

# **Pulaski Music Booster Meeting**

## **Monday, Oct. 13, 2025 ~ 7:00 p.m. Pulaski High School**

1. Meeting call to order - 7:02 PM

2. Student Reports

a. Will Gosse

- Preparing for the Veterans Memorial Dedication performance on October 14th at 5:30 PM in Memorial Park. Songs will include Armed Forces Salute, Star Spangled Banner as well as a few more.
- Jazz is preparing for our Veterans Day concert. We recently kicked off the Veterans Meal Voucher Fundraiser.

b. Leah Dyal

- The choirs are working hard preparing for the Red Raider Showcase. Two weeks ago we had our auditions for variety acts.
- We will need donations and volunteers for the meals before each show.
- We have been having early morning rehearsals for Show Choir, Chamber and Descant & Fellas, which have been going very well.
- We will have rehearsals Nov. 3rd & Nov. 6th from 5:30-8:30 PM.
- Students are working on posters to help advertise for RRSC.
- We would like to ask the Booster to take charge of doing the Shout-outs for RRSC.
- Ticket sales will be coming soon.
- On Sept. 27th Chamber and Show Choir performed at Shippy Park. We had a lot of fun with that.
- We would like to thank the Boosters from the bottom of our hearts for feeding us before the Anthem on October 3rd.
- Emma Alhswede was chosen to be a part of the Directors Honor Jazz Choir.

3. Director Reports (Mrs. Brown, Mr. Busch, Mr. Guerrero)

a. Kathy Brown

- Lots going on with RRSC. It's coming together as an event not just a concert! I really appreciate Jeff, Kris, Janea, Jackie and Jennifer for their efforts on it.
- There will be no elementary day performance since they don't have school Nov. 7th.
- Music feed for RRSC is Nov. 6th at 5:00 PM.
- The Root Beer Float sale during Spirit Day made \$500. That money goes towards the hotel rooms for Acapocalypse in April. We will probably be asking for help with busing for it.

- We had a t-shirt competition for new choir shirts. Saige Wirtz created the winning design.
- Our band/choir fundraiser ends tomorrow.
- Upcoming trip to go see Come From Away is being finalized
- Tri-M Honor Society induction will be Sept. 6th at 7:00 PM. We have 32 members total and are inducting 17 new members. Meetings will be the 1st Tuesday of the month. Looking for suggestions to make things better in the ceremony.
- We have 3 kiddos performing at the WSMA Choir concert this year: Emma Ahlswede, Elizabeth Dornfeld and Saige Wirtz.
- We found help with uniforms. Janea Weisensel and her mother will be altering the dresses and tuxedos.
- Musical auditions for Seussical the Musical were held last week. Practice will begin in December.

b. Mr. Busch

- We had a wonderful fall season which wrapped on October 3rd. The kids did a phenomenal job.
- Band Night with the 8th graders will be October 17th. We will have rehearsal with them on the 16th.
- We have a pizza party planned on the 17th with lots of participation from the high school students. Good bonding experience.
- December 13th will be our Sounds of the Season concert at ABVM.
- December 15th will be the Winter Concert at PHS.
- Pep Band will be kicking off at the end of November. Getting dates ready for that.
- Thank you to the boosters for all the support at parades and field shows.

c. Mr. Guerrero

- Jazz is busy with rehearsals.
- The booth for Spirit Day went well. We had a quesadilla booth with sales totalling \$343. Thank you all for the donations for that.
- Jazz will perform at ABVM Nov 11th at 10:00 for Veterans Day.
- Saturday November 15th we will have our annual Veterans Concert. We have partnered with Figaro's to provide meal vouchers for veterans in the area. If you would like to sponsor a meal for a veteran, please see a Red Raider Jazz member.
- We are figuring on a set list and working on a poster for the event.

