

Ryle band boosters

Executive board meeting minutes

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Business prior to meeting: The current guard instructors, Erin Maley, Karen Wear, and Michelle Gibbs, resigned due to each having their own personal reasons. Tracy Fuchs contacted the representatives from the Tri-State Arts to inform them of Ryle's status of not having a winter guard team due to the guard instructors' recent resignations. She was informed that according to their policy, schools must have a winter guard team to host a competition, however, they have waived this policy in the past, if needed. Tracy Fuchs then met with Doug Penix and Patsy Fegenbush since Doug and Patsy have been the lead Booster members enabling Ryle to host any winter guard competitions and their input is valued highly to help the board make an informed decision of whether or not to host Tri-State Arts Championships in March 2016. Tracy then emailed the booster board and informed them that it is her, Doug and Patsy's opinions that reluctantly the Ryle Band Boosters should not host the Championship in 2016 for the following reasons:

Besides the ultimate factor that we will not have a winter guard unit due to the resignation of our guard instructors, we would also have to purchase several large carpet pads to cover the gym floor (per the request of school administration) and secure them to the floor which is not any easy task. Even if the padding were donated, we still have the issue of no place to store it the rest of the year. All of our current storage locations are full.

Another factor that could cause concern is the pending school construction. While we knew this was a possible conflict when we agreed to host, the thought was that construction would begin later in the school year after the competition. This is no longer the case.

Another factor is the lack of parent and student volunteer support. Hosting Tri-State is not simply a guard parent responsibility, it is a full booster supported event that competes with Bingo for volunteers on a Saturday. We do make profit from the Championships, up to \$4,000 but most of this is from concessions. We have some solid fund raising initiatives already in place being led by a strong team.

Tracy then asked all the board members to vote via email whether Ryle should host the Tri-State Arts Championship in March 2016. By majority vote of the board members, the board voted to not host the Championship in March 2016.

Board members in attendance: Jodi McGinnis, Tracy Fuchs, Robin Erpenbeck, Doug Penix, Dawn Murphy

Chairpersons and instructors in attendance: Scott Hill, Stacy Hill, Kim Vollbrecht, Mark Fowler, Terry Stickels, Kevin Murphy, Bob Elliott

Board members not present: Tyra LaVerne and Kevin Gregory

Tracy Fuchs called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Tracy began the meeting by thanking everyone for all of their efforts during the marching band season.

Tracy Fuchs asked everyone to review the minutes from the prior Executive Board Meeting on November 5, 2015. Robin Erpenbeck made a motion to accept the minutes, Jodi McGinnis seconded it. Motion passed.

Jodi McGinnis distributed and went over the Statement of Activity dated July 1 to December 10, 2015. Tracy Fuchs made a motion to accept the statement of activity, Doug Penix seconded it. Motion passed.

Jodi McGinnis went over the upcoming expenses. A Ryle band parent has volunteered to do all the graphics and printing of the booklet required for the Wind Symphony to perform at the 2016 KMEA In-service conference performance at the Louisville International Convention Center on February 5th at 11:15 am. Two coach buses are needed to get to Louisville.

Terry Stickels explained that he currently has an estimated profit of \$3,500. He is predicting an estimated profit of \$5,600 for the entire 4th quarter, 2015 and that we will be able to pay the final payment to Demoulin at the end of the 1st quarter, 2016. By the end of the 2nd quarter of 2016, he thinks that the boosters will be able to repay the Boone County board of education. We are still in need of a second caller, more recruits to replace the outgoing senior parents come May, as well as someone to replace Terry as the chairperson of Bingo.

Robin Erpenbeck went over the Fundraising Update highlighting profits from the yard sale of \$5,000, the first 3 What's for Dinner Wednesdays of \$1,300, Yankee Candle of \$6,000, Spiritwear \$1,944.91, and Kroger community rewards \$1,100, for a total Fundraising Profit from August to December 2015 of \$15,344.91. The World's Finest Chocolate sale will be January 18-February 29th. There will be a Spring raffle but not sure of the date yet due to Spring Break and the Spring Concert.

Stacy Hill explained that there is a conflict for two basketball games coming up, the night of the band concert on December 15, 2015 and the Marching Band Banquet on January 8, 2016. The archery team is going to run concessions on the night of the Marching Band Banquet and splitting 60/40 of net profit, 60 to band 40 to archery.

Tracy Fuchs discussed the need for board members to attend the holiday concert coming up on Tuesday, December 15 to greet people and pass out the band programs.

Tracy Fuchs went over the Wind Symphony performance at the International Convention center in downtown Louisville at 11:15 am on February 5, 2016. We will need 10 parent chaperones and taking 2 charter buses and then heading across the street for a group lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Tracy Fuchs distributed and went over the Marching Band Banquet budget.

Tracy Fuchs and Doug Penix went over winter guard update and concerns.

Kevin Murphy presented the recommendations for the by-laws regarding board member positions and terms. Tracy made the motion to approve the by-law committee's recommendations plus the changes that were discussed at this meeting, for the proposed changes to the by-laws to be emailed out to the booster organization for their review 14 days prior to the January 21st meeting, so that the booster members have an opportunity to review the proposed changes prior to the meeting. Jodi McGinnis seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Tracy then announced that Tyra is resigning from VP of Activities and has agreed to be considered for the secretary position. Jennifer Conley has agreed to chair the nominating committee and she is currently looking for two other people to serve on this committee.

Bob Elliott thanked every board member and director for all of the things that he knows they do and the several things that he is unaware of. He announced that on Tuesday, January 26 there will be a Wind Symphony only concert in preparation for the KMEA In-service conference performance at the Louisville International Convention Center. He explained that the winter guard situation is unfortunate and that he is currently looking for qualified names of candidates to fill the guard positions.

Doug Penix made a motion to adjourn and Robin Erpenbeck seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.