

Barrington High School Fine Arts Boosters Board

October 5, 2015

Attendance 22 Board Members: Jeri Broderick, Amy Brown, Susan Buerckholtz, Cyndi Burks, Pam Conroy, Kelli Davenport, Susan Fitzgerald, Susan Gibbons, Diana Jonske, Dale Juffernbruch, Hilary Koboski, Susan Lenz, Terri Longo, Lori Madison, Diane Mahon, Paul Mahon, Karen Malec, Adriana Rahfaldt, Kimberly Priola, Jen Schimmel, Carrie Stegvik, Brigid Tileston

2 Attendees: Rachel Baer, Deidre Flynn

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

Executive Officer Reports:

President's Report (Terri Longo):

- Terri introduced Lori Madison as one of the BHS TV reps. Terri is the other rep.
- Terri thanked the Membership Committee for their outstanding job in getting new members and Chrissie Mena in getting Playbill sponsorships. She also thanked the Scholarship committee for getting information out to students, Hilary Kaboski for updating the website and the Citrus committee for getting the packets out in a timely manner.
- We need to review our By-Laws. They are 3 pages long so we should be able to review them in one meeting. We are making small changes to the verbiage to align the by-laws with the way we operate today. We need 2-3 volunteers to serve on a committee headed by Carrie. Hilary Kaboski and Kelli Davenport volunteered. We will meet in October; present the changes at the November meeting and vote on them at the December meeting.

Secretary's Report (Carrie Stegvik):

- Carrie asked everyone to review the August 31, 2015 minutes. Hilary Kaboski asked Carrie to correct the spelling of her first name in the Communications section. Carrie will make the change. **Diane Mahon made a motion to approve the minutes. Amy Brown seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.**

Treasurer's Report (Paul Mahon):

- Paul passed out the proposed budget. He will exclude the Nancie Tobison Scholarship Fund and the Arts Alive Fund from future reports unless we have activity in those accounts. Adriana asked if membership numbers have been the same over the past few years. Paul explained that Membership has been constant but Citrus sales have been declining. Adriana asked if the \$22,000 listed in the proposed budget's 2015-2016 Wish List Grant number included grants for all of the disciplines. Paul said it did. **Adriana Rahfaldt made a motion to pass the proposed 2015/2016 budget. Kimberly Priola seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the budget was approved.**

- Paul discussed the Operating Budget. As of the end of September, Membership stands at \$19,525. Best Seat in the House refunds came to \$2,500. Since Best Seat in the House funds are housed under the Arts Alive account, Paul will remove \$2,500 from the account.
- Paul included the \$475 cost of the LIX pens that were ordered last year since they finally ready to ship. Spending on the Black Box curtains were approved last year for up to \$5,000. Paul will leave the amount at \$5,000 for now until Brigid gets the final numbers. Installation will happen over Winter Break.
- People asked if the Citrus sale was being promoted in the Bronco Blast and emphasized with the teachers. Dale said she will make sure to mention it in the Band and Beyond email. Brigid said many of the visual arts teachers are really pushing the sale with class and individual incentives. She will mention it at the Spotlight on 19 freshman showcase.
- People wondered if sales would increase if we offered direct shipping. Diana said we offered direct shipping a few years ago, but the citrus boxes were half the size for the same price and it's more expensive to ship. We will include Citrus sale information at the Membership table for Spotlight on 19, the Main Stage play and the Orchesis concert.

Committee Reports:

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

- During September of last year, Membership had \$16,950 and 98 members. This year, we have \$19,525 and 106 members at the end of September. We received \$9,975 from 65 new members at Back-to-School night. The table was placed in a hallway instead of the commons but it ended up being a great spot. Brigid asked teachers to direct people to the table. Many freshman parents signed up that evening.
- Jeri would like to have a few people who are going to be at events in the next few weeks help staff the membership table during those events. Let Jeri know if you can help.

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

- The Citrus sale ends two weeks from today. So far, Diana has collected 5 envelopes with 18 orders and gross sales of \$1,531. Kids usually don't turn in their orders until the last day of the sale so these numbers will rise.

Scholarship (Amy Brown and Karen Malec):

- Hilary, Amy and Karen decided to make two different Scholarship web pages - one with scholarships offered by the Boosters (Nancie Tobison, Interlochen and lesson stipends) and the scholarships offered directly from the Fine Arts Department. We increased the budget for Fall lesson stipends to \$1,500. Since the stipends are \$100 each, we can cover 15 kids. The stipends cover lessons/classes outside of school. Instead of asking for teacher recommendations, the committee is making it first come, first served. Applications will be date/time stamped. They are opening applications at 2:45 p.m. on Monday, October 12th and ending them at 2:45 p.m. on Friday,

October 16th. Brigid will send the information out to parents in an email blast and will ask the teachers tell the kids. Once the scholarships are awarded, the committee will get the names to Paul so he can make the checks out in the teachers' names. He will mail the checks to the student's homes so they can give the checks to their teachers.

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

- Susan Lenz thanked Paul and Brigid for their help with getting the Concessions committee ready to go. They will offer concessions for fall Mainstage play and the Orchestris concert. Each discipline must have 3 volunteers for each performance. Susan will send out email explaining the Concessions procedures. All procedures and forms are in a binder that will be placed in the concessions area.

