

Barrington High School Fine Arts Boosters Board

November 2, 2015

Attendance - 23 Board Members: Jeri Broderick, Amy Brown, Cyndi Burks, Pam Conroy, Kelli Davenport, Giovanna Egleston, Diana Jonske, Dale Juffernbruch, Hilary Koboski, Laura Kamptner, Amy Kenrich Woods, Stacey Lidbury, Terri Longo, Lori Madison, Diane Mahon, Paul Mahon, Karen Malec, Chrissie Mena, Adriana Rahfaldt, Kimberly Priola, Jen Schimmel, Carrie Stegvik and Brigid Tileston

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

Student Board Presentation:

Kristin, Sam, Hannah, Vivian and Sophie from the Fine Arts Student Board came to present their plans for two new activities they are planning for this year: the Fine Arts Fun Fair and the College Application Workshop.

- The Fine Arts Fun Fair is for kids ages K-5 and will be held at BHS on February 6th. There will be a series of stations featuring Dance, Orchestra, Drawing and Painting, Drama, Ceramics, Band and Choir. K-2 will visit 3 stations for 20 minutes each and 3-5 graders will visit 4 stations for 30 minutes each. They will return with an update in the next month or two and may ask for money for supplies.
- Alyssa and Nick are putting together a College Application Workshop for a date to-be-determined before College Night in April. The workshop is geared toward sophomores and juniors and their parents. They plan on offering a large session of college admissions offers to talk about the admissions/auditions process and then move to break out sessions of BHS alumni who are currently studying different fine arts disciplines. The evening last roughly 60 minutes. Alyssa and Nick may ask current fine arts teachers to speak about why and how they became fine arts teachers.

Executive Officer Reports:

President's Report (Terri Longo):

- Terri thanked the Student Board for presenting their plans.

Secretary's Report (Carrie Stegvik):

- Adriana Rahfaldt made a motion to approve the October 5th minutes. Diana Jonske seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Paul Mahon):

- The first events to offer concessions were the fall Mainstage play, which brought in \$482 and the Orchesis concert, which made \$376. Playbill sponsorships are starting to come in. One sponsorship totaled \$500. This year, we offered \$1,500 per semester for 15 lesson stipends scholarships

at \$100 each. The fall stipends were taken within a day. We spent \$535 on accounting fees for the CPA to file our taxes last week.

Committee Reports:

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

- Only one new membership was collected during the fall Mainstage play but four memberships worth \$650 were collected at Orchesis concert. Membership stands at just over \$23,000 with 130 members, which is \$2,000 ahead of last year.

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

- At this point, orders have brought in roughly \$14,000 gross. Last year there were 166 orders but we are still waiting on final numbers from this year. Citrus distribution is set for Friday, Dec. 4th from 2-6 and Saturday, Dec. 5th from 9-12. Diana passed out a volunteer sheet to help out with pick-ups.

Scholarship (Amy Brown and Karen Malec):

- All 15 lesson stipend applications were accounted for by 5:50 p.m. Some felt opening the scholarship application window during the middle of the day was not ideal for working parents. Amy and Karen are deciding on how to handle the overflow. Those who receive a stipend in the fall can't apply again in the spring.

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

- No one was present from the Concessions committee. As Paul reported, concessions from the fall Mainstage play made \$482 and the Orchesis concert made \$376.

Student Board (Stacey Lidbury):

- Stacey still hasn't ordered t-shirts for the kids yet since she's still waiting to see how many will be involved. The Student Board will host the 8th grade Fine Arts Open House in January. Kimberly Priola felt the Open House need to be publicized early since it happens since right after we get back from Winter Break. Brigid will help publicize it with the middle school teachers and their parents.

PTO Representative (Cyndi Burks):

- Cyndi presented Fine Arts dates and information to the PTO.

Alumni Representatives (Tedd Gagen):

- Tedd was absent and had no report.

