

## **Barrington High School Fine Arts Boosters Board**

### **December 7, 2015**

**Attendance - 20 Board Members:** Marilyn Andriesen, Jeri Broderick, Amy Brown, Susan Buerckholtz, Cyndi Burks, Pam Conroy, Susan Fitzgerald, David Gibbons, Diana Jonske, Susan Lenz, Stacey Lidbury, Terri Longo, Diane Mahon, Paul Mahon, Chrissie Mena, Kimberly Priola, Ruth Schlossberg, Jen Schimmel, Carrie Stegvik and Brigid Tileston.

**Meeting Called to Order at: 7:40**

#### **Executive Officer Reports:**

##### **President's Report (Terri Longo):**

- Terri thanked the following committees: Citrus for their hard work and a great year, Concessions for their efforts during the winter concerts and Tedd Gagen for working on the alumni database.
- The calendar of upcoming dates is on the back of agenda. There will be an encore fundraising encore performance of *To Freedom Fighters Everywhere* on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> to help offset the costs of traveling to Theatre Fest on January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Terri reminded everyone that it's time to form Nominating Committee for filling positions for 2016/2017. She already spoke with Lori Madison and Diana Jonske and they agreed to be on the committee. She is looking for one more person. If anyone is interested in serving, please let her know.

##### **Secretary's Report (Carrie Stegvik):**

- Carrie asked for a vote to approve the November 2, 2015 minutes. **Chrissie Mena made a motion to approve the November 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes. Amy Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.**
- Carrie asked for a motion to approve the revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws. Pam Conroy suggested changing Article I, paragraph 3b of the By-Laws to read, "The Treasurer shall ensure that all other reports required as a 501(c)3 organization are filed as well as any other financial reports required by the Secretary of State and Barrington School District 220." **Chrissie Mena made a motion to approve the Constitution and By-Laws with the proposed changes. Stacey Lidbury seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the changes were approved.**

##### **Treasurer's Report (Paul Mahon):**

- To recap where we stand: We approved \$22,437 in teacher requests on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our membership revenue at end of November was \$23,146. Susan just handed in another \$1,000 in memberships so Membership revenue is now over \$24,000. This exceeds the amount of the grants. While this doesn't cover the \$5,000 of lesson stipend funding,

membership revenue tends to increase as we get closer to the musical at the end of February, so we'll be in good shape.

- This year, we budgeted to pay out \$42,000 based on what we paid for last year's grants and expenses. Since a significant amount of last year's grants were not paid for until this year, we carried over the money from last year to pay for them. Things look fairly good. We still waiting for the bill for last year's grant of \$475 for the Lix pens.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Membership (Jeri Broderick, Susan Buerckholtz, and Susan Stoga):**

- 7 new members were acquired in November for \$1,000. We are at 133 members, which is the same as last year, but revenues are higher.
- Jeri wondered about Tedd's plans for reaching out to alumni, especially to those who are newly graduated from BHS to see if they want to renew their memberships. Membership usually sends out another e-blast in December to reach those who want to take advantage of year-end tax savings. They may do an e-blast in the spring to the incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents.
- Several people suggested ways to increase membership. Kimberly Priola said for the last two years, we allowed newly graduated members to opt in to keep receiving Fine Arts emails and membership information. Brigid suggested we may be able to use Arts People to see who purchased tickets to shows last year and send them a postcard. Marilyn Andriesen suggested having BHS-TV put together a promo piece to email to alumni. Terri Longo would like to set up a meeting with Tedd, the Membership Committee, Brigid and herself to button this up. Diane Mahon proposed reaching out to parents of middle school students as well.

#### **Citrus (Marilyn Andriesen, Diana Jonske and Laura Kamptner):**

- This past weekend was distribution. Thanks to all of volunteers who came to help. Last year, we had 166 orders and this year, we had roughly 224 orders and made \$1,100 more than last year! They will give a full report next month. The vendor prices went up but we didn't raise our prices this year. We should consider doing so next year. All three ladies have seniors and will no longer be here to serve on the committee.

