

Barrington High School Fine Arts Boosters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
March 14, 2016

20 Attended: Amy Brown, Susan Buerckholtz, Cyndi Burks, Pam Conroy, Kelli Davenport, David Gibbons, Susan Gibbons, Diana Jonske, Dale Juffernbruch, Amy Kenrich Woods, Stacey Lidbury, Terri Longo, Lori Madison, Diane Mahon, Paul Mahon, Karen Malec, Adriana Rahfaldt, Kimberly Priola, Carrie Stegvik and Brigid Tileston.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:35 p.m.

President's Report (Terri Longo):

- The PTO has eliminated the Fine Arts PTO rep since other groups don't have representation at PTO meetings and they felt it was unfair.
 - Terri spoke with Jen Lekai, PTO President, and made the point that almost most fine arts is part of the school curriculum and are not extracurricular activities.
 - Kimberly Priola said she was at the meeting and said there was little discussion before voting. Kimberly asked Jen during the meeting if Jen felt that Terri was fine with the decision, and Jen said yes.
 - The PTO felt the meetings were running long and now there are so many ways to get fine arts information electronically. However, we know it's impossible to get things into the Bronco Blast. When the PTO used to send out the printed newsletter, the Fine Arts PTO Rep would write a column. That avenue to reach all BHS parents is no longer available to us.
 - Brigid and Terri discussed sending out a quarterly blast to the entire school. Diane Mahon suggested offering the parents an opportunity to opt-in to receive emails from the fine arts at registration or for Brigid send an email the entire school at the start of the year and ask them opt-in for fine arts info.
 - For now, Terri said she would provide a written report to the PTO each month to pass out at the meeting.

- Cyndi Burks said the PTO didn't really want anything stated in her report other than fine arts event dates and times. They did not want info on fundraisers, which is what funds items for the school. Terri will revisit with the PTO.
- In light of the fact the PTO eliminated the Fine Arts Rep position, our PTO Rep position is no longer needed and the Communications team will take on the task of sending an either a written or electronic recap for the PTO. **Kimberly Priola made a motion to eliminate the Fine Arts PTO Rep position from our**

list of committee chairs. Adriana Rahfaldt seconded the motion. The motion passed and the position was eliminated.

- Terri was asked to send out an email to FAB members regarding a Parker Playhouse event happening in the community. Terri asked how the FAB felt about allowing a community group to provide email blasts about event information to FAB members.
 - Susan Gibbons felt we should say no. It opens a can of worms because if we send out emails for one organization, we open it up to everyone.
 - Lori Madison said all of that info should go into the Virtual Backpack, which the district maintains. This is how every organization now distributes their info to District 220 students.
 - Everyone agreed that we should not blast out any emails about groups outside of BHS.

Secretary's Report (Carrie Stegvik):

- Carrie asked for a motion to approve the February 9th minutes. Cyndi Burks asked Carrie to correct the spelling of her last name in her report section of the minutes. Carrie agreed to do so. Cyndi made a motion to pass the February 9th minutes with the change. Dale Juffernbruch seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Paul Mahon):

- We've taken in \$28,000 in Sponsorship, Membership and Concessions. Our goal was to make \$31,000 and we should exceed it with a matching corporate gift. Everything is looking good in exceeding our goals.
- Of our teaching requests, we still have \$1,300 of grants to be funded but we will be able to fund all of it.
- Don't forget we have a tax exempt form so we don't have to pay sales tax on purchases for the FAB. Paul will email the form if you need it, so please ask him!
- Amy Brown asked about the Interlochen Fund and why it remains at \$33,000. The Lageshulte family set up a \$33,000 CD, which never gets touched. The scholarship is funded from the interest, which is placed in the Interlochen savings account.

Committee Reports:

Nominating (Jeri Broderick, Diana Jonske and Lori Madison)

- Jeri will serve on the Membership Committee next year. The Nominating Committee is having trouble filling Student Board, Concessions, Playbill and Publicity committees but there are a few 8th grade parents who might be interested. Please reach out and let people know about these open positions.

