

Ryle Band Booster Meeting
Minutes
October 20, 2016

In attendance: Tracy Fuchs, Tyra LaVerne, Patsy Fegenbush, Doug Penix, Mark Fowler, Scott Hill, Ryan Royse, Jodi McGinnis, Kevin Gregory, Robin Erpenbeck, Stacy Hill, Dave Stenner, Mollie Willis, Catherine Willis, Sirijun Mayi, Wanda Laws, Greg Laws, Jim Coates, Lee Coates, Denise Lorson, Staci Hunt Ramsey

Tracy Fuchs called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm and thanked everyone for coming.

Since the kids are at practice, Tracy asked Wanda and Greg Laws to give a Mission Statement for today's meeting as parent representative. Abby Laws, their daughter, is a mellophone player. Abby had transferred to Covington Latin last year, but missed band- marching band and Mr. Elliott in particular- so they are back at Ryle. The Laws are very happy with the band experience overall, with the dedication that Mr. Elliott shows to the program and appreciate the amount of time that he spends with our kids. The Laws expressed how respectful the band kids are, and what a great and supportive group of parents we have. The band in its entirety encompasses dedication and consistent commitment.

Tracy called for folks to review the minutes from the meeting in July, and also asked to make sure that they signed in for the meeting. Tracy called for a motion to approve the minutes: Catherine Willis made the motion to approve, Stacy Hill seconded. Motion approved.

Jodi McGinnis and Kevin Gregory gave the financial update. Jodi McGinnis discussed student fees and where we are in the process of tracking them. Student fees are not collected by the band boosters; they are taken in by the high school, then Jodi has to wait for copies to come back so she can update her spreadsheet. Jodi will be sending out invoices for past due accounts at the end of October. Kevin Gregory gave a general discussion of the Summary of Activities dated from July 1- October 20, 2016. Marching Band is currently the largest cause of expenditures. We anticipate more costs as we prepare to wind down the season. Kevin explained to what each of the line items on the Summary of Activities referred, including the current funds and the forecast of funds from now (10/20/16) through the end of the year (12/31/16). Tracy discussed the \$29K, 9-month delayed invoice we received from the Board of Education- it is partially for staff salaries from the fall of 2015. We are currently working with the Board of Education finance people to make sure that this bill is in fact accurate before we pay it, as there were salaries for people listed in the bill who were not working with the band. Once the invoice is deemed accurate, we will possibly work out a payment plan. The question was posed about the payment of the uniforms; that bill was paid 7 months early, and paid exclusively for by Bingo profit.

Doug Penix and Patsy Fegenbush discussed the Ryle Tournament of Bands. Doug said he thought it was a successful tournament overall; there were some challenges due to the heat, but all worked out. Currently the bottom line looks like we raised about \$18K, though there are some expenditures still outlying and some payments yet to come in. Expecting about \$3K in more sponsorship payments that are still outstanding. Patsy stressed that given the fact that we only had 7 bands, we can consider this very successful. as we had 14 bands last year and netted about \$26K. Sponsorships for this year were much higher than they have been in the past. We will be starting to seek sponsors for the 2017 RTOB in January, 2017.

Robin Erpenbeck gave the Fundraising update. The yard sale made about \$1230; thanks to Catherine Willis and Cindy Richmond for being the primary facilitators. The band received \$175 in August from Culver's What's for Dinner Wednesday, \$160 from Papa Johns What's for Dinner Wednesday in September, and \$285 from Flipdaddy's for October's What's for Dinner Wednesday program. Chipotle will be the November WFDW on November 9 at the location on Mall Road. Yankee Candle Sale is coming up; we are encouraging people to push the online sales as much as we can, as delivery is faster and the process is more streamlined. Ryle gets the

same amount of money whether the orders are online or on paper. Candy Sales have been moved to the January-February timeframe after the band room construction is complete.

Ryan Royse gave the Bingo update. Bingo took most of September/October off because of Marching Band, but Quarter 3 still brought in almost \$16K in net profit. Estimating about \$11K in Quarter 4 profit. We initially budgeted a \$40K profit for 2016, but we may just eclipse \$70K in actual profit for 2016. Most of the bands' profit comes from the pull-tab sales. Each team has volunteer needs, but Ryan said that individual volunteers can even just sign up for a given Saturday, and not have to commit to joining a team right away. Despite being in the middle of about two months off, we still had 120 people come the first weekend in October; Ryan is now getting a lot of inquiries as to when we're coming back and offering Bingo each Saturday. Ryan is also exploring using Facebook invitations for giving some incentives for attending Bingo in order to increase attendance even more. The more people we have playing Bingo, the more volunteers we need to better facilitate the evening. Tracy mentioned that ideally it would be fantastic if we were able to develop a fifth team, which would reduce the load on all of the bingo volunteers, and Tracy encouraged parent section leaders to encourage the parents in their given sections to volunteer, as well.

Mr. Elliott joined the meeting after the rain ended practice early, so he gave the update for the final two competition weeks. Quarterfinals and Semi-finals are coming up over the next two weeks. We would love to be one of the top 4 bands at quarterfinals so we get a better timeslot at Semifinals. We'll be coming back to Ryle as quickly as possible for the Homecoming dance; the draw at the end of the night will determine our performance order for Semifinals.

Ryan Royse asked how the location for Quarterfinals is determined. Mr. Elliott explained that quarterfinal locations are determined with a bid process when KMEA meets in April. There was an additional question as to when the Ryle Tournament of Bands will be in 2017; currently, RTOB is tentatively set for September 23, 2017. This date will become official in April. The date for the BOA competitions will be set in January. Mr. Elliott said the kids are doing great; in fact, one of the best rehearsals of the season was tonight, even despite the rain and the ambiguity of when and where the practice was going to be due to the weather.

Tracy brought up the fact that we currently have (and have had for a long time) two signers on booster checks as a way to have checks and balances on access to booster funds, but now technology has caught up to the point that anyone can view transactions that take place on the account. Tracy mentioned that she has asked Kevin and Jodi about possibly eliminating the need to have two signers for checks, as that will also streamline the process of procuring items and facilitating various projects that involve paying by check.

Mr. Elliott mentioned that the football game is a big deal tomorrow. A videographer from WLWT came in and recorded Wind Symphony playing pep band music that will be broadcast for Name the Band's Jam on WLWT at 5:30 and 11:00. The band will be there at the home football games during the playoffs in a pep band situation. If the football team makes it to state finals, then the marching band will accompany. It's a school spirit thing, and we will be supportive with our participation.

Tracy emphasized that the last 2 regular season games are BIG, please sign up to volunteer in concessions. Parent section leaders get your parents to volunteer.

Dave Stenner motioned to adjourn the meeting, Catherine Willis adjourned. Meeting adjourned.