitation, and we know that we're going to rely on those same faces to help us again. Those people need a special shout out. And thanks very much. And he hopes that we are going to be able to have a volunteer recognition night sometime, probably in the new year.

4. Volunteer Coordinator (Debby - volunteer.rhhsbb@gmail.com)

- We had a great season! Three times grand champion, and that's awesome! We can't do what we do without our volunteers, our parents. Thanks to everybody who has volunteered! In away games, Debby had a core group of ladies and two gentlemen. Week after week, these people showed up riding buses, just doing whatever was possible. We had concessions volunteers, equipment volunteers, people showing up and helping to do whatever. We have a shortage this year, and everybody just kind of jumped in and did whatever needed to be done. She thanked everybody who did that and who helped. We truly appreciate you.
- For the Christmas parade, on Booster Hub, there is a sign-up link for candy donations. We hand out candy during the parade. If you're able to contribute, please sign up. And we're asking for donations to be turned in by December 2nd. And please put your name on your donation and just have your child bring it in and leave it here in the band room. Board members will take that and get it ready for the Christmas parade on Saturday, December 7th.

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

- Tanya started by giving a shout out to her equipment team and transportation team. They did an excellent job this year. She had some special people get together, go places, pick stuff up and made things work so that we could be those grand champions. And our kids work so hard. She wanted to thank everyone again for all their support.

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

- Harlee wanted to talk about new uniforms. She does not want to leave this school with the old uniforms. She wants to have a visual fill in chart, so we know where we are in

fundraising process with the price at the top. Here are all the fundraisers that we're going to have soon:

- Wreaths will be sold online on Booster Hub. They are Frasier fur wreaths and they're 24 inches for \$30, 35 inches for \$40. We must have all the orders in by November 13th. If you want a bow, you can get a bow for 10 extra dollars. Let's sell some wreaths!
- We're working on a Christmas movie night, and we don't have all the details yet, but we feel like this would be a good event to bring us all together, bring other people from the community together and make us some money for uniforms.
- Tanya is going to do a 50/50 raffle.
- There'll be other things later that the band teachers/directors will discuss with the kids in class. The raffle will start within the next few days, and we'll be live within the next few days, and we will draw the winner on December 31st.
- She then challenged all the parents out there to step up. We have had a lot of parents help this year, but with the size of the band we have, we should have so many parents that our volunteer coordinator must turn them away. There should never be a time where we're having to post over and over that we need help. She shared how she made friends these past four years that have now become our family and just how special it is to cheer on her kid from the sidelines. She wants to challenge everyone to answer the call when the volunteer coordinator asks for help. She reminds parents to think about what band is going to bring to them later in life, not just now. She mentioned that in the past we have offered all kind of incentives for parents to help, but her incentive, is her daughter's smile. She finished by asking everyone to step up because quite a few parents are leaving and those that are staying will need help.

8. Director's Report

- Mr. Hendricks agrees with Harlee's statements. He said how kids really want parents there, even if they don't say it. He says the happiest kids that he sees are the ones whose parents are actively involved in what they're doing, whether that be band or anything else.
- He then recapped our marching band season. It started on July 9th for kids and started in February internally. He was excited about the success of the football time and the fun times it brought the band also. They had multiple away games that were at least 200 miles away. He thanked the adults that volunteered to help us and ride those buses or whatever it was that they did for the kids. He also showed appreciation for those kids that signed up for those away games, knowing what a big commitment it was. He was happy with the senior night, especially that the kids got to do their whole show for our community. Then the competitive season turned out about as good as we could have hoped for. The goal was for our kids to enjoy performing their show. With the support, teaching, and kids' discipline, results would take care of themselves. He tries to actively put ourselves out there to some new groups. The freshmen and sophomores don't know what it's like to not come in first place because they've never experienced that before, and that says a lot about them. He is happy to send our seniors out the way we are. It was just a fun show, too, even though it was super stressful to put all that out there and

get it done. It takes an army to do what we did. Many people envy what Richmond Hill band has. He thanked everyone for what they do. He is confident and proud to be a part of this program.

- There are a few things coming up. First is district honor band and all state auditions. The kids have low key been working on that since August, and we're going to have a good showing. Those auditions are going to be on the second Saturday in December. Our middle school program this year is sending about 98 kids to district honor band auditions. The high school has 147 or 148 registered. Next Saturday, a handful of our kids are going to go to the middle school, and they're going to clinic those middle school kids through their district honor band. We're trying to build the confidence and ability of those students and trying to cultivate that relationship as much as.
- Our Winter concert is scheduled for December 12th in the gym. We expect to have eight or nine pieces. The goal is to have about 45 -50 minutes of music.
- We will be having a winter guard this year. He expects to have auditions after Thanksgiving and have rehearsals in January, February, which will be off campus, to be somewhere else at an elementary school or middle school because they're playing basketball here. We also have a Christmas parade on the first Saturday in December.