North Royalton Band Boosters

April 15, 2021

Minutes

* Call Meeting to Order
  + 7:02pm
* Executive Board Reports
  + President Kathy Payne
    - I, along with Julie Steel, Sherry Fox, Sue Crow, Marne Piccolomini, and Cassidy Payne attended the superintendent interview.
      * Nine groups in total participated, each presented three questions to the candidates.
      * Tomorrow specific candidate who was elected. There will be an official announcement on April 16, 2021, regarding who will be officially chosen as the North Royalton Schools Superintendent.
    - Next month we will meet in person at Memorial Park for the May Band Booster Meeting.
  + Vice President Kevin Sexton
    - No New Updates
  + Treasurer Carrie Barnett
    - The Profit and Loss report is attached in the chat. Please look over the report.
    - Our net loss as of March 2021, is $31,7619.22.
      * We have had work volunteer shares donate $36.99 from the Wholesale Burger Company in Pennsylvania. Please let me know you know who this donation is attached to so we can thank them.
      * I will ask for the Profit and Loss report approval at the end of this meeting.
  + Corresponding Secretary Michelle Greer
    - No New Updates
  + Recording Secretary Heidi Cmich
    - Motion to approve the March 2021 minutes.
      * Marne Piccolomini
      * Beth Burdick seconded the motion.
        + All ayes
* Committees – 2021-2022 Chairs Listed
* Committee chairs are needed any place on the list where there is no name.
  + Being a committee chair is a great way to give back to the organization that supports you and your children.
  + Outgoing committee chairs may talk briefly about what their committee does and share information regarding their committee.
  + 50/50 Raffle
    - 50/50 Raffle Committee is a fun way to spend Friday nights under the lights.
      * Committee only meets during the football season.
      * In charge of selling raffle tickets at the Friday football games.
    - Count and separate tickets.
    - Draw the winning 50/50 raffle ticket number.
  + Alumni Pauline Simonek
    - Will stay on as chairperson.
    - In the process of collecting email addresses of current seniors.
      * Email addresses will be updated into the database.
      * Please email if interested in being a co-chairperson.
  + Band Truck/ Pit Crew
    - Pit Crew is a fun, key committee. Many of the volunteers have been part of the group for a long period of time and know the routine, so it runs itself.
      * Main goals are to organize people, give assignments to volunteers, provide follow up.
      * Travel to local and state competitions with the band.
      * Our committee has the pleasure of dealing directly with the kids, which is fun and be involved with the kids.
  + Banquets/Hospitality
    - Blankets have arrived. Mr.Vitale will be contacted to find dates and times to hand out the blankets, possibly at award night.
    - Hospitality Committee is a great way to celebrate with the bandos and their families. Our committee bring a lot of happiness to the students, especially the seniors.
      * + Assemble gifts and meals for the kids, one downside to it.
    - Please contact any of the chairpersons for more information if interested.
  + Bus Chaperones
    - Bus Chaperone Committee acquires chaperones for the away game buses, contests, and state contest.
      * Chaperones keep track of each student on the bus.
      * Chaperones get in free as a side benefit to volunteering.
  + Cleveland Air Show Todd Althouse
    - No new updates.
    - Cleveland Air Show is still a go as of right now.
      * A co-chair is needed as there is a lot of activity surrounding the Air Show.
  + Concession Stand Bryan Armbruster
    - Concession Stand Committee is a fun way to meet parents and make friends.
      * Concessions is open for all home football games and the Festival of Bands.
      * Show up an hour or so before the football game and clean up after the game is over.
      * Volunteers are still able to watch their child perform at halftime.
      * Prefer 3 co-chairs for the Concession Stand.
      * Please see Dawn Rembowski if you have any questions.
  + Festival of Bands Beth Burdick & Jamie Black
    - Festival of Bands date is September 11th.
    - Several marching bands have committed to attend the festival. We are currently waiting to hear from more groups.
    - It is a great night where bands perform from around NE Ohio.
    - Volunteers help by selling tickets, programs, boxes of donuts, and ushering crowd control.
    - Concessions will be open as well as the 50/50 raffle that evening.
  + Fruit Sale
    - Fruit sale was all online this year.
    - Students were not permitted to sell door-to-door as in the past due to Covid-19 restrictions, which greatly reduced the need for extra volunteers, which would normally help with unloading and distributing fruit to the band students. It is not certain we will be online only next year due to social distancing rules.
  + Very important fundraiser for the Band Boosters. If interested in becoming the fruit sale chairperson, please contact Kevin Sexton.
  + Holiday Concert Lisa Althouse
    - Holiday Concert is the only concert we give out tickets for.
    - Oversees the ticketing process, order forms, and assigning of the tickets. Needs a co-chair to help on activities.
  + Membership
    - Membership Committee oversees the Band Booster membership.
    - Runs the membership campaign.
    - Coordinates with Gearin’ Up on membership gear that we provide members depending on the level of membership.
    - Collect forms and distribute gear when it arrives.
    - Intense for a couple of weeks.
  + Munching 4 Music Wendy Campbell & Sue Skuza
    - Wendy and Sue have done an excellent job with creative fundraising this year.
    - Both made sure we have had an event every month.
    - If you have ideas for a fundraiser, they welcome it.
    - Hokulia shaved ice is April’s fundraiser.
      * $5 cash pays for a card for 7 shaved ice.
  + Photo Buttons Kate West
    - Photo Button Committee is active during the marching band season.
    - Take pictures the day the school takes pictures for the yearbook.
    - Add photos on photo buttons.
    - Take orders at football games and distribute at the parent preview night.
    - Committee needs a co-chairperson.
  + Registration
    - Registration Committee coordinates registration for students.
    - Registration is open through the summer as new people come into the district.
    - Re-set website to take changes in registration.
    - Important position.
  + Rhythm & Raffle Becky Cozzens & Debbie Sexton
    - Rhythm & Raffle Committee is a favorite.
    - For volunteering, you get great food, music from the band kids, and the chance to win one of the basket raffles.
    - If you’d like to help out, please see the sign up genius.
  + Scholarship
    - Band Boosters gives away 4 scholarships every year.
      * Chairperson is picked in January every year.
      * Read through scholarship applications. An enjoyable way to help that does not involve a lot of time.
      * Senior parents are not permitted to be on the Scholarship Committee.
  + Spiritwear
    - Spiritwear Committee oversees picking out clothing items from Gearin’ Up to sell online.
      * Distribute items after the sale closes
      * Runs a couple of times a year.
      * One person chair committee
  + States Beth Burdick
    - We do not know if will be able to host Band Contest States.
      * This is for area bands who have previously qualified for Concert Band States to come to perform for ratings.
    - Coordinates parent volunteers to help man the doors of different performance areas, sell programs, concession sales of food, post scores, and take the marching band from venue to venue.
    - Stage crews announce groups and the pieces they will be playing.
    - Support our students and students of our entire region and state.
  + Uniforms: Royalaires
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    - Royalaire/Royalette Uniform Committees oversee the handing out royalaire/royalettes costumes.
      * The Committees for Royalaire and Royalette generally work together.
      * Keep track of costume inventory.
      * Sets up registration dates.
      * Marne can help inform the chairpersons where everything is kept.
      * Not too much of a commitment.
    - Musicians Uniform Committee
      * Everything should be in pods. We may need additional help once we have permission to move uniforms into the new building.
        + Marching band gear may be moved the first week of June before and after school.
        + No need to measure students, just help them grab a uniform.
        + Make sure seniors and juniors have first dibs on uniform selection.
        + Incoming freshman cannot get uniform with a senior/junior sibling.
        + There are plenty uniforms for everyone.
  + Visiting Bands
    - Supply water and snacks to visiting bands at the football games.
      * Does not apply for Festival of Bands.
      * Need an area to store water bottles, etc.
  + Website Mark Kramer
    - Website Committee is the technology arm of the Band Boosters. Supporting Microsoft 365 account by setting up email addresses.
    - Planning for the website decommissioning and recommissioning within the 365 account.
    - Any tech gurus that would like to participate or be chairperson, please email Mark Kramer.
* New Business
  + No New Business
* Old Business
  + Spring Band Program
    - Donations from corporate ads have been popular beyond expectations.
    - Today is the last day for any senior sendoff ad to be turned in.
    - Waiting to print ads until after picture day. towards end of the school day, waiting on picture day.
  + Bylaws Change – Lifetime Membership
    - An email concerning changes to our bylaws was sent out two weeks ago to give the minimum 10 days’ notice regarding changes.
    - Lifetime Membership award by the executive board.
    - There are requirements who is eligible to receive the award. The award is given for volunteer service that goes above and beyond.
    - Requirements for the award have been too stringent.
    - Changes are below.
      * Clarify when a member oversees 2 committees it counts as two separate services and not 1.
      * Change membership eligibility wording.
      * Change service eligibility from 4 years cumulatively to 3 years.
      * The board is attempting to make it more inclusive for all the different types of families in our membership.
      * Propose to move forward with accepting of changes bylaw section three.
        + Beth Burdick
        + Kathy Payne seconded the motion.

