

Friends of Berlin Performing Arts  
Meeting Minutes (ZOOM meeting)

October 21, 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**

- New board members Keith Rubadue as treasurer and Joe Troxell as second VP bring the FBPA board up to 5 voting members. (Denise Cambier is other VP and Jessica Spelman is secretary)
- Concessions was open for every home game of any sort, including soccer, LaCrosse, Football, etc. Opened for the band shows during away games as well
- Concessions has had lower sales than previous years, and no spring concessions plus loss of money due to food that expired and had to be donated.
- Appreciate everyone's hard work and understanding during this weird season due to COVID. We are sorry we can't supply more funds, but happy that we can at least earn some money.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Current checking acct balance is approx. \$59,000
- Concessions brought in about \$16,000 in earnings with a couple more games yet to come
- Concessions cost was approx., \$8000, so we will have earned \$8000 to \$9000 total with fall concessions
- Breakdown of expenses vs earnings will be posted on the FBPA website (FBPA.art)
- Apparel sale earned \$1500 this year – better than last year (only \$400 last year)

**Director's Reports:**

**Band**

- Marching band couldn't go to sleep-away camp, but had daily "band camp" at the school over the summer
- Band couldn't go to away games, so marched a total of 4 home games (including 1 play-off game)
- Band also performed in the home stadium during 2 away games. The game was projected onto 2 large screens, and band did pregame, halftime, postgame shows and stand tunes.
- Instead of the indoor "Under the Lights" show, band is making an "Under the Lights" DVD, which will be available before Xmas

## **Choir**

- Choir started the year singing outside for 4 to 6 wk
- Now having singer's masks (purchased by FBPA). They are quite warm, but allow the singers to sing with a good tone while being COVID-safe
- Because of the hybrid schedule, it's like having 12 "mini-choirs," which is challenging, but allows for more kids to do solos.
- Still waiting to hear what we will be allowed to do for the December concerts

## **Orchestra**

- Challenging schedule, but at least orchestra players can wear masks without a problem
- The bass players appreciate the stools purchased by FBPA; they'd been standing for 2 years!
- Tentative winter concert date – Dec 9<sup>th</sup>
- They are electing student orchestra officers, including Pres, VP, Sec, PR director and social director

## **Theater**

- The one-act shows last spring weren't done due to school shutting down, so they are doing them this fall.
- There are 6 one-act shows, each directed by a different student director.
- Each will be performed at a different date/time.
- One will be Thurs evening, Nov 5. One Friday, Nov 6. Two on Sat, Nov 7. Two on Sun, Nov 8
- Each half-hour show will be filmed and live-streamed
- On Fri, Nov 13, all 6 shows will be re-broadcast in a continuous stream of all 6

## **Virtual Pride Day**

- Plan is for students of all the P.A. groups to compile performance footage of the past 2 years plus this year. It will be compiled and edited
- The footage will then be available on line, so people can share it on social media and email it to friends and relatives. A link to the FBPA website will be included so that people can donate money thru Pay Pal.
- Gahanna HS did a virtual event, and raised \$30,000!
- Target is to get this online the week before Thanksgiving.

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