

Friends of Berlin Performing Arts

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2022

Call to Order by Melissa Hagerman, FBPA president

Attendees:

Board members: Melissa Hagerman (president), Denise Cambier (VP) Jessica Spelman (secretary), Keith Rubadue (treasurer) Joe Troxell (VP #2) couldn't make it

Directors: Michael Reeves (Band), Jillian Henning-Toops (Orchestra), Choir Director Thai Sribanditmongkol. Erin Gibbons (Theater) couldn't make it

Many other parents

President's Report

- In March, will be electing new FBPA officers
 - o Will have 5 people on the board, plus assistant treasurer (not voting position)
- Will also need new volunteers for concession lead
- Concessions will start back up in March (Lacrosse, track, easter egg hunt for baseball, etc)
- Joe Troxell working on permits for band tower for the practice field
- FBPA now has approval from athletic boosters to sell food/drinks during music concerts and theater productions. Just can't use the athletic boosters' room/ equipment
- Directors are looking into maybe hosting OMEA competitions at Berlin next year

Treasurer's Report

- Done with the 99 Pledges drive – went well. Money is deposited
- We are currently in our slow season

Concessions Report

- Need new concessions lead, drinks manager, etc for fall
- In the off-season currently

Middle School Report

Nothing new

Director's Reports:

Band

- Large group competition will be Saturday, March 5 at Big Walnut High School at 1:45
 - o Only symphonic band will be going
 - o Thursday, Feb 24 will be the preview concert at the HS
- Student teacher (Mr. Duffis) doing well. Music education major from OU
- Band Camp – at Athletes in Action camp in Xenia, OH
 - o Dorm rooms (4 per room), dining hall, sand volleyball, ping-pong tables

- Lights on the practice field
- Cost will be similar to Recreation Unlimited. Approx \$250 per student
- Will be Sunday July 31-Thursdays Aug 4
- Practice at the school will be for 2 wk before that
- Fall 2022 schedule now available
 - Games every Friday from Aug 19 thru Oct 28 (playoff game #1 Oct 28)
 - Homecoming Sept 30
 - Under the Lights November 11-13
- There will be about 120 students in band next year (2022/23)

Choir

- Large group competition will be Friday, March 4 at Big Walnut High School
 - Symphonic Choir, Treble Chorus, Advanced Treble Ensemble will all compete
 - Thursday, Feb 24 will be the preview concert at the HS
 - Freshmen and sophomores have never gone to large group competition bc of COVID
- Working on musical Mamma Mia on March 18-20

Orchestra

- Large group competition (state, not district) Sat Feb 26 at Granville High School
 - Taking concert orchestra and chamber group, not the freshman orchestra
 - They have to play 2 pieces. No sightreading this year
 - Preview concert Tuesday Feb 22
- Orchestra kids very involved with the musical Mamma Mia
 - 4 keyboards, 3 guitars, 1 bass guitar, 1 drum set
 - Mrs. Henning-Toops is directing the pit
- New keyboard (bought by FBPA) is very helpful for the orchestra and musical pit
- There will be 116 kids in orchestra next year

Theater

- Working on musical Mamma Mia on March 18-20
- Marquis Awards will be May 10, and Berlin is in the running

Next FBPA meeting will be Wednesday, March at 7 pm