

Barrington High School Fine Arts Boosters Board

January 11, 2016

Attendance - 17 Board Members: Susan Buerckholtz, Cyndi Burks, Pam Conroy, Kelli Davenport, Tedd Gagen, Diana Jonske, Laura Kamptner, Amy Kenrich Woods, Stacey Lidbury, Terri Longo, Lori Madison, Paul Mahon, Karen Malec, Chrissie Mena, Kimberly Priola, Carrie Stegvik and Brigid Tileston.

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:40 p.m.

Executive Officer Reports:

President's Report (Terri Longo):

- This year's Nominating Committee is Diana Jonske, Jeri Broderick and Lori Madison.
- The Nominating Committee Interest Form was handed out to everyone. Carrie will send an email version later this evening. Please respond by February 1 or bring your form to the February meeting. All forms are to be submitted to Carrie via the FAB email and she will forward them to the Nominating Committee.
- After the February 1 meeting, the Interest Form will be sent out to all fine arts parents via the newsletter from Brigid and will be placed in PTO newsletters at the middle schools. The Nominating Committee will present their recommended Slate of Officers/Committee Chairs at the April meeting. The Board will vote on the slate in May. In anticipation of approval, new members will attend the Old Board/New Board meeting in May.
- As a reminder, discipline rep positions are appointed by the teachers and will not be included on the slate. Terri is willing to continue on as President next year and Paul will continue as Treasurer.
- The calendar on back of agenda is somewhat sparse. Wednesday, January 13 is the Fine Arts Open Mike night at 7:00 at the Black Box theatre. It is technically free but a suggested donation will go to an organization decided by the students.

Secretary's Report (Carrie Stegvik):

- Carrie asked everyone to sign in and please email her your reports if possible.
- Kelli Davenport made a motion to approve the December 7th minutes. Tedd Gagen seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Paul Mahon):

- The Interlochen CD is a \$33,800 12-month instrument, which matures each December. BMO Harris offered alternate investment options, but the Interlochen Funds have always been invested in CDs. We rolled the maturing CD into a new CD on December 7th. The monthly CD interest is

deposited into a Savings account that has a balance of approximately \$3,400. The savings account is used to fund the Interlochen Scholarship.

- Some of our expenses have been funded and some have not. We set aside money from last year to pay a portion of the Black Box Theater curtains that were installed over Winter Break. We approved a \$699 grant last month that wasn't in the initial grant request in November. We have a Wish List column of \$1,500 in the budget to cover any last minute wishes that come up. When grants come in cheaper than the amount we approved, we move the savings to the Wish List fund.

Committee Reports:

Membership (Jeri Broderick and Susan Buerckholtz,):

- We added \$1,950 and 5 more members in December. Most of the money is included in this report. Paul received \$550 tonight.
- Susan Stoga needs to resign from the Board due to work obligations. She served on the Membership and Communications committees.
- Membership will have a table at the 8th Grade Open House. Terri suggested running the BHS TV video outside of the gallery during the Open House. Brigid asked the middle school teachers to run the video during their advisories/fine arts classes.
- Tedd is here tonight. She and the Membership committee will talk about getting communications out to new alumni.

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

- Diana passed out a final report of this year's Citrus sales. We did a little better than last year. Next year, she suggests raising the price of the merchandise since our vendors raised their prices a few years ago and we have not, which is eating into our profits. Diana suggested that Tedd should send Citrus info out to the alumni.
- Kimberly expressed interest in working with Carrie to take over Citrus next year. They need one more volunteer and may reach out to Valerie Umbright who has an 8th grade son active in theatre.

Scholarship (Amy Brown and Karen Malec):

- Amy and Karen will meet to discuss spring and summer stipends, the Nancie Tobison scholarship and the Interlochen Scholarship.
- There is \$3,000 in the Interlochen Scholarship fund to be awarded. \$1,000 scholarships were awarded in the past but we can change the amount if we want.
- The Nancie Tobison scholarship will be included in the school scholarship packet. The Interlochen scholarship is awarded independent of the school.

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

- No one was present and there was no report.

Student Board (Stacey Lidbury):

- Stacey showed off the Student Board t-shirts. The kids will be on hand at the 8th grade Open House on Thursday to help out.
- The Fine Arts Fun Fair is coming up on February 6th. There will be 3 different sessions for younger kids in the morning and the older kids can sign up for 4 sessions at 20 minutes each. The kids go home with a gift bag that includes a few items and a card that has the Fine Arts Schedule. They are hoping for 70 kids in morning and 70 kids in the afternoon, which works out to 10 kids at each station.
- The College Workshop date is tentatively set for March 28th in the Black Box Theater. The speakers will include monologue coaches, voice instructors and other people in the industry plus kids either in college or who have just graduated to guide kids on what to expect. Stacey will meet with Brigid after the Fun Fair to confirm the details.

Alumni Representatives (Tedd Gagen):

- Tedd sent Terri the alumni spreadsheet she received from Grant. She would like to do more and wants to know how to help. Terri would like to meet with Tedd, Brigid and the membership committee to discuss next steps.
- Kimberly has experience with the Wrestling Boosters, who reach out personally to kids who are graduating as well as their parents to see if they are still interested in receiving communications. They do a great job keeping up with alumni.