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

- Regarding the Playbill sponsorships, Chrissie asked Paul to let her know when checks come in so she knows which checks might be missing.
- Terri asked the committee to help publicize *Peter/Wendy* and other shows coming up. She recommended sending photos and information to Chrissie so she could add them to the 60010 website as well as the other media outlets. Chrissie offered to share our photos and information with Quintessential Barrington and other local media to help promote our events.
- Hilary added Citrus Sale pick up dates and times on the website. She offered to put any fine arts events on the main BHS calendar.

Advisor (Kimberly Priola):

- Kimberly had no report.

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

- Brigid presented the list of teacher requests for the fall:
 - **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY- Lens Library \$807 (J. Beatty)**
Currently, digital photography students have access to only a standard lens kit. Mrs. Beatty would like to build a small library of lenses for students to check out. This will lead to more creativity, flexibility, and variety in their projects.
 - **JEWELRY METALS- MakerBot Digitizer 3D scanner \$800 (K. Ross)**
MakerBot Digitizer 3D scanner is an accessory to the 3D printer. Students will have the added ability to quickly turn objects into 3D models that can be modified, improved and turned into 3D prints.
 - **MUSICAL Costume Rental \$2,000 (musical staff)**
Costumes are a major part of the production, and often the most memorable part of the performance. This cost would cover part of the production's costume rental.
 - **MUSICAL- Flight \$3830 (musical staff)**
Flight will add variety to dance and movement for Aida. We have a quote that includes one 50-foot track that will move the flight lines on and off stage and a pendulum system to suspend the performers from. The package includes training.
 - **MUSICAL- Stage Combat Training & Workshops \$1,000 (musical staff)**
Aida has many fight scenes and we would like to bring in a professional stage combat expert to train actors in stage combat and to block those fight scenes.

- **CHOIR- Tux Pants** **\$500 (R. Shellard)**
The BHS choir is in need of new bow ties and new tuxedo pants in select sizes. \$500 would help to defer the cost of these items.
- **ORCHESIS Giordano Project** **\$4,000 (N. Creswell)**
The Boosters traditionally offset some of the costs for the Giordano Dance Project, which is a unique and engaging enrichment for dance students and the fine arts program as a whole through the day-time performance that is open to all fine arts classes.
- **MACPRO- all performing arts** **\$8,000 (B. Tileston)**
The MacPro will allow us to use our Q-Lab to its full capacity. We are currently renting multiple pieces to make this work for our stage productions (i.e. for Freedom Fighters and Orchesis). We hope to have multiple merging videos for our musicals as well. This equipment provides the auditorium with a needed update in sound and video editing. This would benefit Orchesis, theater and could even be used in musical concerts.
- **GUEST ARTIST SPEAKER SERIES** **\$1,500 (B. Tileston)**
The Fine Arts Department is organizing a speaker/guest artist series for second semester. We would like to bring in artists to do master classes, workshops, and to speak with students about their own career paths.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF TEACHER REQUESTS - \$22,437

- Regarding the Q-lab equipment, Brigid assured us that the hardware purchase will work with the software we purchased last year whereas the current equipment crashes and can't support it. We are currently spending \$800 per production to rent the equipment. We may have to rent extra projectors for the musical. Over 300 students have been trained on how to operate Q-Lab.
- Paul explained that we already have the money to cover the wish list even if we didn't receive any more memberships. Brigid assured us the teachers have had multiple opportunities to submit requests, so she doesn't foresee additional requests for the spring.
- **Chrissie Mena made a motion to fund \$22,437 for all of the teacher requests. Dale Juffernbruch seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.**
- Terri asked that information about the teacher requests we've fulfilled be put on the website, mentioned in Brigid's email and be listed in the Playbill. Jeri Broderick offered to bring it up at the 8th grade Open House as well.
- The Harper Art Show will run December 3rd through 10th. There will also be visual arts featured during one school board meeting per month so they can be featured on TV.
- Today, BHS is hosting the "Opera in the Neighborhood" program from the Lyric Opera, which brings opera to the elementary schools.

- Brigid will send out musical audition information via email and will post it on the website.

Rep Reports:

BHS TV (Lori Madison)

- Jack Longo, Ethan Madison, Jack Coombs, Gus Goetze, Tommy Derken and the BHS-TV crew created a special Halloween episode of BHS-TV featuring superintendent Dr. Harris.
- On October 16th, BHS-TV first year students created the "Rookie Show".
- Students covered last weekends Prairie 5th Grade run.
- Jake Bentle, Noah Haney, and Will Moston created a video about Station vs Prairie Meatheads Burger Battle.
- The video students and club continue to film all of the home and away football games. In addition they live streamed football and volleyball games with thousands of live viewers watching. The video students also created videos for the football team dinners. Below is a recent highlight created by Sean Moran from the BHS vs Fremd football game.
- Alex Gaul recently filmed BHS alum Gary Fencik receiving the golden football from the NFL for playing in the Super Bowl.
- Jeff Doles was recently invited by the Blackhawks to film and take photos on the ice at the United Center for a junior Hawks game.
- BHS-TV created a video for a CTE contest and was lead by Kyle Johnson and Jack Coombs. If the BHS-TV students video wins, their video will be featured at the national contest in New Orleans next month.
- Grace Fitzgerald and Matt Zhang interviewed Julie Lythcott-Haims former Dean of Stanford freshman and author of "How to Raise an Adult".
- BHS-TV filmed the new footage on the school website featuring the Physical Education courses.

Choir (Kelli Davenport and Diane Mahon):

- Audition workshops for Aida will be November 11th and 12th. Auditions will be the week after.
- The choir is getting ready for the Madrigal feast on Sunday, November 22nd. Invitations are going out through Paperless Post first to choir parents this week and then to the general public. Tickets can be paid for through the school store. Last year, the feat made \$2,500. Robbie has 8-10 performances lined up so far.
- The Disneyland trip is closed with 61 kids going on the trip.
- Robbie wants to do Cinnamon Roll/Chocolate Chip cookie fundraiser in late January/early February.

Drama/Theater (David and Susan Gibbons):

- David and Susan were absent. The Improv show will be November 20th and 21st. The fall Mainstage play, *To Freedom Fighters Everywhere*, was a big success. Lisa should find out in late November if the show will be

performed at Theatre Fest. The student-directed play, *Peter/Wendy*, will be performed this weekend.

Band (Dale Juffernbruch and Ruth Schlossberg):

- The “I’m with the Band” night with very successful. The 5-8th graders had dinner in the stands and were able to speak with BHS band members. They came on the field to shadow their sections.
- The kids love the new raincoats and have used them at the last few football games.
- There is a jazz concert on November 18th jazz concert in the evening. On November 23rd, the band departs for Disney World to march in the Thanksgiving Day and is leading off the Main Street electrical parade.

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

- The freshman Orchesis girls debuted at Spotlight on 19. They did a great job and had a few photos in the local press.
- Orchesis had their fall concert this past weekend. It was successful, selling \$376 in concessions and generating four new Boosters memberships. Adriana asked the Membership Committee to make sure the new donors get recognized in the programs.
- A few girls will be performing on Saturday, January 30th at the Giordano high school show.
- Poms is starting competition season.
- Aly Heinz will be choreographing the musical.

Orchestra (Pam Conroy):

- The Orchestra had a full house for their first concert. The holiday concert will be on December 10th.
- This Sunday, the CYSO will be performing this coming at BHS from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. It’s free and open to the public.

Visual Arts (Amy Kenrich Woods and Stacey Lidbury):

- Amy and Stacey will find out in December if last year’s venue at the Arboretum is still available for the year-end show. They were thinking of using the White House but can’t leave the art up for more than one day. They are trying to find other places that can accommodate 400 pieces of art for at least 2 days as well as a reception.

Jen Schimmel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chrissie Mena seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Stegvik
Secretary