

Friends of Berlin Performing Arts
Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2023

Call to Order by Rachel Zimmerman, FBPA president

Attendees:

Board members: Rachel Zimmerman (president), John Larger (VP- IT), Jessica Spelman (VP- Concessions), Carolyn Adams (treasurer), Anna Marie Howey (secretary), Tiffany Tobin, Stacey Ward, Anna Murcko, Amber Luna, Jamie Mank, Jason Mank, Michelle Manley, Nicole Ritzler, Eric Fertel, Heather and Jeromie Leonard, Rebecca and Brian Yanity, Denise Cambier, Becki Wyatt, Mark Rocco, Michael Reeves, Anne Klosterman, Scott Klosterman, Julie Human, Leslie Zavarella, Erin Gibbons, Thai Sribandimongkol, Gianne Farley, Kate Kausek

President's Report

- Anna Marie Howey was introduced as the new secretary for the FBPA.
- Over the summer, the district announced that all associated organizations board members affiliated within the Olentangy School District are required to complete a three hour training course, Charitable University. The training was offered in person and virtually. All board members completed this training. It was also noted that based on the training the FBPA Boosters organization was running within the guidelines.
- The board members all have new email addresses this year. This new platform will allow for more storage for pertinent documents.
- The band tower is currently under construction and expected to be completed next week. A ribbon cutting ceremony was discussed and will be announced if determined to occur.
- Open Board Positions for the 2024-25 school year will be VP Concessions and Treasurer. These are positions that are essential for the ongoing operation of the organization. Any interested members should contact the existing board members. VP Concessions would be welcomed by the end of the season in order to shadow the current member. A new treasurer would be needed by the end of the school year to review responsibilities.
- The Ice Cream Social - Concessions appreciation that was originally scheduled for the Band's preview night is looking to be rescheduled. More information to come.
- We are also in need of concession volunteers for the game Friday night. In order to open all windows, we need 30 volunteers.
- A FBPA scholarship is being created to help those in financial need for performing arts trips. \$7,500 will be allocated to 10 students at \$750 each. There will be an application for the scholarships and a committee of 5 volunteers that will award the scholarships. Legal is reviewing the process and will provide additional guidance. We hope to have this ready to go within the next month.

Treasurer Report

- The current balance in the account is \$148,627.10. Outstanding payments include the balance of the band tower and the new sousaphones (\$11,586), leaving the balance at \$115,132.10.
- Social Media is currently being done by Carolyn. It was requested to have a dedicated social media person for the next school year. Stacy Ward expressed interest in the position.

Vice President Concessions Report

- We are currently halfway through the season. Positions are still available for concessions.
- The home football game last Friday night generated over \$14,000 in sales.

Director Reports

- **Thai Sribanditmongkol (Choir)**
- 2024 All-State Choir Qualifiers: Ev Bull - Jr., Claire Emanuel - Sr., Gracie Harding - Sr., and Caleb Herr - Sr. There were 1,200 students that applied and only 96 were accepted.
- The Advanced Treble Ensemble was selected to perform at the 2024 Ohio Music Education Association State Conference in February at the Columbus Convention Center. They were selected among the top instrumental and vocal ensembles from across the state and will be one of only two high school choirs selected to perform this year.
- There will be a fall concert with Berlin Middle School at the end of October.
- Pride Day is set for September 30th. The boosters are needed to count funds when routes come back to the school. There is a need for drivers (non student) to take the groups out into the community.
- A Choir meeting is scheduled for this evening, September 20, 2023.
- There is a need for medical professionals to chaperone the Disney and Choir trip, (\$1,600 and \$1,000 respectively. It is being requested that the FBPA pay for these chaperones.
 - o Jessica moved and Carolyn seconded the payment of \$2,600 for two medical chaperones on the Disney (\$1,600) and Choir (\$1,000) trips - passed unanimously.
- **Erin (Theater)**
- Fall/ Winter Plays are set for this school year.
- October 14 and 15 will be the dinner theater.
- Footloose auditions will be coming.
- The Broadway workshops that were attended this summer were very helpful and a great educational experience.
- **Jillian Henning-Toops (Orchestra)**
- Fall Concert October 17th
- Continue to work on Disney pieces.
- The Winterfest is currently being planned.
- **Michael Reeves (Band)**
- The band hosted the 5th Quarter for its second year on September XX. 6 High School bands from Ohio were in attendance. It was an amazing show and huge success. Concessions

- generated over \$10,000 in sales, in addition to over \$8,500 in ticket sales and \$1,600 in t shirt sales.
- Upcoming events for the band: Homecoming week, Bonfire Thursday, Pride Day, Buckeye Invitational at OSU, Circleville Pumpkin Festival parade, Under the Lights and Disney.
 - **Marc Rocco (Assistant Band Director/ Berlin Middle School Band)**
 - Berlin Middle School participated in 8th grade band night last Friday night with the Berlin HS marching band. There were over 70 8th graders (Berkshire and Berlin Middle Schools).
 - As a new program, they are currently trying to raise funds for the performing arts programs. This fall they will have a fundraiser.
 - Their first concert will be in December.
 - **Anna Murcko (Berlin Middle School Choir)**
 - Patriotic pieces are being worked on with the choirs.
 - The choir will be performing with Berlin High School.
 - The next board meeting will be Wednesday, October 19th at Berlin High School. An email reminder to all parents in the performing arts will be sent.