- Heid Music presented us our award for Best Community in Music Education. We have received this award for 10 years.
- For the Philly trip - we have had a few more signed up. All the chaperones are signed up and in the process of getting the leads signed up. Total participants on the main tour is about 158.
- Friends & Family tour is coming along. Turn the details about that over to Amy Herrison.

d. Amy Herrison

- We have 28 signed up. Need more people to sign up to keep the pricing where it is. Looking for a total of 40 for the trip.
- Sign up ends October 27th

4. Coordinator Reports

a. Chaperones - Carmen Raymaker

- Marching season ends Friday. Thank you to all who showed up and helped.
- We have a crew of chaperones signed for the Philly trip.
- Make sure to do your background check thru Raptor. It switched back in August and it's district policy to have done.

b. MET Force - Jessi Drevs

- Friday is the end of the season. I appreciate all the help this year.
- The next event will be Sounds of the Season Concert.

c. Resch Center - Margie Reynolds

- November dates are posted and we have quite a few.
- Locking the sign up later in the week for Resch. Email me to be added after it's locked.

d. Apparel Sale - Julie Murphy

- Working with Todd at Home Team going over items and what's in stock.
- The store will open at the end of October so orders can come in on time for Christmas.

e. Bake Sales - Jackie Lyons

- There will be a bake sale for the Red Raider Showcase. Will need people to work the table before the show, during intermission and afterwards.

f. Music Feeds - Jennifer Sinkula/Ashley Carlson

- We have a feed on Nov. 6th for RRSC. 3:30-6 are the times for volunteers. Kids will eat at 5:00.
- This is our last feed. We are still looking for another co-lead.

g. Red Raider Showcase - Jeff Mommaerts

- The event on Saturday starts at 5:00 with the dinner running until 6:30. Sunday doors open at 12:00 with the meal until 1:30.
- We will have the 50/50 Raffle, a Silent Pie Auction, the bake sale, a drinks table and flowers for sale on both days.
- We are trying to make this the choir version of Chilirific.
- We will have PCMS students performing during the dinners for entertainment.
- Tickets sales will start Oct. 20th.
- The link will be in the newsletter.
- We need food donations and volunteers for the day of the events.
- Janea Weisensel and Jackie Huisman have stepped up to lead next year.

h. Coffee & Kringle: Oct. 27 - Nov. 10 - Jessi Drevs

- The fundraiser will start October 27th.
- Information will be sent home with the students.
- We have Holiday coffee flavors for sale
- Kringles will cost \$23
- Sales end Nov. 10th.
- Should have orders by the beginning of December.

i. Communications - Jennifer Sinkula

- The newsletter will include a general thank you for fundraising.
- Coffee and Kringle information
- Reminder to do background check
- Mark your calendars for RRSC
- Waiting to have the Jazz concert information
- Friends and Family tour info
- Will move Resch information closer to top

5. Treasurer Report - Jessi Drevs - Review & approve financial report

- Balance down due to Mackinac finally cleared
  - Buying a larger amount of Kwik Trip cards since they have been going fast.
  - Deposits made on Saturday for Festival cards
  - Requests for trip payments can be made. Payments get sent to Harmony in December, February and May. Google request form in newsletter. Nick from Harmony said not to worry about late payment notices.
  - Reimbursement forms are needed for the Italy trip to use student accounts.
- a. Current Balance in Premier - \$79026.57
  - b. Current Student Balance - \$35073.20

- Approved - Jeff Mommaerts
  - Seconded - Margie Reynolds
6. Secretary Report - Kris Mommaerts - Review & approve minutes from last month
- Approved - Elyse Batzer
  - Seconded - Jackie Lyons
7. Vice President Report - Mindy Melendy
- Nothing to report
8. President Report - Cara Gosse
- a. Vote on % split
    - The split was 80/20. Needs to be 50/50 for compliance on the recommendation of our accountant.
    - New split will start Jan. 1st
    - Majority - vote passes
  - b. November Booster meeting
    - The next meeting to be moved to November 17th due to multiple activities happening on Nov. 10th.
9. New Business
- May need to purchase more raffle tickets to be used at RRSC and Chilirific.
  - Board to purchase
10. Adjourn - 8:12 PM
- Approved - Jessi Dreves
  - Seconded - Jackie Lyons

**Next Meeting: Monday, Nov. , 2025 @ 7:00pm - PHS Room LGI-1**