

# **Ryle Band Boosters**

## **Executive board meeting minutes**

### **Thursday, August 18, 2016**

Board members in attendance: Robin Erpenbeck, Kevin Gregory, Tracy Fuchs, Doug Penix, Staci Ramsey, Pam Sayers, Jodi McGinnis

Chairpersons and instructors in attendance: Patsy Fegenbush, Ryan Royse

Board members not present: Tyra LaVerne.

Tracy Fuchs called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and thanked folks for coming.

Tracy Fuchs asked everyone to review the minutes from the prior Executive Board Meeting on July 21, 2016. Tracy made a motion to accept the minutes. Robin Erpenbeck seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jodi McGinnis and Kevin Gregory circulated the financial statement. Currently the Checking Account has \$27,350.25, the Savings Account has \$9,144.63, and the Band Boosters Charitable Gaming Account has \$19,612.29. Jodi mentioned that the band recently received a nine-month delayed bill from the school/school board, which seems to include a discrepancy. Kevin Gregory has analyzed the bill, and is currently seeking clarification from Mr. Elliott.

Jodi McGinnis has contacted three CPAs to request quotes for completing the financial review. At this point, we have only received one bid. The board is tabling the financial review during the exploration of the discrepancy of the bill from the school/school board, and also so that members of the board can continue to seek other competitive bids

Pam Sayers addressed Sponsorship efforts. Right now we have \$7350 (compared with \$3500 at this time last year) committed by Commonwealth, Thomas More, and Kona Ice. Pam has reached out to many businesses, and is continuing to follow up. She also has a list of all businesses based in Union, and she is attempting to contact each of them. Many have expressed interest but have not committed; we do need to emphasize that we are nearing the end of the time for ordering business ads in the RTOB program. We are offering Lafayette a spirit ad in our program and they are offering us an ad in kind or their tournaments' program. For future planning, it would be a good idea to start reaching out to businesses in December in advance of next years RTOB before their donation and sponsorship budgets are set for the coming calendar year.

Patsy Fegenbush and Doug Penix offered the RTOB update. Patsy said that spirit ad information for the RTOB program is coming soon. Doug said that at this point, we have five bands committed for RTOB; most bands wait until the last minute to commit, so the list of participating bands (we anticipate a total of 10-12) will hopefully be finalized next week. The lists for both volunteer and hospitality requests are about ready to go live on Charms. Pam Braun, Jenny Walsh, and Christina Wright will be heading up hospitality this year. Students will be assigned their volunteer spots, and no students will be allowed to work in concessions this year. Stacy Hill is heading up concessions for RTOB. An organizational chart will be put on the website so that volunteers will know who is heading up their particular areas in order to enable easier communication. We are still looking into purchasing walkie-talkies for RTOB, though we will likely rent for one more year.

Tracy Fuchs gave the Pit and Props update. We are looking for tarps, as the theme for American Tapestry is to be a quilt. Small tarps need to be 15 feet by 15 feet. The tarps need to be affordable, paintable, and heavy enough that

they don't blow away, but not so heavy that they cannot be transported onto the field in the set-up time we are allowed. Doug Penix said we currently have two large tarps that are used for Winter Guard. Pit and props folks are continuing to look for other tarps to use. Tracy Fuchs mentioned parents are building new, sturdier black boards for the sidelines this year, and we are also currently getting quotes for two commercial grade carts. These carts should have a ten-year life span and will be much more reliable to use in transporting props onto the field.

Tracy Fuchs addressed Volunteer Needs. Sign ups are online, and we continue to need people in all areas. The new parent section leader program is off to a good start; the goals for this program are to facilitate communication, spread positivity, cheer on the kids, and help encourage more volunteering, as well. We will continue our social media presence in some areas, too- Mark Fowler will be administrating the Facebook page, Twitter, and Periscope. We are discontinuing our presence on Instagram.

Ryan Royse gave the Bingo Update. We are looking at earnings of about \$57,000 for the year with an anticipated \$8,700 in the fourth quarter. We are down to two \$2400 jackpots left. The net profit from bingo is up 30% over last year. We will not have bingo on marching band competition days. Ryan is trying to organize an alumni night in October, during which former students who are of legal age and Terry Stickels will work. Ways to better market bingo and possibly attaining some corporate sponsorship are being explored.

Jodi McGinnis made a motion to adjourn. Robin Erpenbeck seconded. Meeting was adjourned.