All ayes

* + - * Will publish amended full bylaws in the next week or two
* Approve Treasurer Report
  + Motion to approve March Profit and Loss Report
    - Pauline Simonek
    - 2nd Marne Piccolomini
      * All ayes
* Director’s Report
  + Band is rehearsing for our final performances, which are Bandorama and senior commencement. Performances will be outdoors, and we will be using flip folders.
  + Section pictures will be taken May 4th at the stadium.
  + Students need to dress in their polos to take the yearbook phots we could not take in the fall.
    - Photos will be held on a school day during class time.
    - Band Booster photographers and Lifetouch photographers will be present.
  + May 5th is the Band Banquet.
    - Banquet will be held in person for senior parents only.
    - Our High School Technology Club will live stream the banquet.
    - Students will receive both this year and last year’s awards.
    - Hospitality Committee will distribute blankets to seniors after the awards ceremony.
  + Royalette and Royalaire audition dates will be on May 10th. Announcements have been made in the high school and middle school.
  + Bandorama will be May 19th at the stadium for all high school parents.
    - This is a non-ticket event.
    - All four concert bands, jazz band 1, and jazz band 2 will perform.
  + Senior Commencement is May 28th
    - Grad band is rehearsing now.
    - All seniors and wind ensemble will play.
  + Last day of class is May 28th
    - June practices begin June 1st and have been posted online.
    - Custodians will be moving our uniforms and equipment into the new building. We may need to move the marching band hats ourselves.
    - A welcome blast was sent to all band booster members to join the new Google classroom for 2021-2022 marching band. This blast included 8th graders.
      * Information will be posted on the website this week.
    - Royalton Music is handling all shoe orders online this year due to Covid-19.
    - Band registration is very low. We currently have 150 students signed up.
    - We will not be marching in the Memorial Day parade. There are too many issues with coordination since this parade is after the last day of school
  + Meeting Adjourned
    - 7:58pm