



Royal Guardians

Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 Time: 7:30 – 8:30 pm Location: Band Room

Attendance: President, Sheri Elfreich; Vice President, Kim Weber; Treasurer, Jim Pearce; Student Accounts, Joann Kolesar; Secretary, Jill Halverstadt; Director of Bands, Audrey Torres and 21 parents on the sign-in sheet

Meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by Sheri Elfreich

Director's Report- Audrey Torres

- Rehearsals are going well! It is amazing to see the older students helping the younger students!
- Junior High Night is a huge recruiting opportunity for RCG. We have 235 junior high students attending, as well as 37 JH parent chaperones and 9-10 RCG parent chaperones. Lots of help will be needed to get students stands and chairs (for larger non-marching instruments) on and off the field at halftime. Maintenance will be setting up more stands to accommodate JH during the game. We are excited to have such a big group this year! Section leaders are planning fun treats/candy bags.
- There are a few calendar tweaks as well as additional information about upcoming events:
 1. **Saturday, September 21st**- We will begin rehearsal at 8:00am and end at 2:30pm. This is to allow students attending Homecoming more time to get ready.
 2. **Friday, September 27th**- Although students can attend Homecoming this year, they still wanted to keep Bandcoming. It will take place in the Band Room from 6:00-9:00pm. The cost is \$7.00 per student, which covers food, drinks and decorations. We will need chaperones for the event.
 3. **Saturday, October 12th**- This has been changed to a rehearsal from 8:00am-2:30pm. Mrs. Torres had originally considered Center Grove as a competition site as we have gone to in the past, but due to the weekends before and after being very long and intensive competition days (Oct. 5th-BOA with very early start time and Oct. 19th- ISSMA Regionals could be a far drive), it is much more effective to have a rehearsal. Judges from BOA will have given valuable feedback that we will need time to work on to better prepare for Regionals. Attending this rehearsal is critical and times have been modified to accommodate students leaving for Fall Break.
 4. Mrs. Torres reminded that **October 17th and 18th** (9am-6pm) are also critical that students attend.
 5. Trunk or Treat will take place on Tuesday, October 29th at 9:00pm after practice. That Tuesday's rehearsal, from 6:00-9:00pm, was switched with Thursday evening practice due to Halloween. Students will have practice on the 31st from 3:25-6:00pm to accommodate those who will be celebrating with family and friends.
- We will be doing another Snap! Raise very soon, as it was very successful last year. Mrs. Torres will be meeting with the representative some time next week. Details will be sent out to the entire HSE Bands program soon. We have a goal of raising \$50,000 to cover program costs/needs and it is crucial that we continue to fundraise!

President's Report- Sheri Elfreich

- Prop construction is going very well. All the help has been greatly appreciated.
- Sheri sent out a Remind test notification earlier that morning. If you did not receive the notification, then you are not signed up for Remind. (New Remind sign-up links were sent via the newsletter. If you signed up originally, you must do it again due to a technical error.) Remind is how we will send



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important information that needs to be communicated quickly. For example, “The buses will be arriving back at the school at approximately 11:30pm.”

Treasurer’s Report- Jim Pearce

- The current balance is \$46,300.00
- Jim presented pie charts to understand the income and expenses from 2018 fiscal year for the entire bands program. Increasing our fundraising income, will reduce student fees in the future. It is crucial to fundraise as much as we can.
- Sheri Elfreich addressed the need for a fundraising chair and/or several people that could work on organizing fundraising opportunities for the band. We also need to reach out to businesses for corporate sponsorships.

Student Accounts- Joann Kolesar

- Final Payment of \$275.00 for RCG is due September 15th. Check your account to see your personal total as it may be more due to shoe orders and guard accessories. Personal fundraising may also affect what you owe.
- Send Joann Kolesar an email if you are having difficulty accessing your MMO account.

Buddy Bags- Melissa Schulman

- Melissa explained that “Secret Buddies” is an optional program that students enjoy participating in during the RCG competition season. Here’s how it works: Participating students fill out a form to list their “favorites” (drink, candy, color, hobby/interests) and turn it into the drum majors. The drum majors will pair up students and then distribute the forms accordingly. Each weekend competition, the students will bring in a Secret Buddy Bag filled with some of the items from the form. The bags will be packed on the bus and handed out after competition. The students have fun trying to figure out who their Secret Buddy is. **Important details:** Use a small bag/gift bag; no need to spend a lot of money on the items/keep it around \$5; write the students name clearly on the outside of the bag; do not forget your buddy-we don’t want anyone that is participating to go without a bag; no items that need to be kept cold; no 2 liter bottles. Reminders will go out in the newsletter. Contact Melissa Schulman if you have any questions: mkdpm@yahoo.com

Dine to Donate Events- Jill Halverstadt

- Ale Emporium Dine to Donate brought in \$235.00 (That’s with a 15% give back.)
- Mark your calendar for the following Dine to Donate events:
 1. September 16th- City Barbeque (25% of sales)
 2. November 19th- Culvers (sliding % scale- as sales increase, so does the give back %) We will need parents and students, 16 and older to volunteer for inside and outside food delivery shifts (food to tables and to cars). A sign-up will be sent out once we get closer to November.
- A location for our October event is still in the planning stage and will be communicated soon.
- If you have any suggestions for future locations that give a nice % back, contact Jenny Kraus dine2donate@hsehsbands.com

Meeting end time: 8:10pm