

# Archbishop Ryan Marching Band Alumni Association General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 10, 2008

## Officer/Board Member Attendance:

	Dan Wierzbicki	Trish Murphy
Bob O'Brien	Steve Kates	
Beth Finnegan	Annette Nespola	
Katie Weaver	Chris Kilian	

## Presentation of Minutes:

- January minutes unanimously accepted.

## Reports of Officers/Committee Chairs:

### Brian – President

- Nothing to report.

### Bob -Vice President:

- Nothing to report.

### Katie - Secretary:

- Nothing to report.

### Beth – Treasurer

- Nothing to report.

### Dan – By-Laws Committee Chair:

- Nothing to report

### Toni – Social Committee Chair:

- Fundraising
  - Texas Roadhouse will be February 16, 17, and 18 – 10% of total check with each coupon presented (will post coupon on line for everyone to print out and present at restaurant)
  - Push Texas Roadhouse event give out coupons to everyone and anyone
  - Pampered Chef Fundraiser – Heather and Toni looking into doing an event at the school with other cooking vendors
  - Santucci's will do a Dine for Dollars but it will only be 10% of food purchase it does not include alcohol purchases. They do offer doing scripts but the cost is \$800 to make \$1000 – this maybe something for the band parents to look into as a fundraiser for them.

### Steve – Scholarship Committee Chair:

- No Reilly Raiders Scholarships this year – Heather will post something on the website for recognition of the past donations from the organization as a thank you for their support.

#### Dan – Hall of Fame Nominations Chair:

- Letters went out – both nominees accepted and are thinking of who they would like to admit them into the Hall of Fame.
- Plaques are ordered and waiting for them to arrive.
- Committee consisted of past drum majors ranging from the class of 1980 to the class of 2005 along with Dan and Bob – this was a success and everyone took on the task seriously and thoughtfully.

#### Financial:

- We have \$1820.90 in our account after all checks were written.
- Finally received check from school however it was \$54 shorter than Beth calculated – she will look into the discrepancy.
- Beth wrote the \$4000.00 check and went to the TD Bank to have it deposited into the Michael J Foster Foundation.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Alumni Website
  - Heather is still working on the cookie problem – Once fixed she will send out another notification announcing the reopening of the site
  - Dan will email Heather with issues about the website from feedback that he has received
  - Brian wants the home page focus to be the Beef and Beer and Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser – Heather will adjust the site to reflect this.
  - Paypal needs to be more visible or something to make it stand out – Heather will see what she can do
  - Minutes and By Laws need to be posted on the site – Heather is working on getting that done

#### Old Business:

- Give Back Committee – So far the volunteers for this committee are Heather, Katie, Jen Wolfenden, Jim Foster, and possibly Mike Dees.
  - Heather is still working on the details as to what this committee will entail – it will continue to support the music program within the school and community. Once finalized she will present the proposal to the board.
- Recruitment for next year's Marching Band – school is reporting only about 200 incoming freshman
  - School will not allow marching band to be mandatory
  - We need to get to the younger kids from Jr Band program interested in the marching band – throw our efforts into the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in order to get the marching band to grow
  - Some reasons given why kids were not joining Jr Band was the cost of the program – Sue stated she had 80 kids interested but only got 12 to actually join – the cost is \$550.00 plus rental fee
  - Suggestion was to make a general donation to the program to lower the overall cost of the program to get more kids into the program
  - School has an Open House February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30-3:30 – Target one kid to be the sales person to man the booth for the marching band, someone who can work a crowd and get people interested in the program

#### New Business:

- Facebook invites – is a good or bad thing due to the responses being visible to the general public? Chris states there is a way to hide responses – Heather will look into and initiate that.
- John Connors has posted on the boards that he is now doing Painting and Drywall and gives a discount to Ryan Alumni.
- Hall of Fame – this year Dan asked the officers to abstain from voting. This is something to consider possibly amending the by laws for the future since the voting went well this past year and also got other alumni involved in the process. Also need to see if there is or create a letter of law in the case of a tie.
- St Patty's Day Parade – March 15<sup>th</sup> – Mike Winstanley composed tune for the parade. Dan will discuss with Brian.

- There is a collage of pictures and patches hanging in the hall of the practice rooms that Bob and Crystal O'Brien created – Bob is working on another one if anyone has pictures they would like to donate or have posted please give to him.
- Bob Kidd had suggested doing some kind of outing/fundraiser for the alumni members like an alumni cruise or golf outing. Dan suggested that we create index cards with suggestions from the alumni of what they would be interested in doing. He will put them together and have them placed on the tables at the Beef and Beer.
  - Email suggestions/ideas to Dan.
- The Alumni Officers meet with the Band Parents Officers to discuss working together on recruitment and fundraising. Meeting went well. Some ideas were tossed around about doing a joint fundraiser that will hugely benefit the marching band. Some ideas tossed around were the Grease Band or a Battle of the Bands.
  - The Grease Band is something that we need to look into and see if we can get that together and was it financially beneficial. Bob is going to look into getting more information.
  - The Battle of the Bands is difficult because we are not comfortable placing the success of this in the hands of kids and professional bands will be expecting to be paid for performing.
  - A Dance Band that plays old tunes to draw an older crowd from the surrounding area – Dan will contact Matt Gallagher who has such a band to get more information about it. Steve is also going to look into seeing if the University of the Arts has a travelling band.
  - This is something to shoot for a fall date and also we will need to have all the information together before presenting the ideas to the band parents association.
  - Another idea was hosting a sanctioned Jazz Band and Indoor Show at Ryan next year.

#### Beef and Beer:

- Invites were sent out over Facebook and posted on the Website and MySpace.
- 89/90 Reunion is the same night at the cost of \$45 per person. Some people have inquired about a discount if those people attend both events. We have decided that we will post on the site if they plan to attend both that when they come into the Beef and Beer and show their name tag as proof of being at the reunion that we will give them a discount on the ticket. Some ideas for pricing was \$20 before 11pm and after 11pm charging \$10. We will have someone man the door all night.
- Deposit Balance in Full and Head Count deadline is two weeks before the event. Toni said in the past they have been flexible with this deadline.
- Joe N is going to DJ.
- Church Bulletin announcements are done. Northeast Times too expensive.
- Brian will start an email blast advertising the event.
- Chinese auction – going to ask alumni if anyone wants to donate baskets of cheer. Trish and Toni are donating a basket each, Starbucks is also going to donate a basket. Spoke with Sal DeAngelis and he said he will ensure that the Phillies will donate something to us, he also suggested that if we want he can give us a pair of vet stadium seats to auction off.
- A few tickets have been sold – need to start pushing for people to attend and buy their tickets
- Closer to the event Toni will delegate what everyone will be doing.

**Next Meeting is Tuesday March 10, 2009 at 7pm**