

Leslie Palmer, Treasurer

My name is Leslie Palmer and I am interested in the position of Treasurer of the Ryle High School Band Boosters. My husband Jerry and I will be married for 9 years in September and have 2 children. Our oldest daughter, Mackenzie is currently a freshman at Ryle. She is a guard member for the Marching Band and Winterguard. She has truly enjoyed being a member of this program and I have seen her self-esteem grow. During this past year, I have volunteered for several events. It is amazing to see to amount of time and effort that is devoted to our children. I have a degree in Business Administration. I have worked at Crown Lift Trucks for 20 years and have held several positions. I started my career as an Accounts Receivable Clerk. I have also been a Sales Coordinator, Customer Care Manager and currently I am the Parts Manager. I am responsible for inventory control, sales (\$2.6 million annually), expenses and writing a yearly budget. Due to my tenure and positions I've held, I am often the liaison between the office staff and other managers. I am a public notary. I am also the Accounting Manager for my husbands' business, Kustom Metal Works, LLC. I handle all of the financial aspects of the business, including balancing the books, sales tax reports and filing yearly taxes. I thoroughly enjoy crunching numbers and feel that I am a good fit for the Treasurer position. As a parent, I feel that it is important to show our children that involvement in their activities is part of our life as well, not just financially. I think that by having a guard parent serve on the board would help any disconnect that some guard members/parents may currently feel.

Jennifer Goodridge, Treasurer

Hi, my name is Jennifer Goodridge and I am running for the Treasurer position with the Ryle Band Program. This is my 7th year as a band parent. My daughter, Kristen – Class of 2014 Ryle - Class of 2018 NKU- is a 4 year Veteran who plays clarinet and was drum major her senior year. My son, Ryan, is a current sophomore and has been a marching band member for 3 years as well as Concert Band, Wind Symphony, and Jazz Band. He is also a member of the Ryle JV Baseball Team. I also have one non-musician son, Alex, who graduated from Ryle in 2016. He currently is a pharmacy student at Cedarville University. He was also a baseball player for Ryle.

I am a native to Northern Kentucky. I grew up in Latonia, Kentucky and attended Covington Holmes High School (Class of 1989). I participated in Marching Band, Concert Band and Jazz Band at Holmes which is where I learned to love all aspects of music. While I have always loved music through early piano lessons and choir, band class taught me how to be a musician with an ensemble. Band added more to my life than simply being a class to attend. I learned about team work, hard work, working for a common purpose, healthy competition, and lastly, how to handle disappointment. This is one reason why I impressed upon my children (those who were interested) in being a band member.

Upon graduation from high school, I attended the University of Kentucky in Lexington. I completed 2 years and then married my husband, Dave, who had found work in South Carolina. I moved to Greenville, South Carolina and completed my degree in Business Administration/Managerial accounting at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg.

After 6 years in South Carolina, we decided our child(ren) needed to be closer to their “family.” Dave found work back in Cincinnati and we moved back home. We have been home since 1997. We are active members at Florence Baptist Church. I play clarinet in the orchestra /praise band and sing in the choir weekly. I also have directed children’s choirs and a handbell choir. Once again, music is where I belong!!!

Currently, I work part-time for Jamie Hatfield, Inc., who is a licensed financial representative in Crestview Hills, KY. I work as his administrative assistant and use my tax experience when needed for him. We work primarily with IRA rollovers, Roth IRAs, annuities and life insurance. I have been working in my current position since 2002 but worked for him from home since 2000.

My experience with Ryle Band has been in 3 areas. I have been a uniform washer for a grand total of 6 years. I was the co-chairman for uniforms in 2012 (Mr. Elliott’s first year) and RTOB director in 2013 (first year we brought it back as KMEA). The treasurer position works well with what I do best. I am administrative. I do paperwork thoroughly and I am detail oriented to a fault, especially when it comes to numbers and money. I spend my days making systems so that no item is missed and all work is completed on time. I will balance an account at work for as long as it takes to find the missing penny, this drives my boss crazy! Consequently, I see the details in things and remember things that others miss as they are looking at the “big picture.” I hope I can use my gifts to help the Ryle Band.

Matt Sorrell, Vice President

I have been involved with the Ryle Band Boosters for 6 years now, starting when my daughter Elizabeth was a “Barner” her 7th grade year. Over these past 6 years, I have been privileged to volunteer in many different capacities, including as web master, IT Liaison for the Ryle Tournament of Bands, and many turns on the grill during football season. My daughter Rebecca is continuing the Marching Raiders tradition and will be a sophomore mellophone player in the band this upcoming year. Professionally, I have been in the IT industry for over 20 years. During that time, I have been involved in many HR, Payroll, Benefits, and Finance related projects. I currently work in the Information Systems department at St. Elizabeth Healthcare. I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Sciences from Midwestern State University and a Master of Arts in Leadership from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I believe that I have a lot to offer the Booster association and the band programs at Ryle. I bring years of experience in the booster organization as well as in business. Throughout my career I have had to work at building consensus among many different groups with different priorities, manage diverse simultaneous projects, and ensure the timely and accurate completion of those projects. These are all skills that I believe would benefit the Booster association and the band programs. Thank you for considering me for the position of Vice President.

Cindy Richmond, President

My name is Cindy Richmond, and I am running for Band Booster president. I have an extensive background in music that would help me understand where a lot of these kids are at. Although my High School did not have a competition band, I participated in many music groups, including concert and jazz band, marching band, Toledo Youth Orchestra, Toledo Youth Jazz Ensemble, All State Band, and the All Ohio State Fair Band. In college I marched with The Ohio State University Marching Band, where I met my husband Todd. We have been happily married for 22 years and have 3 boys. I am a substitute teacher for the Boone County Schools, and in my spare time (haha) I enjoy running.

I have been a part of the Ryle High School Marching Band for 4 years as a parent volunteer. Eric, our oldest, graduates this year, marched for 3 years and served as one of the drum majors this past season. We also have a current 8th grader, James, who has marched for 2 years. I have co-chaired/chaired the Ryle Tournament of Bands for 2 years.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve as the Band Booster President. I hope to lead by example. My desire is that we can really focus on the “family” aspect of being a part of the many groups that make up the Ryle Band Program!