

Ryle Band Boosters
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2017

Ryan Royse welcomed everyone at 7:07 PM

Laurel Dickman offered the fundraising update- hopefully everyone turns in 3c money on Monday, November 20. Anticipated profit \$10K. Candy bar sale after Christmas, spring raffle, more WFD?W throughout the year. We received payment for Homefest parking- just under \$2K. Still have Cowlendars left. Need to turn in what we haven't sold on 12/1. Sold over 300 calendars thus far. Will likely do this in the future, as well. Green13 selling at craft fair and donating 10% of the profit to the band. We will need someone to chair the candy bar sale in January. Laurel would like to send out a mid-year fundraising update with all of the information about what we've earned and what fundraising activities are coming up for the remainder of the year.

Mike Webster offered the financial update. All in all, we are \$4,296.18 in the black. We will be paying out much marching band instruction costs in the next month (which is where we have an excess at the moment). Lee Coates spoke about the marching band spending overage- props were more expensive than we anticipated (by about \$600), we ended up needing a 4th truck, and the deposit on guard uniforms was \$2800, while the \$1,000 cost of striping of parking lot came out of booster funds (but in future they can come out of school account). Looking at taking the banquet costs out of the school account at least partially. Boys' soccer owes \$1485 for concessions items of ours they have used.

Doug Penix and Patsy Fegenbush offered the RTOB final recap- Lee Coates stated that while one advertiser still owes \$300, all other money has come in and all bills have been paid. Pam Sayers has started seeking sponsorships for next year; Kona Ice has already committed \$750 for next year and is asking about sponsoring winter guard. There will be more communication about sponsorship after the first of the year. We have a \$10K sponsorship goal to make sure all expenses covered in the event that RTOB has to be canceled (most likely in event of inclement weather)

Question was posed: can we charge for concerts? Joe Craig will ask Mr. Turner if this is allowable. We can put out a table and request a suggested donation ("fill the shako"). Catherine Willis mentioned that we likely will not be able to charge admission because concert band is part of the students' grade. Jazz is different because it is offsite and extracurricular.

Ryan Royse addressed the bylaws. Bylaws were changed last year, but now we need to make the Charitable Gaming position an official officer of the booster organization so the Charitable Gaming Chair can sign for various things. We are also potentially looking at the timeframe of new officers assuming office slightly earlier than previously. Note: we are not changing the fiscal year that begins July 1, just the

installation of officers to potentially be at the end of the school year or when said officers are elected. Nominating committee has only been responsible for executive officers thus far; as we continue to move away from small band mindset, we need to have a nominating committee to look at ALL board positions with responsibility including committee chairs. Our goal is to have the bylaws revamp done and ready to approve before the next quarterly meeting.

Shawn King gave the bingo update. Over \$9,000 net for 3rd quarter. Need to make amendments on the 2nd quarter report. We currently have a \$600 fine due to these needed amendments that we are going to pay. 20-22 families actually participate in Bingo. We have a total 31 volunteers. Bingo accounts for over half of the bands' budget. Need at least 15 people to round out rosters. Ryan Royse asked Joe Craig if having students work bingo concessions is possible/permissible. We need to look back to our agreement with the school board to make sure that we didn't say that students would not be involved in any aspect of bingo, first. We will be running specials in December to try and drive traffic. We will also be trying to reach out to rookies by phone or in person to recruit more volunteers. Staci Hunt Ramsey will divide a list of rookies and distribute amongst the teams.

Staci Hunt Ramsey gave Matthew Hafley's Concessions update. Discussion of basketball concessions ensued. We will get the games for which concessions is scheduled out and put a sign up list in the band room; Mr. Craig will work on getting student volunteers for those dates. Pep band will also be playing for some of those games. Adam Proctor is heading the pep band scheduling and sign ups; those will be publicized as soon as they are finalized.

Patsy Fegenbush gave the winter guard update. Doug Wash is playing lead. Patsy has started recruiting people for positions working the Tri-State Marching Arts finals competition. We are looking at historical numbers to estimate needs. We also need to keep the gym floor protected. Campbell County is giving us tarps to cover the main floor, but we still need to find a way to protect the small gym floor.