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

- Chrissie will continue to promote our events next year even though she will no longer serve on the Board.
- Cyndi Burkes will stay on as PTO rep next year.
- Terri working with Brigid on the Playbill patron sponsorship forms. Chrissie would like an electronic version to put it on the website. Chrissie wondered if people could pay with a credit card online to make it easier. Terri and Brigid will discuss if this is possible.

Advisor (Kimberly Priola):

- Kimberly had no report.

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

- The Black Box Curtains have been installed. They look terrific!
- The Middle School Extended Art and 8th Grade Fine Arts Open House is this Thursday.
- The Fine Arts Fun Fair is on February 6th
- The Drama Club was at Theatre Fest this past weekend. The kids did an awesome job performing *To Freedom Fighters Everywhere*. It was also fun to see Meghan Rivera, Marissa Longo and Claire McLaughlin perform in the All State production of *Rent*.
- Morgan Delack is developing a new branding video for the district. She is asking members of the band, orchestra and choir to perform a piece that Robby Shellard composed for the video.
- The Giordano Dance Project concert is coming up at end of month.
- The Board of Education is featuring visual art at their meetings once a month. The feedback has been great. Tomorrow's meeting will feature elementary school art. An Extended Art Showcase will be present at the February meeting and Photography will be at the March meeting. We're working on what to present at the April and May meetings.

Rep Reports:

BHS TV (Lori Madison):

- BHS-TV students Layne Lindroth and Matt Zhang each created several large scale promotional videos for the World Language department trips.
- BHS-TV covered the Jazz Band and created highlight videos for BHS gymnastics and basketball.
- They filmed a new Orchesis video and helped edit the Dr. Harris holiday break message.
- Student Gus Goetze did an incredible job directing our holiday episode "Scrooge".
- The Hoop Dreams fundraising video successfully helped Countryside raise all the funds for their outdoor court.
- The kids are working on potential field trips to Soldier Field (learn about video operations) and to cover this year's Chicago Auto Show.
- BHS-TV is celebrating our 10-year anniversary. The Barrington Educational Foundation helped get BHS TV off the ground. We are planning a Silver Circle event in May and want to get alumni, parents and current students together to celebrate.

Choir (Kelli Davenport and Diane Mahon):

- The Cinnamon Roll and Cookie Dough fundraiser starts tomorrow and is due on January 20th. Brigid will send out the information in an email blast.
- Jan 13th 7:00 is Open Mike Night at the Black Box Theater.
- The Extension Chords, a University of Illinois a'capella group, will perform for Chamber and Concert choirs.
- The All-State concert will take place January 27th-30 in Peoria.
- The musical, *Aida*, will be performed February 25-28.
- Choir concerts are set for March 15 and May 10-11.
- The choir banquet will be on May 17th.

Drama/Theater (David and Susan Gibbons):

- Susan and David were absent and had no report.

Band (Dale Juffernbruch and Ruth Schlossberg):

- Our award-winning jazz bands and combos will compete at the New Trier Jazz Festival, the Evanston Jazz Festival, the "Jazz in the Meadows" Jazz Festival (the largest jazz festival in the Midwest), at Dirty Nellie's as the opening band for the Chicago Big Band Consortium, and of course, Java & Jazz - a night of hot java and cool jazz in a coffeehouse setting. We hope you will join us at any and all of these events as we celebrate these outstanding musicians!

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

- The Giordano Dance Company is performing at BHS on Saturday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and will go on sale on Infinite Campus Fine Arts store on Wednesday, January 13th. Our professional choreographers, Meaghan McHale & Joshua Blake Carter, have completed their choreography and we are now rehearsing perfecting, staging and costuming the dances. BHS Orchesis has organized and hosted the event for 7 years. All ten Giordano dancers are hired to choreograph a dance for 9 different schools (2 choreographers for our Orchesis). Other schools participating are: Chicago Multicultural Dance Center, Hersey High School, Riverside-Brookfield High School, St. Viator High School, Bataille Academie of the Danse, Evanston Township High School, McDonald Dance Academy & Rolling Meadows High School. Giordano GII will also perform in the concert.
- Kelly Stachura is teaching an acro-yoga class on Wednesday, January 13th. The focus will be on partner acrobatics/yoga that facilitate movement and choreography for concert dance. Orchesis members will learn the basics such as posture, alignment and weight sharing principles that are specific to acro yoga/partner acrobatics. They will also learn phrases of movement that will efficiently and artistically lead into and out of the acrobatic movement to blend it with concert dance.

- In January, Orchesis dancers will propose their choreographic ideas in hopes of having their dance chosen for inclusion in our Spring Concert. Once the dances are selected, sign-ups/casting will begin.

Orchestra (Pam Conroy):

- Sunday, February 21st is the District Orchestra Festival, where orchestras of all levels come together for a district-wide concert in high school gym.
- March 12th is the Solo Ensemble.
- April 5th is the Young Artists concert where a few select students perform a solo. Auditions are being held this week.
- We are working on getting Rachel Barton Pine, a world-famous violinist, to come to BHS to teach a Master class.

Visual Arts (Amy Kenrich Woods and Stacey Lidbury):

- Amy and Stacey are looking for a new location for the End-of-Year Art Show. The idea would be to do a multi-day show if possible. Pam suggested the Ice House Mall, which has lots of empty space. Another space could be the big space next to Ambrosia in the Foundry, which has been empty for years. Terri suggested Tree Time Classics and see if they would be willing to rent the space out. If anyone has any ideas for spaces, please let them know.

Chrissie Mena made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Susan Buerckholtz seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Stegvik
Secretary