

**ROCK BRIDGE PTSA MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 11, 2011**

In attendance: Jodie Brand, Melanie Staloch, Dora Thackery, Jane Smith, Ardith Kirchhoff, Mark Maus, David Bones, Lorin Chann, Helen Liu, Monica Widhalm, Karen Smith, Laura Brennan, Deb Linneman, Kay Hake, Suzanne Howser, Julie Davis, Fred Rice

President Jodie Brand called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

**Secretary's Report** - The minutes of the March 14, 2011 meeting have been distributed electronically. There were no corrections. They were approved on a motion 1st- Jane Smith and 2nd- Laura Brennan.

**Treasurer's Report** - Jodie Brand read the report for Kellie Pemberton.  
INCOME: E-Script- \$60.92; Membership- \$8.00 Interest- \$1.19; Total Income= \$70.11.

EXPENSES: Sam's Club Concessions- \$202.15; CACC Culinary Arts,Global Village- \$1,250.00; RBHS Global Village booths- \$285.76; Reverse Deposit Correction of Deposit 2/16 (it was debited on Bank Statement just like this); E-Script- 35.94; CACC Culinary Arts,Staff Appreciation- \$97.50; Total Expenses= \$1,881.35.

Cash Balance as of April 11, 2011 is \$26,775.59.

Concessions Income Breakdown:  
Football and Volleyball Season - \$12,024.44  
Basketball and Wrestling Season - \$6,898.96  
Total - \$18,397.18

**Administrative Report** - David Bones and Mark Maus collaborated about how busy the Seniors are right now. Graduation is May 21 at 7:00 pm.

\*Potato Day was very much appreciated.

\*The choir group City Lights qualified for Nationals.

\*The Jazz Band did well this past weekend.

\*Congratulations to the Rock Bridge Scholar Bowl team for winning its 3rd District Championship in the past 5 years. This year's squad went undefeated. The team is in a best two-of-three Sectional match-up for a chance to qualify for the MSHSAA State Competition on April 14th.

\*Spring sports are taking place with tennis, golf, track, baseball, girls soccer.

\*Rock Bridge ordered 900 AP exams, more than ever before.

\*The question was asked if it was possible to change Graduation time in 2012 and beyond from 7:00 pm, to an early hour - what time would we like? Answer was 4 or 5:00 pm. This time change will be looked into further.

\*Wi-Fi is now available at RB.

\*New flags for the school have been ordered and should arrive in May. The cost is \$484.50.

**Newsletter** - Jodie Brand reported for Deb Bassuener that extra volunteers are needed to help assemble the newsletter on April 27 at 9:00 am. This newsletter will be mailed out to incoming Sophomores. Please contact Deb Bassuener at dbassuener@centurytel.net if you are available to help.

**Staff Appreciation** - Jane Smith made the report. May 2 - 6 is Staff Appreciation week. They are requesting donations for raffles of \$5-\$15 gift cards and other small items. Items need to be turned in no later than April 25.

**Membership** - No Report

**Concessions** - Monica Widhalm reported with Fred Rice that some of the excess concessions products have been sold to Baseball.

**Athletic Booster Club** - Deb Linneman made the report that the next meeting will be April 18 at 7:00 pm.

**Music Booster** - Dora Thackery made the report.

\*Congratulations to all Rock Bridge High School bands, choirs, and the orchestra for receiving "1" Superior ratings at the MSHSAA Music Festival at Mexico High School Friday, March 25. In addition, choir solo and choir ensemble groups totaled 21 "1" Superior ratings.

\*Also, congratulations to the RB Bands for their outstanding performances in Orlando, Florida over Spring Break. The Concert Band performed at Epcot in Disney World on March 30 and both the Concert Band and Jazz Band received Gold Ratings on April 1 at a music festival in Kissimmee.

\*City Lights Show Choir attained First Runner-up at FAME Branson this past weekend and the top 3 finalists are going to FAME Nationals in Indianapolis April 30th. Satin n Lace Show Choir got First Runner-up in the Unisex vision, but only the top finalist in that division gets to proceed to Nationals.

\*The Show Choir Appetizer/Dessert Fundraiser is this Saturday, April 16, and tickets are still available.

\*Thursday, April 21 - CAPERS Performance (ALL bands) Fundraiser.

\*2011 Jazz Night with Guest Artist Roger Ingram.