#### **Scholarship (Amy Brown and Karen Malec):**

- All 15 stipends have been distributed. They will offer spring stipends after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. There were a few complaints about the first come, first serve policy so they are thinking about doing a lottery. They will meet with Terri after the New Year.

**Concessions (Giovanna & Mike Egleston, Susan & Mike Fitzgerald, Susan Lenz):**

- Thanks to all who have helped. They did something different for the Winter Choir Concerts and asked people to donate baked goods instead of selling the usual concessions. The response was overwhelming. Since they didn't have to pay for those items, the \$400 they made is all profit!

**Student Board (Stacey Lidbury):**

- The Fine Arts Fun Fair is fast approaching. There will be 7 stations and 7 kids in charge. They are thinking about capping it at 70 kids per group so there would only be 10 kids per station. The 10:00 – 12:00 time is for grades K-2 and 12:30-2:30 is for grades 3-5. They might need money for drawing supplies. Stacey will meet with Brigid to discuss details. Kids can receive volunteer hours for helping.
- They are still planning on the College Audition Workshop, possibly on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Brigid will confirm the date soon. The Board is researching speakers that represent different disciplines.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House is set for January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Stacey will purchase the t-shirts soon.

**Alumni Representatives (Tedd Gagen):**

- Tedd was absent and had no report.

**Communications (Hillary Kaboski, Chrissie Mena, Susan Stoga, Karen Trzaska):**

- Cyndi Burks had to leave the PTO meeting early because she had to pick up a sick child, so the VP read Cyndi's report.
- Chrissie would like to get a final cast list for *Aida* for a "Save the Date" press release.

**Advisor (Kimberly Priola):**

- Kimberly had no report.

**Fine, Visual and Performing Arts Director (Brigid Tileston):**

- Brigid would like to send out post cards year-round like the ones she sent announcing the dates of the Winter Concerts. It's another way to keep the community up-to-date on our events.
- One of the BHS jazz combos performed at the annual elementary art showcase. The elementary students, parents, teachers, and administrators at James Street appreciated the music and the partnership with our elementary schools.
- Brigid is planning an event to have middle and high school orchestra students to perform at the Barrington White House with professional musicians.
- Jon Lehr, a professional choreographer from New York, worked with our dance classes this week. He shared his experiences as a U.S. cultural ambassador to Russia. He specifically spoke about how dance is used to

understand cultural differences and taught a dance that he choreographed for a remote village in Russia in the Chuhotka region. It was amazing to watch him work with the students, and make connections to other cultures and forms of art.

- On an annual basis, Barrington High School visual art students are invited to showcase their work to a wider audience through the Harper College Art Show. Harper College art faculty selects one work from all the high school entries for the prestigious Harper Faculty Award, a "best in show" achievement. This year, BHS student **Abigail HaYoung Jung** received the 3D Harper Faculty Award for her sculpture. Other award winners were 2D 1st Rachel Longenbaugh, 2D 2nd Casey Bergman, 2D 3rd Annika Lutz, HM Song Chow, HM Bridget Garner, HM Gwen Kenrich, 3D 1st Emily Chen, 3D 2nd Tara Nikol Caballero, 3D 3rd Sarah Ghaussy, HM Casey Bergman, HM Isaac Cheek, Claudia DeBiase, Peter Schnaubelt, HM William Gaffney.
- This week we also received the news that our fall play, "To Freedom Fighters Everywhere" was selected to perform at the Illinois Theater Festival in January 2016. This is a highly selective honor, and the play went through a rigorous adjudication process in order to be selected. There will be a fundraising encore performance of "Freedom Fighters" on Wednesday, January 6th to help offset costs of the trip.
- Additionally, the following students will be performing in the Illinois All-State Theater production of "Rent." This is an extremely competitive process as well, and a great tribute to our music and theater programs to have three representatives from our school: Clare McLaughlin playing Joanne Jefferson, Marissa Longo playing Mimi's Mom and Ensemble and Meaghan Rivera playing a backup singer for "Over the Moon" and Ensemble.
- BHS TV made a video of each of the 17 Fine and Visual Arts teachers showcasing their classes. Discipline teachers were allowed one minute to describe what they do. It's a wonderful way to experience the huge array of Fine Arts opportunities at BHS.
- Thank you to the Citrus, Concessions and Madrigal Banquet committees for their hard work and success.
- An idea for fundraising is 2-Click, a popular fundraiser at Fremd. There are certain websites tied to 2-Click (such as Amazon and many others). If you sign up with 2-Click and shop with those businesses, 5% of purchase goes toward the school. They send the money once they accrue a certain amount. Terri and Paul will meet with Brigid to discuss the details. The Treasurer will oversee it if we decide to go forward.
- We are organizing headshots for the musical, *Aida*, but need help organizing the kids.

