

Friends of Berlin Performing Arts

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021

Call to Order by Melissa Hagerman, FBPA president

Attendees:

Board members: Melissa Hagerman (president), Joe Troxell (VP), Denise Cambier (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

- 99 Pledges fund drive was extended and we earned approx. \$13,220 in total
 - o Top earner was Jierdann Bateson (sophomore) who brought in \$1000
 - o Second was Gianna Ray (\$720)
 - o Top earner got a free item of Performing Arts clothing
 - o Top 3 each got a free meal at spring concession
 - o Top 5 get to "pie" a director
 - o Everyone who brought in at least \$100 put in drawing for Sheetz and Canes gift cards
- In March, will be electing new FBPA officers
- Will also need new volunteers for concession lead (who should be trained this spring)
- John Larger continues to work on the FBPA website – needs some new pics
- FBPA secretary (Jessica Spelman) has taken over the FBPA Twitter and Facebook, but Melissa Hagerman (president) also required access to the Facebook account so she could post there too
- Kayla Diedrich's dad will be driving the FBPA truck starting in school year 2023-24
- Concessions will start back up in March
- Secretary will be taking over Twitter and Facebook

Treasurer's Report

- Current bank account total is artificially elevated bc FBPA handles money paid in for theater meals, band expenses, etc.
- We are currently in our slow season
- Recent expenses were to cover all solo and ensemble fees
- Also, we are hiring 3 professionals for the Pit for the ensemble – the rest of the musicians are students
- Recently got a new pretzel warmer for concessions
- One long-term goal/ big-ticket item is director's tower for band practice field

Concessions Report

- Need new concessions lead for fall
- In the off-season currently

Middle School Report

Nothing new

Director's Reports:

Band

- Band Xmas party went well, although attendance was low
- Solo/ensemble competition will be on Saturday, January 22 at Granville High School
- Band currently in a split class: Symphonic Band and Concert Band – split according to skill level
- Back Stage Jazz Night will be a small performance (audience on the stage) with jazz band and show choir – Monday, January 31 at 7 pm
- Student teacher Rick Dufis is a student at OU (bassoon player).
 - o Doing very well.
 - Will cover Mr. Reeves' paternity leave
- Working on marching band summer schedule, with sleep-away band camp.
 - o Should have the schedule within a week or two.
 - o Having trouble finding a camp with availability
- Pep band going well
 - o Playing at Friday night basketball games
 - o Will do floor show on Feb 11 (rehearsal Thurs Feb 10)

Choir

- Winter Music Fest (all choir groups, all orchestra groups, jazz band all together) went very well
- Choir did Caroling for a Cause in December.
 - o Sang Christmas carols in neighborhoods
 - o 3 groups of carolers brought in \$900 in 90 minutes for People in Need of Delaware
- Solo/ensemble competition will be on Saturday, January 22 at Granville High School
- Back Stage Jazz Night will be a small performance (audience on the stage) with jazz band and show choir – Monday, January 31 at 7 pm
- District Choir Competition will be the first weekend in March
- Many choir members are participating in spring musical (Mamma Mia)
- Ashley White (piano accompanist) was nominated for a Grammy for her children's song One Tribe (Grammy Awards will be Feb 3 in Las Vegas)

Orchestra

- Winter Music Fest (all choir groups, all orchestra groups, jazz band all together) went very well
- Solo/ensemble competition will be on Saturday, January 22 at Granville High School
- Orchestra large group competition will be the last weekend in February
- Final spring concert – working on this
- For musical (Mamma Mia) the pit ensemble includes approx. 30 people – mostly keyboard, guitar, etc.
 - o students except for 3

- New expense: All musicians that play in indoor groups (everything except marching band) will have pictures of that year's seniors put in frames in the entryway to the theater. Need FBPA to purchase the frames

Theater

- Dinner theater went well – 3 shows. Parents helped with food, etc. The decorations, including many Xmas trees, were great. Made a very good profit.
- The Musical this spring is Mamma Mia
- All members of the pit are students except for 3
- Rehearsals are going well
- Marquis Awards will be May 10, and Berlin is in the running

Next FBPA meeting will be Wednesday, February 16 at 7 pm