



Royal Oak High School Band & Orchestra Boosters

MEETING MINUTES

03/14/2023 - 7:00 - In Person Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 pm

PRESENT AT MEETING: Jason Pyciak, Leslie Gilliland, Albin Rose, Dave Jensen, Kyrstin Jensen, Elaine Jirkans, Laura Young, Kristine Brezenski, Steve Harris, Jen Brombach, Linda Johnson

SECRETARY REPORT

- Minutes from last meeting posted, Jen Brombach moved to accept, Laura Young seconded

PRESIDENT REPORT - Jason Pyciak

- Nothing to report

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT - Kristine Brezenski

- Board member elections in May according to bylaws
- Deb Navin and Jenni Beljak would like to become fundraisers

TREASURER REPORT - Steve Harris

- Finalizing tax forms for years taxes weren't filed, will cost about \$600
- ~\$21,600 in account

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR REPORT - Linda Johnson and Laura Young

- Mattress fundraiser - sold about 30 mattresses, likely made over \$6000
 - Not as good as our first one but not terrible
 - Announcing and distributing flyers during All City was great advertising

COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR REPORT - Jen Anesi-Brombach

- Still desperately need a replacement, Jen will be out soon for 6 weeks
 - maybe ask Jenni Beljak to stand in while Jen is out?
- Spring program Mr. Rose may do or enlist Jenni for help
 - files are all on the drive



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DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- **Kyrstin Jensen**

- Middle School Jazz band will perform at fest for the first time
- Drum Major applications and color guard clinic almost ready to go
 - Purchasing drill this year, not writing it ourselves, getting info on cost
 - Can we look into combining registration and Jotform instead of Google form, maybe making a deposit (possibly due by the end of the info meeting)? Maybe she can do it since sensitive info, etc. Will be helpful to get numbers by June 10
- Marching band camp week of August 14th.
 - May do new marcher day on Monday and the rest of the kids Tuesday-Friday
 - Calendar almost complete, there are two games before school starts

- **Dave Jensen**

- Festival successful, all good ratings
- All City, very impressed with younger groups
- State Solo & Ensemble this weekend
 - 6 or 7 scratches and time changes, can go “comments only” if needed
- Thornapple Jazz scheduled for a Friday but not confirmed yet (end of April)
- Jazz Expo on April 6
 - Will need concessions, we can use the ovens in cafeteria again
 - Jason suggested shopping list and budget
 - Concessions can start around 4 through 8
 - First group starts at 3
 - Laura asked if we are feeding the RO students, we need a place for that
 - Jason says we need numbers for how many to feed
 - Albin says maybe the stage area or green room to eat
- Us hosting Solo & Ensemble was smooth and folks liked having it at a different place
 - If numbers are up next year, may need to have it somewhere else as we aren't big enough
 - Thanks to the volunteers
- Booster Meetings for next year may change to 4th Tuesday of the month

- **Albin Rose**

- All City coming up
- Soloists and duos to States
- Programs are ordered, will be ready soon, will have receipt ASAP
- RO Philharmonic played at MSBOA Fest and got comments only due to error in selecting pieces. Will get kids the music earlier and schedule practice more often

WALK-IN ITEMS

- We need to know who drum majors are so we could maybe send the kids to camp during summer
 - Ms. Jensen says we need to find a camp that is aligned to how we run rehearsals/best bang for buck



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- Majors should be chosen by Memorial day
- Mr. Jensen says Central camp doesn't work like we do
- Linda Johnson - need a date for Strolling Strings
- Spring Program, should we have a contest for students to design it?
 - We'd have to announce to students, have them submit entries, maybe win a gift card?
 - Winner chosen at the latest April 21
 - Kristine and Jen will get dimensions, file types and directors can send out
 - Senior ads? Albin says program would be too big. Maybe for the banquet?
 - Everyone gets ¼ page with a photo and saying
 - Ms. Jensen says set background, limit word count, name and photo
 - We need to find out how much extra the pages will cost and vote
 - Steve motioned not to exceed \$800 to cover senior ads, Laura seconded
- Banquet
 - Normandy Oaks pavilion reserved \$100
 - May 30th (the day after Memorial day) 5-9
 - Food? Find a better vegan option
 - Is there a better way to get numbers? Lots of leftovers last year
 - Can we use Jotform for attendance, meal choices, payment, etc?
 - Kristine suggested having it inside, but it's late to find a venue. Maybe for next year
 - Will revisit at May meeting
 - Will we have power? Amplifiers? Could not hear at all last year
- Disney
 - Ms. Jensen suggested holding off on Disney till next meeting. They are waiting on answers from administration on some things
- Banners for Seniors - Steve Harris
 - Can we get them earlier for next year and displayed longer? Need to get the photographer out earlier
 - Ms. Jensen will look into that

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:21 pm