- Brigid received one request from BHS TV: a \$699 Live Stream encoder so students can stream school events using one camera. Paul let us know that, at this stage, we've spent everything we've taken in, but we still have program sponsorships and other revenue streams that will continue to bring in money. Membership alone covers all of our requests, including this one. **Chrissie Mena made a motion to approve \$699 to purchase a Live Stream encoder. Susan Lenz seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.**

### **Rep Reports:**

#### **BHS TV (Lori Madison):**

- Led by Alex Gaul, BHS-TV streamed last Friday's Boys and Girls Basketball games.
- BHS-TV, led by Tommy Derken, created the video for the football team banquet. Mr. Doles would like to thank all of his seniors, especially Noah Haney, end zone operator for all 4 years.
- Students Jack Longo, Jack Coombs, Ethan Madison, Cameron Cox, Alex Gaul and the BHS-TV crew completed a promotional video for all of the Fine Arts classes.
- BHS-TV students have been asked to present at next years ACTE (Association for Career and Technology Education) National conference in Vegas (more details to come in the near future).

#### **Choir (Kelli Davenport and Diane Mahon):**

- We had two fabulous concerts last week. Both were very well attended. There were 270 people in attendance at the Madrigal Banquet, which made \$3,450 that goes straight to choir.
- There will be an open mike/a'capella night in the Black Box Theatre on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The musical *Aida* will be performed February 26-28.

#### **Drama/Theater (David and Susan Gibbons):**

- *To Freedom Fighters Everywhere* is being remounted for Theatre Fest. The Drama Club is hosting a fundraiser performance on January 6<sup>th</sup> to offset the expense of remounting the show. There are 60 students in the cast and crew travelling to Theatre Fest!
- The London Trip has been cancelled because of lack of interest.

#### **Band (Dale Juffernbruch and Ruth Schlossberg):**

- There will be a membership table at the concert tomorrow.
- The Disney trip was spectacular. The kids had a blast and sounded fantastic. 8 bands from around the world performed together. The BHS band was the first band to kick off the Electric Light parade.

#### **Dance (Kirsten Neptun, Adriana Rahfaldt, Jen Schimmel):**

- There was a master class last week for all dance classes.
- In November, we hosted a partnering class for Orchesis.

- Orchesis is starting to practice for the Giordano Project in January.
- Orchesis now offers an acro yoga class.

**Orchestra (Pam Conroy):**

- The winter concert is this coming Thursday. 3 soloists are playing the Winter Concerto by Vivaldi.
- Brigid is working to bring professional artists to perform with the students sometime in the Spring.

**Visual Arts (Amy Kenrich Woods and Stacey Lidbury):**

- La Citadelle Gallery is no longer at the Arboretum, so there isn't a space for the Year End show. The department would love to host the event from Friday-Sunday, so they need a space willing to keep the artwork up for that long. If anyone knows of a place willing to host, please let them know.

Chrissie Mena made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Susan Stoga seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carrie Stegvik*  
Secretary