

January 15, 2025
FBPA meeting

Attendance:

Jennifer Porter, Tiffani Tobin, Rachel Zimmerman, Shelly Thobe, Molly Farrell, Joe Meisner, Erin Gibbons, Thai Sribanditmongkol, Jillian Henning-Toops, Kristi Perri, Kate Bogan, Nicole Ritzler

Call to order: 7:10 pm

Presidents Report - Rachel Zimmerman

- **Wall Update** - Rachel provided an update on the timeline, anticipated profit, installation, lighting, and wall painting. The cost of the wall is \$17,700, with engraving at 85 cents/letter. Samples of the tiles were shown. The wall comes preassembled with a 12-week production time. FBPA is working with the school administration to paint the walls and improve the lighting. The original 10 bricks have special placement. All original bricks will be replaced. There are 125 tiles in the first order (\$1800). A minimum of 30 tiles are required for engraving. The board anticipates a \$6000 profit on the new wall when all tiles are sold. A suggestion was made to place a page in the musical program with a picture of the wall and a QR code to purchase tiles.
- **Logo/ website**- the new logo has been designed and approved by the district. The website is built with the content being uploaded. www.berlinperformingarts.org
- **Pride Day** - Pride Day will be put on hold until fall of 2025. In place of Pride Day, we are asking all performing arts students and families to volunteer for two shifts in spring concessions. Financially we can wait until next fall for this fundraiser. District guidelines will be followed. Thai S. is asking the FBPA board to establish a committee to help design neighborhood mapping routes.
- **Senior keychain update**- 53 senior keychains will be distributed this year.
- **Fall concession statistics** - Rachel asked Molly Farrell to tabulate statistics based on signupgenius data:

41 volunteered more than required	10%
113 volunteered at least the amount required	28%
166 volunteered at least once	41%
235 didn't volunteer at all	59%

	band	choir	orchestra	theatre
met requirement	55	35	27	18
total in department	136	108	156	76
percent of department met	40%	32%	17%	24%

Suggestions were made to provide fast past/early admission for those who have fulfilled the volunteer obligation for performances.

- **Open positions** - The board is adding the following positions for next year: assistant treasurer (still looking); President - pending vote -Molly Farrell; Band Liasion - Meg Decker; Concessions Leads

Concessions Report - Shelly Thobe

- Concessions has a growing need for assistance. Next year we will be moving to a committee format to assist in handling the multiple tasks required-
 - Friday night manager [Kristi Perri](#)
 - Beverage leads -Leonard & Thompson families
 - Concessions stocking - open
 - Signupgenius - Rachel Hauck
 - We are still looking for a volunteer from the orchestra to help on this committee.
 - Leads - Eight leads are needed to open/close each event and ensure the smooth function of the concession stand. Each lead will work approximately 5-6 games each. Currently, there is only 1 returning lead. We are looking for 2 from each grade level
- **Spring concessions:** We are looking for help with spring concessions. We will need leads for nightly events. This is a great opportunity for volunteers to learn the ropes at events that are not as busy as fall sports. We will reach out to Berlin Middle School parents to seek new volunteers. Ideas on how to recruit volunteers for spring concessions were discussed including theme nights, program shifts (band/orchestra/choir), seniors, etc. Enticements were also discussed: free tickets for shows, and priority seating.

Treasurer Report - Tiffani Tobin

- Balance \$190,342.67, paypal \$833.40
- 1099s being issued

Directors Reports:

- **Theater** - Anatasia is in process! Set walls are going up, family tickets are on sale, tickets to the general public go on on sale 2/13. One-Acts will start after the musical. Students are renting a movie theater for a bonding night. Thank you to Yabos Tacos for working with us on a crew meal.
- **Orchestra** - Orchestra students are in contest mode. The preview concert is 2/11 @ 7pm, competition is 2/21. There are a record number of students going to Ensemble this year. Winterfest was hugely successful. Orchestra just finished elementary preview programs at our feeder schools.
- **Choir** - Choir ensembles had 8 performances in 10 days including multi-cultural festival, Sarah Moore assisted living, and Delaware tree lighting. Donated \$2400 to Delaware

People In Need from donations and neighborhood caroling. The choir preview concert is 3/4/25 with competition March 7 and 8.

- **Band** (provided by Thai) Band concert is 3/9 followed by competition on March 14 & 15. Twin babies are here! Mr. Reeves appreciates all the support the family has been provided.

Open Discussion:

-Joe Meisner - Joe met with Cindy Straub regarding establishing a community theater group. Cindy is seeking endorsement from school staff to use facilities. There are additional questions from directors on how an arrangement like this would work. Directors would like to meet with Cindy at a later date to discuss this.

- Adjourned 8:20pm