

Friends of Berlin Performing Arts
Meeting Minutes (ZOOM meeting)

December 16 2020

Call to Order by Melissa Hagerman, FBPA president

Attendees:

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

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

President's Report

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Happy that the online fundraiser is doing so well. We raised over \$12,000. We used app.pledges.com

Treasurer's Report

- Current checking acct balance is \$60,479.28
- This does not include the online Pride Day or DVD sales
- Total expenses so far have been \$24,694 and income was \$24,861 for a profit of \$167
- Bell covers for instruments for concert band are coming from the band fund, which is separate
- Tax filings are complete for the fiscal year.

Director's Reports:

Band

- DVD/CD for marching band is being sold in time for Xmas
- Currently doing holiday music and solo/ensemble projects
- Jazz band recording was cancelled on Dec 16 due to snow
- Band is currently making a video
- Jam session and award ceremony for band evening of Dec 17
- All marching band uniforms need to be returned by Dec 18
- Bell covers for all instruments are ordered for COVID protection during indoor rehearsal

Choir

- First concert recording will be this week – 4 songs on audio/visual
- Will have a virtual concert
- State contest for OMEA will be video submission
- Show choir is doing a lip synch video for a holiday season greetings

Orchestra

- Filmed a concert on Wednesday

- Currently the concert orchestra is split into 4 parts and chamber orchestra is split in 2 parts, plus some kids are doing distance learning, so teaching/playing is quite challenging
- Upcoming: project-based solo/ensemble unit

Theater

- Did one-act plays as live stream
- Using theater Instagram account to promote virtual "Pride Day"
- Doing head shots for all Thespian Honor Society members
- Theater seniors have the opportunity of having banners made
- Planning to do a spring musical – will be announced on Dec 17 (Little Shop of Horrors) – will be live-streamed and maybe also to a live audience.
- There will be new theater classes next year
- Plan to upload the videos to the FBPA website and post on the choir webpage
- Consider making a YouTube channel

Next FBPA meeting will be most likely be a Zoom meeting as well. Will be in January or February. Date TBA