

Southwestern Ohio Symphonic Band Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

4/7/2011

- In attendance were: Rebecca Bachman, Chris Brandenburg, Harriet Richardson, Bob McComb, Jacque Shoemaker, Jim Gast, Sandy McGee and Pam Acker
- We are a 5013 C Non-profit Organization.
 - A few band members have spoken to Chris and regarding the need for the band to have a constitution and by-laws to give the group legitimacy.
 - Leadership Team Members in attendance did not feel this was necessary. The SWOSB has been in existence without them and functioning well for over 40 years. Chris and Jacque will look at the paperwork they have to determine if in fact we do have paperwork that already has in place the policies and procedures as required for a non-profit group.
 - We are not a group that charges fees. The money paid by members to play is to pay for the Miami University Class. With the class fee Miami provides the location for rehearsals and concert, prints programs and pays the director a stipend.
 - If we were a group that charged money to play in the group (a pay to play band) we could use that money to purchase things and then would probably need a constitution and by-laws to make clear how to send the money.
 - The money the SWOSB has has been obtained over the years for the few paying performance we have had (i.e when playing for Middletown or Blue Ash over the summer). Currently this has been used to buy some music and to pay for advertising.
 - Avalon Atrium, a rehabilitation facility in Middletown has been sponsoring us this year and has paid for advertising.
- Finkleman Auditorium is being renovated next year and we need to have concerts in a different location. Discussion was had about using the auditorium at Middletown High School, Fairfield High School, Miami University's Hamilton Campus and Lakota West's Auditorium (stage may be to small though)????
 - This led to the discussion of whether or not we would be able to continue using Lakota West in the future as well and if we could not where would we go?????