

Miniature Minutes – FBPA Board Meeting with Berkshire MS Music Teachers

Date: September 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Attendees: Rachel Tweedy (Berkshire orchestra), Jessica Kelley (Berkshire choir), Christine Wedell (Berkshire band), Melissa Hagerman (FBPA President), Denise Cambier (FBPA VP), Patricia Walker (FBPA Treasurer), Jessica Spelman (FBPA Secretary)

Expenses:

- Each group (band, orchestra, choir) will need between \$1500 and \$2000 per year
- For band and orchestra, most of the money is for section coaches to help with teaching. (Usually around \$100 per coach per visit.)
- For choir, most of the money is for paying accompanists and for sheet music

FBPA agreed to support Berkshire's financial needs.

Publicity:

Everyone agreed that Berkshire and FBPA would benefit from demonstrating a positive relationship between the two schools to MS parents.

- For this reason, a FBPA officer will attend each MS music concert and have a few minutes to share with the families at the concert. (Maybe give the teachers flowers or something and thank them for their hard work.)

Fundraising:

The group brainstormed on ways to allow Berkshire students, parents and events to contribute to FBPA fundraising. The following was decided:

- Berkshire teachers will educate the MS parents that FBPA provides all booster money for Berkshire needs and will invite them to participate in Berlin concessions. The MS parents will not be included in the SignUp Genius email list because they already complain about too many emails. Instead, the SignUp Genius links will be emailed to the Berkshire music teachers, and they will share the links with the parents.
- The possibility of doing concessions at Berkshire sporting events was discussed. However, apparently this has been tried in the past and was difficult to staff (Most of the MS sports events occur around 4 pm, and most parents are at work.) and not profitable and logistically difficult (Can't store supplies at the middle school concession stand because it is frequently robbed and difficult to secure.)
- At each Berkshire concert, there will be an FBPA table outside the auditorium where they will:
 1. Sell 50-50 raffle tickets
 2. Sell Berlin teddy bears
 3. Have containers where parents can vote for their favorite song by putting money in the relevant container.All proceeds will go into the FBPA general account.

Other Money Stuff:

Ms. Tweedy informed the group that there was a Mark Wood concert a few years ago which brought in a profit of about \$4000 that was earmarked for Berkshire's orchestra program but was managed by Pop Arts (Olentangy Orange's booster program, who previously supported Berkshire MS). They have used approximately \$1800 of that money, but Ms. Tweedy estimates that there should still be approx. \$2200 available. She asks if Pop Arts ever turned the money over to FBPA. She was informed that they did not. She stated that she will contact them about it once more.

Other Business:

The group discussed the possibility of including Berkshire's theater department in FBPA's support. The benefits to the theater department would be access to funds for microphones, sets, costumes, script rights, etc. The benefits to FBPA would include the ability to do fundraising at Berkshire plays (see above plans for fundraising at concerts) and including MS theater parents in concession volunteering, etc. Ms. Kelley will talk to Mr. Whiteside (theater program director) about this.