Staci Hunt Ramsey mentioned that Charms training for the executive board is happening on 11/20, 11/28, and 12/6 –people only need to attend one. Sign up sheets on Charms.

Lee Coates, posing as Jodi McGinnis, gave the banquet update. Meal/service fee will run about \$16/person. \$3500 budget has to cover senior gifts, desserts... Jodi wants to have a reservation form out by beginning of December. We plan to charge the same amount as last year.

Joe- Craig offered the Director's Update.

- Thanks to all boosters for everything during the season. Super appreciative of the parental support. Such support made it easy for the new guy to focus on the kids

- All-state auditions occurred on Tuesday, November 14; Ryle had 30 students advance, which was more than any other school in NKY. More information about the second round of auditions coming soon.
- Select Band auditions coming up soon.
- Jazz auditions scheduled for the end of the month. Lots of students came to the interest meetings. Might have enough to fuel 2 separate jazz ensembles. If that happens Joe will be in charge of Jazz Ensemble 1 and Mr. Gibbs will be in charge of Jazz Ensemble 2- or at least help with it. That will also help with the jazz night fundraiser- fill it up and drive more parent traffic. We are also seeing if the middle school jazz band at Gray can also be involved in the jazz night.
- Concerts on December 12 and 14. Upcoming rehearsals for Band 2 and 3 so that percussion (which is a separate ensemble class) can be added for the synthesis of music and performance.
- Winter Guard- 19 students will be participating this year. Looking at finding tarps for the gym floors. Doug Wash is on the board of directors for tri-state circuit. Doug needs a parent liaison- want to get a younger parent to shadow Patsy Fegenbush since she has a senior student. Joe working with Mr. Novak about having a junior winter guard at Gray- this year will be low-key and occurring in January. Practice one night a week with a very low budget. Will perform perhaps twice, but will get to accompany senior winter guard. Informational meeting will be happening pretty soon at Gray. Laurel Dickman asked if we are able to ask the other middle schools that feed into Ryle for potential participants. Joe said yes.
- Joe is currently dealing with the Board of Education on how to pay staff. Overall, we will be under budget but the staff payment will be a big hit when it actually lands... probably next month.
- Joe would like to find someone to record the school concerts and put on the official website; we will be following up with various boosters about this.
- Jazz fundraising concert update: Drees Pavilion in Ft. Mitchell (holds 350 people) has quoted a \$750 cost to hold the concert there; it would have to be a weeknight. It was decided that we will hold the event there. Would occur in March or April. Covers set up of tables/chairs/teardown/servers for soda, coffee, tea- no alcohol- boosters provide desserts. Venue provides the plates and cutlery. Student volunteers help serve. Joe is getting a couple of potential dates after which detailed planning will begin.
- Coolers left over from competition season are disgusting. Please clean them or find donors to give new ones and trash the existing ones.
- Storage issues abound. Space a big issue. Podiums, carts, synth carts all need a home. We are considering the possibility of a storage shed. Additionally, we are ready to go with the band room purge and reorganization project whenever the boosters are.
- Long-term goals: BOA (Regional and Grand Nationals) next year for marching band. Looking at long term practice space... flipping parking lot around for MB practices and will have to pay to stripe the field again. Long-term goal is

to get a tower. Need to figure out how the tearing up of the parking lot this summer will affect marching band camp and schedule.

- Joe's biggest goal: instruments. This is what affects the kids the absolute most. The school needs new instruments and to upkeep what we already have. Mr. Kidwell loans us many instruments to use for marching band. We have concert instruments on loan from various other schools, but we need our own. Joe would like to consider pursuing a loan from the school board for the purchase of instruments that can be paid back over time. Lee Coates asked where we stand on charging students to rent instruments from the school. Joe said that we haven't done anything with it yet. School rental fees would go into a district account. Lee asked a follow up question: can we ask in the December email for donations for tax breaks? Answer: absolutely we can.
- Joe thanked everyone again for everything.

Lee made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM