

Southwestern Ohio Symphonic Band Leadership Team

SPECIAL MEETING

February 11th, 2016

Called to order at 9:10 PM

In attendance are Leadership Team and others interested in forming a Task Force to address funding and sustaining the band.

- Current bank account = \$6000
- Bob McComb opened the meeting by asking Jeanna Villa to share her ideas with those present
 - Posters and programs
 - Jeanna asked Cox Printing to give us a quote for various sizes for the program, as well as posters. Carolyn will coordinate with Jeanna for program.
 - It was suggested that we might be able to do the folding after a rehearsal
 - Jeanna explained that it would be cheaper if we use same size paper as opposed to one 11 x 17 and one 8 ½ x 11 – could have as many 8 sides with 2 11x17 pages.
 - Need poster art
 - Cox news and their art dept created the art work – need that art. Sam will still do the poster.
 - Jeanna also suggested that the Cincinnati Symphony might be an avenue for support as they have a program where they adopt a group – might send a soloist, or promote the band. CSO has indicated into the past an interest in this band.
 - Enlist the band to help promote the concert – Facebook, invite people, ground swell of support
- Stay with Miami as alumni organization? Be a concert alumni band? Chris has meeting with Miami officials later in February to discuss options for staying with Miami.
 - Need to have affiliation with Miami to stay at Lakota.
 - Chris has a meeting with Institute for Learning and Retirement to see if we can join so we can continue to get the Lakota band rooms for rehearsals.
 - Lakota expects that we have insurance for instruments.
 - Cost for Lakota if we lose the free use - \$60 a night?
 - Have Finkelman Auditorium through 2016 - need to schedule now for next year? Want to be sure to get on their schedule, plus we need to know the cost. Approximately \$500, according to Rod.
- Long term

- Identify publicity costs
- Establish a budget
- Buy music, pay conductor, hire soloist
- Sam is working on a grant that can be renewed over several years - \$7000 – Middletown Community Grant
- Other ideas
 - Andrea Smiley - Has some ideas for fundraising - will email Bob –
 - Push the need for donations the website and the program
 - Nick Dadabo suggested talking to other communities about adopting us. Hamilton, Fairfield, etc.
 - Fundraising concert? Big push at one concert a year specifically to raise money featuring soloists from the band. Guest conductors, soloists, etc.
- Bob McComb
 - Katy Snider Schmidt owns a videography business and are interested in doing a video of the band. Will do for no charge. Interviews with band members, footage of rehearsals, concerts, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM