

Barrington High School Fine Arts Boosters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
February 1, 2016

16 Attended: Amy Brown, Cyndi Burks, David Gibbons, Diana Jonske, Susan Lenz, Stacey Lidbury, Terri Longo, Lori Madison, Diane Mahon, Paul Mahon, Karen Malec, Adriana Rahfaldt, Kimberly Priola, Jen Schimmel, Carrie Stegvik and Brigid Tileston.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:38 p.m.

President's Report (Terri Longo):

- Terri welcomed everyone to the Black Box Theater so we can view the new curtains. We were happy to get rid of the old ones.
- Please submit Nominating Committee Interest Forms. Copies are on the table. There are copies for current Board Members and copies for those who are not board members but are interested in becoming part of the FAB. Brigid will include the form in her newsletters and in the PTO newsletters.
- The events calendar is on the back of the agenda.
- The next FAB board meeting is scheduled for March 7th but author Jessica Lahey will be speaking about her book "The Gift of Failure" at 7:00 that evening. It's also the Winter Sports Awards Night, so parking will be tough. We are moving the meeting to the next Monday, March 14th.

Secretary's Report (Carrie Stegvik):

- Lori Madison asked to eliminate "Silver Circle" from the BHS TV report in the January 11th minutes. Diana Jonske made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Susan Lenz seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the minutes with the proposed amendment were approved.
- Please send any Nominating Committee Interest Forms to bhsfineartsboard@gmail.com and Carrie will forward them to the Nominating Committee.

Treasurer's Report (Paul Mahon):

- We funded a \$5,000 request from last year's budget for a lens for the camera library that Julia Beatty purchased. We have a little more than \$14,500 in income. We budgeted grants for more than \$18,000 but we still have Concessions and Membership revenue coming in. We should still have some money left over at the end of year. We may be able to entertain second round of small requests for approximately \$2,000 - \$4,000.
- The grants that have not yet been funded are the spring and summer stipends, the musical grants and the guest speaker for \$1,500.
- Adriana Rahfaldt wondered if we carry over funds into next year. Paul said there is a limit to what we can carry.

Committee Reports:

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

- The membership committee members were absent and had no report.

Citrus (Diana Jonske and Laura Kamptner):

- Diana and Laura met with Carrie, Kimberly and Valerie and turned over all of their materials.

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

- The group took inventory to prepare for musical. Volunteers can sign up using Sign Up Genius. After that, Concessions will be used for the Orchesis concert, the Spring main stage play and Spring Choir Concerts on May 10th and 11th.

Communications (Cyndi Burkes, Hilary Kaboski, Chrissie Mena, Susan Stoga and Karen Traszka):

- Hilary updated the website with next year's Citrus Sale dates and Scholarship information.
- Regarding publicity for all Fine Arts events, Terri has been handling PR as a volunteer parent for the last several years. Brigid and Terri discussed ways to transition responsibilities to the Communications/PR committee. Things that go out into the community (such as Courier articles, Living 60010, Quintessential Barrington, 365 Barrington, the banner in gazebo and other online services, library, Channel 4, etc.) should be what the PR Committee would help with. It makes sense to have it come from one centralized place since we know all of the dates and can plan ahead. It should be a separate committee. The district already handles graphic design so this committee would only deal with PR.

Scholarship (Amy Brown and Karen Malec):

- The Spring stipend lottery is happening this week. Applications started being accepted today and is going through Friday. This time around, it's not first come first serve but more of a lottery. Those who already received a Fall stipend are not eligible for a Spring stipend. They will choose the stipend recipients on Monday.
- The Nancie Tobison Scholarship is included in the scholarship packet.
- Summer stipends and the Interlochen Scholarship will be handled next.

Student Board (Stacey Lidbury):

- There was a great turnout at the 8th Grade Fine Arts Open House. We had kids demonstrating different aspects of the Fine Arts and we showed the Fine Arts demonstration video.

- The Fine Arts Fun Fair is this Saturday in the fine arts wing. We would love to have more adult volunteers. It was full within an hour and a half. We have a wait list but are keeping the size as it is this year to see how it goes. We have 3 kids leading each group and are moving the kids in groups. Kids will leave with an Upcoming Events post card, with conversation starters related to each section on the back. Jason Burke made original tattoos for the kids that say BHS Fine Arts. Stacey needs extra money for box lunches from Jimmy Johns for 32 kids).
- The College Workshop will be held in the Black Box on March 28th. It's an Ask the Experts type of program. There will be a presentation on what it means to apply to college in the arts and will have experts to answer questions.

PTO Representative (Cyndi Burks):

- Cyndi reported fine arts event to the PTO.

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):

- Thanks for meeting in the Black Box. We are so happy about the new curtains! There were huge holes in the previous 60-year-old curtains. The new curtains make the space look terrific.
- Brigid is very excited about the Fun Fair. She keeps getting emails begging for more space. The 3rd-5th grades filled up really quick.
- Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Shellard took 9 kids to the IMEA All-State Concert in Peoria.
- Tomorrow is the Jazz Concert. It will be terrific. They are an amazing group of kids.
- Brigid saw the Giordano project and it was fantastic. She is proud of BHS for hosting and organizing all the different schools.
- The school musical, *Aida*, will be performed at end of month. We have already sold 838 tickets since tickets went on sale today. Paul did a great job with the head shots of the leads. She is waiting for the turnabout dance display to be removed from the front display case so she can put the heads shots up.
- Brigid received an alumni list and sent an email highlighting our events and ticket sales for *Aida*. She is working with two lists - one is BHS alumni and one is a list of people who have come to the shows in the last 5 years, so they are interested in what is happening with the Fine Arts. Brigid, Tedd and Terri met to discuss more ideas for reaching alumni. Tedd would work on a way to capture those parents and students as they are leaving BHS and want to keep in touch with the Fine Arts. Diane Mahon

suggested sending an email at the end of each season thanking Fine Arts Booster members for their membership and asking them to support the Fine Arts again next year.

- The Extended Art Show/8th grade Open House was terrific. There was a line to see the art! It was a very lively, enthusiastic night. The teachers were really pleased.
- Bridget made two teacher requests for the musical - one was \$3,830 was for flight and one was for \$2,000 costume rental. It turns out we can't use the flight because of the way our stage hardware is configured. She would like to use the \$3,830 budgeted toward flight to increase the costume budget. **Stacey Lidbury made motion to move the \$3,830 approved flight to use toward Costumes. Amy Brown seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion approved.**

Rep Reports:

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), and at Dirty Nellie's as the opening band for the Chicago Big Band Consortium.
- Java and Jazz Friday will be held April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. It is a fundraiser, so there is a \$5 admission fee and a charge for the coffee. Parents donate baked goods but we may add some savorys for those coming straight from work.
- The pep bands have been playing for basketball games.
- Thursday, March 3rd is the band concert.

BHS TV (Lori Madison and Terri Longo):

- Students traveled to CBS to create a fundraising video for Gigi's Playhouse.
- Students featured successful BHS female students in Girls Impact the World.
- Jeff Doles interviewed Star Wars poster artist Ciara McAvoy about her artistic process.
- BHS-TV student Tommy Derken is in the process of creating a video about celebrating diversity (social, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation). If the boosters have any recommendations for students to feature please let us know.
- Jack Longo's short film, *Out*, will be featured sometime in the next month at the Catlow theatre.
- BHS-TV students Ethan Madison, Cameron Cox, Alex Gaul are working on a series of videos featuring tech education that will be featured at next year's ACTE conference in Vegas.

Choir (Kelli Davenport and Diane Mahon):

- The Cinnamon Roll and Cookie Dough fundraiser closed on January 20th. Distribution is February 11th.
- January 13th was Open Mike night. Over 150 kids and a many alumni came back and participated. There were other disciplines besides choir.
- 6 students attended the All-State ILMEA concert with Mr. Shellard.
- The musical, *Aida*, will have 5 performances from February 25th-28th. Tickets are on sale now and are going fast.
- March 5th is the Solo and Ensemble performances at Harvard High School. 15 students will attend.
- March 15th is the Multicultural Choir concert. May 10th and 11th are Barbershop and Broadway concerts.
- The Choir Banquet is May 17th.

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

- The Giordano Dance Project performance was this past Saturday. Orchesis performed 2 numbers and 10 other schools performed as well. It was a great show and was sold out.
- The Spring shows will be held April 15-17th and are choreographed by select students.
- BHS Multicultural Week is the week of March 7th.
- May 1st is the Orchesis Fashion Show and Luncheon. The Orchesis girls model the clothes. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year.
- 5 Orchesis dancers are beginning aerial training on Feb. 19th. The Spring show will feature girls dancing off of silk ropes.
- Dance I classes are focusing on modern dance technique and are choreographing a number based on an abstract artwork. Dance II will be creating an art piece and choreographing a number using the Horton method.

Drama (David & Susan Gibbons):

- *Aida* will be performed February 25th-28th. A Stage combat director was working with the boys for a big fight scene, which they all thought was fun.
- The Actors Workshop classes are doing an adaptation of *The Wiz* on March 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre.
- The Spring Experimental Play will be performed April 20th-23rd. It will be directed by Jack Longo and is *Avenue Q – School Edition*.
- The Theatre banquet will be held May 19th at Makray Memorial Golf Club.

Orchestra (Pam Conroy):

Pam was absent but sent the following report:

- We have the Orchestra Festival coming up on Sunday, Feb. 21st in the BHS gymnasium. All orchestra students and their families fill the gym and each orchestra is highlighted. It is a very well attended event.
- March 12th is the Solo/Ensemble Festival.
- April 5th will feature several orchestra students perform solos with the Chamber Orchestra for the Young Artists Concert.

- May 5th is the Spring concert.
- May 7th, world-renowned violinist Rachel Barton Pine will perform at the Barrington White House will host a master class at BHS on May 9th, which is very exciting for the students.

Visual Arts (Stacey Lidbury and Amy Kenrich Woods):

- They are meeting at Ice House to discuss the year-end art show, *Arrivals and Departures*, which will be held the last weekend in April.

David Gibbons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Adriana Rahfaldt seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Stegvik
Secretary