

Ryle Band Boosters
Executive Board Meeting
December 5, 2017

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Webster, Staci Hunt Ramsey

Board Members Absent: Ryan Royse, Lee Coates

Committee Chairs in Attendance: Matthew Hafley, Melony Stambaugh

Mike Webster called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM

After thanking Staci for hosting, Mike Webster offered the Financial Update:

- Mike gave a handout to synopsise the current financial status of the organization.
- Still need \$4k to be collected for 3C. Working on a list of outstanding kids. Joe will be hounding the kids to bring the money in. We have been able to pay for the product, but we are missing half of our profit at the moment.
- Paying instructors- Mr. Craig has gotten some statements from the board of education, but still missing about half.
- Mike will be doing a more in-depth analysis for the 6-month mark.

Joe Craig gave the Director's Update:

- Thanks to Staci for hosting
- We now have chairs and carts for the band room. \$10K came from Matt Turner's funds. We can now be uniform in our look, and can properly rack all of our equipment. Makes band room more organized and more presentable. We also have stand carts.
- Fixer Upper, Ryle Band Room Style:
 - Happening over the break.
 - Bob's old office- large brass storage.
 - Current percussion room- organizing to have cases and protection for all of the new equipment. Rolling percussion cabinet.
 - Uniform room becoming uniform and booster storage.
 - Storage will become guard room.
 - Room with fridge will be cleaned out- it is likely 75% trash.
 - Composites moved out to the hallway, trophies up above in the band room on shelving.
- Concerts next week. Adam in charge of Band 2 and percussion. Joe is in charge of Band 3 and Wind Symphony
- Hanging of the Greens went well with Wind Symphony. Lady from Ronald McDonald House witnessed the performance, was impressed, and said kids could come and play at Ronald McDonald House when they wished.
- Jazz Ensemble auditions last week. Will have 2 jazz groups. The Jazz Ensemble, and the Jazz Lab band. Joe will direct the ensemble and Mr. Gibbs will direct the lab band. More people to pay fair share and increase attendance at jazz concerts.

- Winter guard is off and running. Tarp is here. Uniforms in pipeline.
- Biggest need- wind instruments.
 - Joe meeting with Mr. Turner to see what our options are with that, what the process is for trying to procure.
 - First issue is maintenance of what we already have. All instruments need to be serviced in varying degrees. Need to get an estimate, but Joe's ballpark is \$8-11K for all of the maintenance that needs to be done
 - Exploring the options for a loan from the school board for the purchase of new equipment.
 - Restriping of parking lot to be done again this year.
 - Joe would love a permanent tower for the marching band field- but instruments are the biggest priority right now.
- 30 kids auditioning for 2nd round All-State on Saturday. Select Band Auditions coming up at the beginning of second semester.
- Jazz Evening: Tuesday or Thursday evening in the spring. Simple fundraiser.
 - High profit return.
 - \$750 rental of facility for the day.
 - Base ticket cost on selling the event out.
 - Day of event- parents would help to load and unload a truck to get everything up there. Food is up to boosters. If we do a full meal, we have to go through one of their caterers. If we do desserts, we can just do our own. Start off with Jazz Ensemble. Silent Auctions? Jazz Lab band. Maybe Gray? Opportunity to invite sponsors/potential sponsors.
- Melony Stambaugh asked what kinds of instruments the groups use, and how we purchase them. Mr. Craig has various vendors, but we try to find the most inexpensive instruments that we can as long as they are of a higher quality.
 - MB uses Yamaha instruments, while Percussion uses Pearl or Adams. Other wind instruments are at the discretion of the student/students' family and private teachers where applicable.
 - Most pressing instruments are bass trombones. Used for both jazz, band 2, and wind symphony. We have no soprano sax.

Staci Hunt Ramsey gave the Marching Band Banquet update for Jodi McGinnis:

- We will want members of the Executive Board helping with welcoming, directing people if need be, etc.
- Doors open at 6:30.
- Ryan Royse will have the podium for opening remarks. He needs to decide if he wants to introduce the Executive Board, etc. Introduce Joe.
- What do we do when people show up at the door who have not RSVP'ed OR paid? This was a problem last year.
 - We won't send them away

- We will ask Lee/Jodi to track payment before banquet.
- If they show up, we will keep a list of people so Lee can bill them through Charms ex post facto.
- We can have extra tables already set up so we're not scrambling to accommodate like we were last year.

Other questions of Mr. Craig:

- Were there corporate sponsors at Beechwood? Yes- helps to communicate with them prior to Jazz Evening.
- Mr. Proctor had previously asked if there was anyone with connections for a van for a senior trip? Looking at an annual trip with the seniors.
- Can we rebrand/bandroom/logo/letterhead? Joe and Adam are working towards that. We can poll band parents to see if there's someone who does this kind of thing? There are Beechwood people that could help with that, too. Mike Webster has a connection with Brummer.
- Matthew Hafley asked if we were going to start charging rent for the instruments the school loans out to the students. Joe's insight: if we do that, though, it is board controlled- not school controlled. There is a way to try to get funds back from the board, but it is quite slow, so there is concern about getting the money in a timely manner. If we pursue a loan for new instruments, the boosters have to do it; can't be Mr. Craig or the school.

Melony Stambaugh motioned to close. Matthew Hafley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.