

# **Ryle Band Booster Meeting**

## **Minutes**

### **July 21, 2016**

In attendance: Jan Ison, Catherine Willis, Kimberlee Vollbrecht, Wendy Evans, Sirijum N. Mayi, Miho Sekine, Kendall Walsh, Laurel Dickman, Denise Coop, Janie Waltz, Christina Wright, Heather Wieland, Cindy Richmond, Jennifer Goodridge, David Goodridge, Lee Coates, Jean Armstrong, Denise Lorson, Sam Sherriff, Matt Sorrell, Nancy Sorrell, Jenny Walsh, Paul Donaldson, Cindy Donaldson, Kathy Kalil, Jennifer Conley, Alicia Hunt, Dawn Murphy, Tracy Fuchs, Patsy Fegenbush, Tyra LaVerne, Robin Erpenbeck, Lisa Barnes, Wesley Barns, Jodi McGinnis, Vanessa Moorman, Staci Hunt Ramsey, Kevin Gregory, Ryan Royse, Doug Penix

Tracy Fuchs called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and thanked everyone for coming.

Tracy Fuchs introduced our three Drum Majors for this marching band season: Ella Rowen, Noah Murphy, and Maddie McGinnis. They offered many thanks to all of the booster parents for their continued support and also thanked the booster organization for sending them to the leadership training at Ball State this summer. Noah Murphy then spoke about his 4 years in Marching Band, and how that time has helped him to become a confident leader. He shared that his participation in Marching, Concert, and Jazz Bands have offered him many opportunities such as performing in Europe and participating in the Music For All leadership weekend. He looks forward to positively impacting his fellow band students' lives, like the past marching band leaders did for him, and he views this year's rookies as our future section leaders and drum majors.

Tracy Fuchs encouraged everyone to pick up the various handouts and information forms on display, and then asked everyone to take a minute to review the minutes from the April 21, 2016 meeting. Paul Donaldson made a motion to approve the minutes. Kendall Walsh seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tracy Fuchs called everyone's attention to the Organizational Chart and had the executive board members introduce themselves. Tracy also recognized the other activities and volunteers such as Bingo and Concessions. The Organizational Chart is full, and all volunteer leadership spots are filled.

Kevin Gregory went over the Statement of Activity dated July 1, 2015 to June 30 2016. Since we just finished the fiscal year, we are in the process of closing the books from the last fiscal year. Kevin Gregory also shared that the board is in the processing of preparing for some sort of official review of the financials in the upcoming year.

Patsy Fegenbush and Doug Penix gave an update on the Ryle Tournament of Bands, which will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup>. RTOB has become one of the premier band competitions in Kentucky. Patsy emphasized that we will need a lot of volunteers from students and adults. Additionally, sponsors are needed, as if the tournament is rained out, we need to be able to cover the money that we pay in advance to prepare for the tournament. Patsy explained that the pride ads will be available for purchase in the RTOB program in addition to sponsors purchasing ad space, the pride ads will be available for purchase online this year. Doug Penix said that more information about RTOB will be coming soon.

Robin Erpenbeck went over upcoming Fundraising Activities. This month's What's for Dinner Wednesday will be Culver's on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Culver's flyer is needed at time of purchase and they were available at tonight's meeting, and it will also be posted on Charms. Laurel Dickman is in charge of What's for Dinner Wednesdays. Robin shared that there will be a candy sale from September 11 to October 1. Heather Wieland Williams is looking at other options for candy as opposed to World's Finest Chocolate. The Yankee Candle fundraiser will run October 24-November 16 so orders will be delivered by Christmas. The World's Longest Yard Sale will be August 4, 5, and 6. Currently, there are 20 vendors confirmed and paid. Stacy Hill will be coordinating the

concessions for Friday and Saturday during the World's Longest Yard Sale. We will be ordering porta potties for the Yard Sale as the restrooms at Ryle will not be available. Tracy Fuchs emphasized the importance of fundraising and how integral it is to supporting music education for all of our kids at Ryle High School.

Ryan Royse spoke as the new Bingo chair. Ryan went over the Licensed Charitable Organization Financial Report. The fact that we are now able to plan future expenses using Bingo funds speaks to the success of the Bingo program. Each Bingo team is in need of volunteers, and specific needs are listed on Charms. Bingo is suspended when Marching Band competitions are scheduled to allow parents to attend the competitions.

Tyra LaVerne introduced Catherine Willis as her Band Camp co-chair. Tyra said the students will be given a permission slip the first day of camp that will allow them to travel with the Marching Band and go to the competitions. Health forms will be available and will need to be returned, as well. For Band Camp, students will need to bring water jugs, comfortable shoes, and socks, and be sure to eat breakfast and wear sunscreen. There will be a chaperone tent with first aid staff throughout Band Camp. Uniform fittings began during rookie camp and there is one more fitting day scheduled for Friday, July 22 for anyone who has not yet been fitted. Shoe and glove fittings will be August 5. There will be a pool party on July 29 from 5:30-8:00pm; sign-up sheets for students will be in the band room on the first Monday and Tuesday of Band Camp. Additionally, there are sign up sheets for people to volunteer to wash uniforms. We will need parents to help before football games and competitions to make sure that the kids are dressed in their uniforms properly, and then again after the games and competitions to insure that all uniforms are stowed properly. Donations of cups are needed for Band Camp, as we will also be providing iced water for the kids for their water breaks. 9-12 ounce cups would be helpful, and they will be used throughout the entire season, as well. Donations of garbage bags are also needed. Tyra then shared that picture day will be Monday, August 15. Sectional pictures will also be taken on Monday, August 15 starting at about 11:00am prior to rehearsal beginning at 3:00pm. More information will be coming about picture day soon.

Tracy emphasized the importance of the Charms calendar on [ryleband.com](http://ryleband.com) as being the most up-to-date and correct schedule for Band activities. The Band Facebook page is also a helpful resource, and we now have a Twitter and Instagram, as well. Thanks to Matt Sorrell and John Waltz, a new and more user-friendly website will be launching soon. Tracy also thanked Janie Waltz, who created DVDs of different Marching Band seasons for sale, as Janie then donated all of the money she made from the DVD sale back to the Band. Tracy also mentioned band fees are now due, and checks can be made out to Ryle High School and given to Bob Elliott or paid online at the [ryleband.com](http://ryleband.com) website.

Bob Elliott opened the Director's Report with a thank you to all of the parents- not only does he appreciate what he knows parents do to support the Band, but he acknowledged that there are many more things that parents do behind the scenes that he doesn't know about, which he appreciates even more. Rookie camp started yesterday. There is a list of rehearsals on the calendar- first and foremost, kids need to be at rehearsal on time. Kids will be let out of rehearsals on time. Be sure parents are aware of football games and competitions. Homecoming is late this year. The Ryle Marching Band will be attending a new invitational tournament at Lafayette High School this year. The long weekend of Fall Break we have a football game and a competition, so be aware. Mr. Elliott further reviewed the schedule for the Fall, and said currently there are about 150 students in Marching Band. This year's show is titled "American Tapestry", and it contains three scenes- Hope, Struggle, and Acceptance- and four musical movements. Marching Band is not the only thing that the Ryle Band Program does, but it is certainly the most visible, and there is a great group of kids in the Ryle Marching Band this year.

Paul Donaldson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kendall Walsh seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.