



RVCB Meeting Minutes for August 29, 2017

A meeting of the RVCB board was held on August 29th at Gretchen Miller's home at 7:00 PM. Attending were David Graves, Barry Tucker, Ken Richardson, Susan and Gary Kraterfield, Gretchen Miller, Gary Beveridge, Susan Schlossberg, Charles Lamb and Val Tensen.

- The **Meeting Minutes** from the past year were read by Gary K and accepted by the board.
- David Graves reported the **Bank Account** has a balance of \$12,747, down from \$14,000 from last year at this time. Dan was out of town so no further details were available.
- **Board member changes** were announced for next year's board. Mitzi and Gretchen have dropped off the board. No new members were added because we still have 6 board members at large, which is what is specified by the by-laws. An announcement will be made at the first rehearsal to see if anyone else is interested in being an officer.
- David Graves said that he is planning to meet later this week with HVHS officials, to sign an **agreement for rehearsals and concert dates**. David has already acquired the Certificate of Insurance rider that specifies the Roanoke County School personnel are covered by our policy, which is required for the HVHS application
- **Rehearsals will tentatively start up again on September 19th**. Barry said the date may change based on when the folders are ready. The plan is to have a winter concert on December 5, a midwinter concert on March 20th and a spring concert on June 5th. Barry is working with Richard Rudolph to see if the Steel Drum Band can play some pieces with the band in December. The March concert theme will be a Salute to Past Directors from around the area.
- Several **social activities** were discussed. We plan to have an after rehearsal social in the first or second week of October. Board members will provide refreshments for the social. It was suggested that Barry introduce members of an individual section each week so that people would get to know each other better. We want to check if the June picnic should be continued. Turn out has been low the last couple of years.
- Susan S. was asking for Volunteers to join her in the **Kidney Walk** on September 16th. She plans to send an e-mail to the entire band about the walk, since it will be held before the first rehearsal.
- Val suggested that we have the band or at least some ensembles play at the **Taubman Art Museum**. Small ensembles may be better because of the acoustics in the entrance area.

- **Publicity and Fund Raising** was discussed. We want to continue having the various levels of giving listed in the program. Charles is going to see if he still has the form that we used 2 years ago, so that we can redistribute it to the band again. We need to remind members to renew their Kroger Donation designation. CD sales were discussed, but it was decided for legal reasons only to continue selling them to band members
- David has agreed to update the **Members Handbook** for the band (rules and regulations). We also discussed updating the Band Directory but no concrete action has been decided yet.
- **Band Scholarships** were discussed. Susan S will continue to handle the band camp scholarship program. She may need help from the band to handle the auditions. We currently have \$4500 in the Wilber Grant fund (included in the band's account balance). It was suggested that we use that for scholarships for band members going on to college. Nothing was proposed for this year. Jim Johnson's estate has donated his trumpet to the band. Gary B will hold it until we know what we want to do. The horn was appraised at \$3500 by Valley Repair, but it is doubtful that we could resale it for that amount.
- The **Business Manager** position is open again. David was going to review and reissue the responsibilities list that Myron left. It was hoped that the responsibilities could be divided up between multiple volunteers.
- **WVTF** is looking for volunteers for their September 27th fundraiser week. If interested, contact Amber Gilley @ 989-8900. The station is still adjusting to the recent changes it made to the FM bands and probably needs more help this year.
- We need a **fiscal budget** for next year, as soon as possible. We also need to assign an audit team to go over the books for the past fiscal year.
- A **Brandon Oaks** concert was discussed. It was decided that the best time for the concert would be April 3rd, because the schools are closed for spring break and we would not take away any rehearsal time by doing the concert on that date.
- More **percussionist are needed.** It was suggested that we advertise on Craig's list. Susan K will send Barry some examples of ads and will help Barry post the request if we decided to do this.
- New **Section Leaders** need to be assigned. Several of the currently designated Section Leaders are no longer with the band. It was suggested that once the section leaders are determined, that there should be a meeting to go over responsibilities. The section leader should determine if people are no longer coming to band and adjust the roster. Also, they should make sure that people make 4 out of 5 of the last rehearsals before a concert, per Barry's request.
- Barry asked if there was anything he could do to **improve the band.** Everyone said he was doing a great job and to continue doing what he is doing. No changes were suggested

The meeting concluded at 8:20

Gary Kraterfield - Secretary