

Friends of Berlin Performing Arts

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Isabelle Whetstone co-vice president, thanked the FBPA for their support and provided choir T-shirts to all the booster officers. Thanks, Isabelle!

Call to Order by Melissa Hagerman, FBPA president

Attendees:

Board members: Melissa Hagerman (president), Joe Troxell (VP), Jessica Spelman (secretary), Keith Rubadue (treasurer)

Directors: Michael Reeves (Band), Erin Gibbons (Theater), Jillian Henning-Toops (Orchestra), Choir Director Thai Sribanditmongkol

Many other parents

President's Report

- John Larger is now running the FBPA website (FBPA.art)
 - o May need to purchase some "Hosting" and a few other things
- Carolyn and Rachel are now in charge of band summer uniforms and uniform fittings
- Rachel will be doing Sign-Up Genius for concessions next year
- Kayla Diedrich's dad will be driving the FBPA truck starting in School year 2023-24
- Still need someone to volunteer to order and stock beverages at the concession stand
- Elections for new officers will be in March
- Concessions will also start back up in March
- Secretary will be taking over Twitter and Facebook
- Order spirit wear for Xmas thru Sinclair Designs (FBPABigCartel.com)

Treasurer's Report

- Concessions was present at 6 varsity football games and 44 additional sporting events
- Concessions brought in approx. \$73,000 in sales, for a net profit of \$40,000
- Long-term strategy involves supporting the Performing Arts Program's annual needs
- Need to have 2 years of operating expense as a cushion. (approx. \$40,000/yr)
- Directors dreaming of big-ticket items like enhancing auditorium lighting, tower on band practice field, lowering the pit in the theater. We don't have money for these yet

Concessions Report

- Concessions sold 842 boxes of Airheads, 1710 pretzels and 3812 hot dogs this fall
- Concessions now done for the fall; will resume in March
- Trying to spread out leadership responsibilities with more positions, less work for each person

Middle School Report

Nothing new

Director's Reports:

Band

- Under the Lights went well.
 - o Did 3 performances (previously only had 2)
 - o Middle school students from Berkshire also participated
 - o Earned over \$700 for band uniforms, etc
- Pep band starting up soon.
 - o Will play at 4 boys' basketball games and 3 girls' basketball games
 - o Will play at 1 hockey game at Chiller North
- Jazz band has performance on Dec 12
- Chair audition for concert and symphonic bands coming up.
- Symphonic band is period 8/9
- Concert band is period 9/10
- Four kids going to District Honors band from Berlin.

Choir

- 12 students went to Honors Choir at Otterbein last month – good experience
- Choir concert at 3 pm on Sunday December 12 – Choirs, Jazz Band and Orchestra all together
- FBPA purchased a music mixer for the a capella choir. Yay!

Orchestra

- Holiday concert Dec 12 with choirs and jazz band
- Solo and Ensemble competition will be Jan 22
- Auditions for Pit for the spring musical (Mama Mia) will be soon
- Berlin HS orchestra students are helping with Beginning Strings concert at Cheshire Elementary
- Students have also been helping out with students Hyatts MS students
- Orchestra officers have been elected

Theater

- Will do holiday dinner theater Sat, Dec 4 at noon & 6 pm and Sun Dec 5 at 6 pm in the Commons
- Can order tickets at obhsdrama.booktix.com
- Play is a spoof on Hallmark Holiday movies.
- Auditions for musical (Mama Mia) Will be Dec 7,8 with call-backs Dec 10
- Parent meeting will be on Dec 15

Pride Day

- Will be starting Virtual Pride Day publicity with students this coming week
- Big Push to donate to FBPA
- Website will be up and running by Monday
- Will need FBPA to donate gift cards as prizes.

Next FBPA meeting will be Wednesday, January 19