Roger is most known in recent years as the lead trumpet player for the Harry Connick Jr. Big Band and has performed with greats artists like Woody Herman, Maynard Ferguson, Bobby Shew, Arturo Sandoval, and Bill Watrous to name a few. You can get more information about Roger at [www.rogeringram.com](http://www.rogeringram.com). Jazz Night is Wednesday,

April 27 at 7 pm in the Hickman High School Auditorium. Pre-sale tickets are \$3 and \$5 at the door.

\*The Theatrical Showcase featuring the Musical Theatre and Advanced Acting classes will be May 6 and 7 at 7 pm in the PAC. Tickets will be \$5.00.

\*Today, April 11, 2011 there is a Band Fundraiser from 5 - 9:00 pm at McAllisters.

\*Congratulations to the RB Jazz program this weekend at the St. Charles West Jazz Festival. 1st Place-Jazz Ensemble in the 5A division; 2nd Place-Jazz Band in the Second Band division; 1st Place-Impressions Jazz Combo in the Combo division; 3rd Place Tie-Stolen Moments and Jazzmataz Jazz Combos in the Combo division.

**Hospitality** - No report.

**Reflections** - Ardith Kirchhoff reported that they had hosted a reception. A cash prize of \$40 was given out to 3 who had gone to Nationals. Ardith would like to see an increase in the Reflections budget for next year if possible. Ardith will also be applying for the Mary Lou Anderson Grant.

**CCPTA** - No report.

**Teacher Supplies** - Jane Smith reported. The Back-To-School form needs to be updated.

**Bruin Grants** - No report.

**Valentine's Day** - No report.

**Website** - No report.

**Building Volunteer Coordinator** - Lorin Chann needs your volunteer hours as an estimate, until the end of the year. Please send your hours to Lorin at Lnchann@aol.com by May 1st.

**Class Representatives** -  
Sophomore class - No report.

Junior class - No report.

Senior Class - Helen Liu mentioned that the Boys Tennis team had attended a National event held in Louisville, Kentucky, March 23-25.

**Old Business** -

\*The Career Center Robotics team is now called "Army Ants". Congratulations to them as they are the Columbia Area Career Centers FIRST Robotics Team. They earned an award for the "Most Inspiring Rookie Team," were named "Rookie All-Star" winners,

and earned the privilege of moving on to represent their communities in the International FIRST Robotics Championship ([www.usfirst.org/default.aspx](http://www.usfirst.org/default.aspx)). The team will be traveling to the International Competition April 27-30 where they will compete with teams from around the globe of 51 countries.

The following students represented Columbia Schools:

Noah Smith, Joseph Liu, Christian Wahl, Angela Zhang, Ransom Stamps, Daniel Brennan, David Berry, Eric Becker, Mitchell Frechmann, Harrison Stretz, John Schreiner, Ethan Winberg, Rocky Wyss, Siyuan Gao, Adi Babu, Zeke Rachow, Theo Choma, Jeremy Davis, Greg Bushmann, Jack Clark, Keil Kelly, Timothy George, John Gillis, Muhammad Al-Rawi.

\*The Nominating Committee has only a few committee chair positions to fill.

### **New Business -**

\*PTA Volunteers of the Year Awards, honors Fred Rice, Ardith Kirchoff and Melanie Staloch. Congratulations and thank you! Reception is April 26 at JJHS.

\*Landscaping in front corridor. This brought up the topic of the tree project from last year's meeting. As this project had been dropped, we will move on with our own process this 2011 year. A possible free estimate and landscape design from Helmi Sheely, and the Career Center to provide assistance.

Kay Hake sent an email stating that Tom at Millcreek Landscaping suggested a bald Cyprus for the front to replace the dead tree. He said flowering trees do not do well with the grate over them as water gets trapped and it is too wet. The tree was \$100 but Tom said he would sell it to RB for \$75.

\*Request committees to report on the "State of their budgets" and thoughtfully update this years notes regarding activities by the May meeting.

### **Upcoming Events -**

\* The next Rock Bridge PTSA meeting will be Monday, May 9, noon in the PAC lobby. (This will be an End-of-Year Luncheon!!) Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

**Plan to turn over your committee notes at this meeting.** Bring friends and incoming Sophomore parents!!!

No further business pending, meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Staloch  
PTSA Secretary