Membership (Jeri Broderick and Susan Buerckholtz)

- We signed up 5 more members for a total of \$550. We are right on schedule to match last year's numbers.

Citrus (Marilyn Andriesen, Diana Jonske and Laura Kamptner)

- Diana and Laura met with Carrie, Kimberly and Valerie Umbright to hand over all of the info and items.

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

- Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with *AIDA*!! We sold lots of inventory and will definitely restock before the next productions. Also, thanks to the chairs for getting the word out for volunteers on Sign-Up Genius before the events.
- The remaining productions for the year which will have concessions are: Spring Orchestration Concert - April 15, 16 and 17, the Spring Main Stage Play - April 28, 29, 30 and the Broadway and Barbershop Choir Concerts - May 10 and 11.

Communications (Cyndi Burks, Hilary Kaboski, Chrissie Mena and Karen Traszka)

- The committee had no report.

Scholarship (Amy Brown and Karen Malec)

- 31 students applied for spring stipends. 5 had already received fall stipends, so their names were removed and for a total of 26 applicants. Amy and Karen pulled out 15 numbers out of a hat for the lottery.
- They are in the process of discussing the Nancie Tobison scholarship, which is listed in the high school scholarship packet. 5 students applied. The high school needs the names by April 8th, which is when they are meeting with Robbie Shellard and Nancie Tobison to review applications before Robbie leaves for the LA choir trip.
- Amy and Karen will be doing a lottery for summer stipends. The Interlochen Scholarship will award \$1,000 per applicant. We haven't had anyone apply in two years. For summer workshop stipends, it won't matter if you received a stipend in the fall or spring. The summer stipends are \$200 each.

Student Board (Marilyn Andriesen):

- The Fine Arts Fun Fair was a huge success! There were two sessions: one in the morning for grades K-2 and in the afternoon for grades 3-5. There were 70 attendees in each session. Everyone wants us to do it again next year. High school students created all content. There were 7 stations of 10 kids and 3 students per station. There was a little issue with some kids wanting to be in the same group as their friends but the Student Board members worked it out. It was a good leadership opportunity for the Student Board.

- Now it seems like the group is done. No one is stepping up to put together the college workshop for fine arts students, so they are going to cancel. Brigid might work with the individual teachers and maybe bring some graduates into different classes to provide that information in school.
- The FAB thinks Stacey did a great job with the Student Board this year. There was an application for the Student Board on the website and the teachers nudged certain students into applying when no had applied from certain disciplines. They normally didn't receive volunteer hours for activities that just benefited BHS but got hours for serving younger kids, so the Fun Fair and the 8th grade open house counted toward volunteer hours.
- Marilyn Andriesen created the application form but it's not on the website at the moment. Stacey will either find the form or recreate it and we will put it on the website.

PTO Representative (Cyndi Burks):

- There was no report and this position has now been dissolved.

Alumni Representative (Tedd Gagen):

- Tedd was absent and had no report.

Advisor (Kimberly Priola)

- Kimberly had no report.

Director of Fine, Visual and Performing Arts (Brigid Tileston)

- Thank you the FAB for everything they provided for *Aida*. The Q-Lab Mac Pro, stage combat workshop and costumes wouldn't have been possible without your help.
- Rachel is very excited about the Rachel Barton Pine partnership with the Barrington White House. Rachel will perform on May 7th at the Barrington White House and will perform for the orchestra hs and ms students here at BHS.
- There is an upcoming feature in Quintessential Barrington about the BHS Jazz program.
- BHS will be offering a musical theatre camp this summer for 6th-10th graders where they will perform *High School Musical*. Joyce and Nicki were worried there wouldn't be enough interest. It took one day to fill 100 spots and they opened 20 more spots that filled up quickly as well. They will have a performance with costumes and everything. It's a 4-hour camp that runs every day for 5 weeks.
- Brigid enjoyed attending dance classes during Multicultural Week to see the different dance instructors and the wide range of dance styles.
- The year-end visual arts show, *Arrivals and Departures*, will be held the last weekend of April in the Ice House Mall. There will be a K-12 art show on April 17th at the Barrington White House with performers coming in and out during the show.

