

Ryle Band Booster Quarterly Meeting
June 22, 2017
7:00 PM

Tracy Fuchs called the meeting to order using a special gavel at 7:03 PM. Tracy welcomed everyone and asked them to review the minutes from the April 20 meeting. Kendall Walsh motioned to approve the minutes, and Denise Lorson seconded the motion.

Members in attendance: Lee Coates, Laurel Dickman, Denise Lorson, Tiffany Woods, Pam Braun, Amy LaRoy, Tracy McGuire, Alecia Hunt, Jennifer Conley, Rick Conley, Kendall Walsh, Jenny Walsh, Mike Webster, Matt Hafley, Nancy Sorrell, Anna Park, Scott Hill, Tracy Fuchs, Ryan Royse, Robin Erpenbeck, Kevin Gregory, Staci Hunt Ramsey

We have a quorum, so can vote on the passing of the 2017-2018 budget.

Tracy Fuchs asked Robin Erpenbeck to offer Fundraising Announcements. Robin said that Ford Drive for your School earned \$3,560; most participants were from Gray and not Ryle. We could have earned closer to \$8K if we had had full participation. Yankee Candle online sale is still continuing through June 30; we have profited about \$150 thus far. Ryan Royse referred to Denise Lorson and Laurel Dickman for further fundraising updates, as they will be working with fundraising and sponsorship in the upcoming year. We are ordering 400 Chick-Fil-A calendars for sale in September- we can return the ones we don't sell, so there's no risk of being stuck with unsold calendars that we will have paid for. Laurel Dickman is looking for someone to take over "What's for Dinner? Wednesdays." We already have Flipdaddy's, Chick-Fil-A, and Papa Johns on board.

Lee Coates gave a brief financial update- band fees are coming in at a good clip, and we are encouraging people to either pay online via credit card or send a check to the PO Box.

Kevin Gregory addressed the seven (7) page 2017-2018 Budget Review. When Kevin mentioned the yard sale line item, Robin Erpenbeck interjected that there are many potential conflicts with the yard sale this year; we are still waiting for approval, and the Freshman Orientation will conflict with the yard sale on Thursday, so our sale will be limited to Friday and Saturday if it occurs at all.

Since Joe Craig was absent from the meeting, after Kevin conducted his review Tracy Fuchs stressed that the proposed budget was requested by Joe Craig, approved by the Finance Committee, and recommended by the Executive Board. Kendall Walsh asked how the banquet line item compared to what we had last year- this year's is slightly higher due to the awards presented. Kendall asked if we could avoid charging the kids for attending their own banquet. After some discussion, Ryan Royse suggested re-evaluating in October; at that time we can refer to the banquet

committee to perhaps consider incentives such as discounting ticket prices due to volunteering/raffle sales/etc. Kendall then asked if the marimba quote included the aftermarket value of the current marimbas we have. Kevin Gregory was not sure of the answer, but based on Joe's assessment, the current marimbas may not have any aftermarket value. Jenny Walsh asked for clarification on the definition of concert band instruction; the answer was bringing in guest clinicians to come in and work with the kids, particularly prior to assessments. Mike Webster asked what the capital expenses were last year; Kevin answered that last years' efforts were wholly focused on paying off the uniforms. Mike then asked if there were things on Joe's wish list that were cut- Kevin said there were many things on Joe's wish list, but the board and finance committee asked him to prioritize. Kendall Walsh moved to pass the budget. Tracy Fuchs seconded the motion. Set the approval to a vote of the members. Budget approved unanimously.

Patsy Fegenbush gave the RTOB update. Cindy Richmond has been added as a co-chair and will continue next year. They are looking for one more person to serve as a co-chair with Cindy next year and shadow Patsy and Doug this year. Sponsorship is going well. Patsy has forms to hand out to people to advertise (signature sponsor, encore sponsor, and accent sponsor). These sponsors receive year-long advertisements.

Ryan Royse offered the Bingo Update. Bingo is slowing down a bit; less participants and less volunteers. We are going to clear close to \$60K for the year. Next year we will be prescheduling other parents in addition to core groups of parents. Shawn King will be the new Charitable Gaming Chair effective July 1.

Ryan Royse brought up meeting frequency. Not looking to change the bylaws at this point, but be ready for a couple special meetings to be called over the marching band season so that parents can get together and get connected, especially during Joe's first year. Post marching-band, we will evaluate to see if the more frequent format is working well, or if we need to stick with quarterly meetings.

Joe Craig could not be here tonight, but he met with Ryan Royse earlier this week, so Ryan offered the Director's Update. Ryan said Joe's Beechwood email getting cut off before he officially had a Boone County email address had caused a challenge with communication. Adam Proctor is the new full-time Associate Director. We are pleased to have a full-time Associate Director now, as the successful 5A bands in Kentucky have at least two full-time director positions. Getting close to finalizing the props and such for this season- Joe wants to share the music, theme, and props with the kids first before revealing to the parents. Music will be entered into Charms and the kids will need their login information to access it. Competition locations are still TBD. Lee Coates asked about the family picnic- Joe is leaning towards a picnic instead of the pool party, and details are still up in the air. Ultimate goal is to show what the kids are working on, and have some sort of celebration/family gathering afterwards.

Tracy mentioned that she asked Patsy Fegenbush to chair a small group of parents to put policies into place for volunteers to have background checks- what's required as opposed to encouraged and to make sure that our kids are safe, and that our parents are educated as to warning signs and indicators and everything else such as. Then we can show Mr. Turner and the Board of Education that we are being proactive with keeping the kids safe. Patsy said the chaperones will certainly have the background checks, and go through free trainings.

In closing, outgoing President Tracy Fuchs formally thanked the rest of the outgoing board for their two years of service. Thanks to Kevin Gregory (Vice President-Finance), Jodi McGinnis (Treasurer), Tyra LaVerne (Vice President-Activities), Robin Erpenbeck,(Vice President- Fundraising) and Doug Penix (Member at Large) for their time and service to the band. The presidential gavel was passed to Ryan Royse.

Kendall Walsh moved to adjourn the meeting; Robin Erpenbeck seconded. Meeting adjourned.