- This week begins the annual Teapot Show in the gallery. The teapots are selected from different schools in the area. Come vote for your favorite teapot!
- Brigid thought it was a good time to start thinking about purchasing new band uniforms in the next few years. The life span of band uniforms is typically 12-15 years and ours are 20 years old. BHS spent a lot of money on these uniforms when they were purchased, which is why they are still hanging together. The band parents have also maintained them very well, but it's time to start planning to purchase new ones. The total will be roughly \$85,000 for around 130 uniforms. We plan on spending about \$395-\$410 per uniform, which isn't the most expensive but we don't want to go too cheap because they don't last as long. We don't want to ask the Board of Education to fund them since they are cutting \$2 million this year. We are trying to fund them as a school and not burden one organization with something this expensive. Pam Conroy suggested having the kids rent their uniforms every year, which is what some schools do to offset the cost.
- Brigid wants to discuss the start times of performing arts concerts with her staff. The start times are all over the place. Concerts begin anywhere from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., which she feels is very confusing and inconsistent. She wants to start a conversation so all concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. She also talked with Athletic Director Mike Obsuszt to see if he can let the coaches know kids might need to leave practice/games early for concerts. Since concerts are a part of their grade, coaches should not give kids a hard time about this.
- Brigid had a good meeting with the editorial staff of Quintessential Barrington to discuss story ideas that feature different District 220 Fine Arts disciplines.

Rep Reports:

Band (Dale Juffernbruch and Ruth Schlossberg):

- The Butter Braid fundraiser coming up.
- Mark your calendars for Java and Jazz on Friday April 22nd at 7:00 pm at BHS. It's a big evening for the band. Jimmy Johns is donating mini sandwiches to offer in addition to coffee and treats. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students
- The final concert of the year is on Tuesday, May 3rd.
- The Band Banquet is on Sunday May 15th.

BHS TV (Lori Madison and Terri Longo):

- Mr. Doles is now Dr. Doles! It took him 10 years but he finally received his doctorate degree.
- BHS-TV students recently submitted over 50 video entries for the National Academy of Television and Midwest Media Educators Association video contest. They will find out in April how their videos stacked up against the Midwest competition.

- Tommy Derken recently lead a group of BHS-TV students to create a very powerful video that celebrates the diversity at BHS called "Dear Society".
- A BHS-TV crew consisting of Alex Gaul, Matt Siapkaris, Jack Longo, Jack Coombs, Grace Fitzgerald and Zach Rizzio live-streamed the boys basketball sectional game.
- Jeff Doles and Steve Yost filmed and edited the incredible *Aida* musical. The edited footage and DVD's were distributed to student participants in a record 3 days.
- BHS-TV students created a video for Barrington Buddies called "Spread the Word to End the Word".
- Jeff Doles filmed an interview with Hugh Jackman for the movie "Eddie the Eagle".
- Students covered Hope's in Style, Special Olympics and other local events in conjunction with 365 Barrington.
- Students Cameron Cox, Brian Tyfault and Howard Li covered the Chicago Auto Show.
- Students Tommy Derken, Sean Moran, Ethan Madison, Cameron Cox and Jack Coombs are partnering with Chuck Jacobs, a local realtor, to create a promotional video for a local property that will play at The Catlow.
- BHS-TV students Jack Coombs, Braedon Nelson are covering the Jeffrey Pride Cancer Foundation fundraiser the weekend of March 11 at Stonegate. In addition, the video program was able to get Chicago Med actor Oliver Platt to promote the event.
- The 10 year anniversary of BHS-TV will be handled by the Barrington 220 Educational Foundation and will be held around Homecoming 2016.

Choir (Kelli Davenport and Diane Mahon):

- *Aida* was incredible. It was sold out for the evening performances and had nice attendance during the day and Thursday night performances.
- IHSA Solo and Ensemble contest was last weekend. We sent 6 kids to Harvard High School. All received a score of 1 in their area and one was Best of Room.
- The all-male a'capella group *Ten* performed at Sing Strong, and a'capella competition and light show. It was the first time they have ever competed at an a'capella contest. They didn't place but they had fun. Premium Blend performed at Multicultural Day.
- The choir trip to Los Angeles is coming up. The Tour Choir will be performing the songs they will sing on tour on April 4th at 8:30 p.m. in preparation for leaving the next day.
- Tomorrow night is the Multicultural Concert. The show is shorter than usual.
- March 31st is Barrington Idol.
- May 10-11 are the Barbershop and Broadway Concerts.
- May 17th is the Choir Banquet.

Dance (Kirsten Neptune, Adriana Rahfaldt and Jen Schimmel):

- Orchesis was part of the Multicultural Show. The girls performed a piece they learned through Giordano Dance Project and it was received very well.
- The BHS Spring Orchesis Concert is Friday April 15 and Saturday 16 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday April 18 at 2:00 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance for District 220 elementary students on Thursday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. Various genres of dance will be included in the performance, including contemporary modern, jazz, pointe, tap, and aerial. The cost of the Concert is \$8 for adult and \$6 for children.
- The aerial dance for the concert is almost complete. The 5 silks will be hung in our auditorium when we return from spring break.
- Sunday May 1st 11:30am is the Orchesis Luncheon/Fashion Show. Orchesis parents and the dance faculty have been preparing for the fundraiser and the theme is "Springtime in Paris". The cost is \$30/person and will be held at Stonegate Banquet Hall in Hoffman Estates.
- All dance classes participated in a "Wellness Week". Included in this week were guest artists in Werq (one of the newest fitness trends), Tai-Chi Yoga, Tai Chi, and Zumba.
- Last week all dance classes had a fabulous "Cultural Dance" week, which was coordinated to lead up to the BHS Multicultural show. Dance students experienced Bollywood, Salsa and West African Dance with live percussion. The classes then attended the Multicultural show on Friday.
- Dance Classes are also continuing their focus on Contemporary Modern Dance with technique and combinations.

Drama (David and Susan Gibbons):

- The Drama Club Spring Ball on Friday, April 1st.
- The Spring Experimental Play, *Avenue Q*, has been moved to April 21-23 in the Black Box. The Barrington Junior Women's Club has donated their "Kids on the Block" puppets for free for Avenue Q.
- *The Actors Workshop classes will perform The Wiz* on March 30th.
- The Main Stage play, *Italian Funerals and Other Festive Occasions*, will take place on April 28th-30th.
- May 19th is the Theatre Banquet at Makray Memorial Golf Club.

Orchestra (Pam Conroy)

- The Solo and Ensemble Festival was held this past weekend. Middle school students performed as well. The performances were adjudicated and the students learned a lot from the judge's feedback.
- April 5th is the Young Artists performance at BHS. There will be 9 student soloists.
- The Rachel Barton Pine performance will be on May 7th.

Visual Arts (Stacey Lidbury and Amy Kenrich Woods)

- The year-end visual arts show, *Arrivals and Departures*, will be held on April 29th-31st at the Ice House Mall. There will be a reception on Friday the 29th from 5:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. and the show will be open from 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. on Saturday the 30th and Sunday the 31st.
- Brigid hopes to distribute Save the Date postcards about the show at the K-12 Art Show.

Stacey Lidbury made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Adriana Rahfaldt seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Stegvik
Secretary