Student Board (Stacey Lidbury):

- Stacey was absent but sent her report. The group is off to a good start with 9 core members. They decided on two projects:
 - The first is tentatively called Fine Arts Fun Fair that is planned for Saturday, February 6. The morning will be for grades k-2 and will be broken up into 20 minute sessions. Kids can sign up for 3 sessions. The afternoon will be for grades 3-5 and will offer 30 minute sessions. Kids can sign up for 4 sessions. Session will include band, orchestra, choir, theater, dance, drawing, and clay. The group felt these would be the best areas that would create fun, engaging sessions.
 - The second project is a college application workshop tentatively set for March 31. This date was chosen because it is the week before College Night.
- There were 5 Student Board members at Back-to-School night. They did a great job talking to parents.
- Stacey would like to have the Student Board present their plans for the Fine Arts Fun Fair to the FAB board next month.

PTO Representative (Cyndi Burks):

- Cindy reported our events to the PTO.

Alumni Representatives (Tedd Gagen):

- Tedd was absent and had no report. Char and Bob Moos have resigned their position.

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

- Hilary has been updating the website and the scholarship information. She is working on information about how and when to apply for the Boosters scholarships. She posted information about the Citrus Sale.
- Chrissie was absent but is working on Playbill sponsorships. There are a few that have already been sold and some are coming in this week. She is also initiating Patron Sponsorships for family and friends for the Fall Play, Spring Play and the Musical.

Advisor (Kimberly Priola):

- Kimberly had no report.

Rep Reports:**Choir (Kelli Davenport and Diane Mahon):**

- The first concert well received.
- 21 students auditioning for ILMEA this evening.
- Madrigal auditions are complete.
- The total amount of the mum sale was \$14,000, with \$7,000 in profit.
- Kids can still sign up for the Los Angeles trip.
- Robbie wants to encourage attendance at Spotlight on 19. He also wants to encourage community attendance at the Madrigal Banquet. He will send an electronic invitation to families of students in Madrigals. There are 20 students coming from middle schools and he is asking their parents to stay for show. The Madrigal Committee will see if they can place the 8th grade families in better spots this year since they felt they were seated far back last year.

Drama/Theater (David and Susan Gibbons):

- Spotlight on 19 will be happening this week. Please try to attend!
- The Mainstage play, *To Freedom Fighters Everywhere*, takes place next weekend.
- The fall Experimental play will run November 12th - 14th.
- The Improv show will be performed November 20th and 21st.

Band (Dale Juffernbruch and Ruth Schlossberg):

- The band will march in the Homecoming Parade and performed at halftime of the football game. This year, the theme is the music of Queen, so the band keeps learning new songs.
- *I'm with the Marching Band* Night will host 5th-8th graders the evening of October 14th. They encourage younger band parents come to talk to high school band parents.
- There are two more regular season home football games.

BHS TV (Terri Longo and Lori Madison):

- So far this year BHS-TV students have created 3 exceptional shows that feature all of the accomplishments of BHS students. The students have also created several videos for Back to School Night including the video that was at the Fine Arts booth. The video students have had the opportunity to work with local news organization 365 Barrington to cover local news and events and HollywoodChicago.com to cover national entertainment news. Some of the more notable segments include Showcasing the Fine Arts Blue Cherry Mural, Barrington White House Grand Opening Celebration, a video for the Grove Playground project with Barrington 220 alumni Jared and Brittney Payton that has already raised \$15,000, a school spirit video that placed 5th out of 200 nationwide in a contest, and an interview with Brigid Tileston and new Choir Director Robert Shellard.

- The video students have live streamed 5 school events, covered the 48 Hour Film Festival in Chicago, created highlight videos for the football and soccer teams, interviewed BHS alumni for Homecoming, filmed interviews for a major motion picture movie premiere.
- Video student Payton Muhs has sold over \$1000 worth of Fine Arts Citrus Sale items.
- Jeff Doles wants to thank the Fine Arts Booster Board for their support of the video program!

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

- Orchesis had their 1st performance last Friday at Homecoming assembly. 13 freshman Orchesis dancers will all be in 1 big number in Spotlight 19, 4 are performing a solo and there will be one duet.
- The fall Orchesis Show will be the last weekend of October. Performances will be at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29th, 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30th and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 1st. There will not be a performance on Saturday, October 31st since it's Halloween. There will be 12 student-choreographed dances and 6 guest-choreographed pieces.
- The Giordano Dance Company performed today at 1:00 p.m. During the rest of week, the Giordano members will be teaching in all dance classes.

Orchestra (Pam Conroy):

- The Fall Concert will be on October 20th and the Holiday concert will be on December 10th.

Visual Arts (Amy Kenrich Woods and Stacey Lidbury):

- Both Amy and Stacey were absent and there was no report.

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

- Brigid was proud of how the first Choir concert went.
- On October 14th, the BHS band is bringing middle school and elementary school band members to participate in the *I'm with the Band* event so they can experience what it's like to march on the football field.
- Visual arts completed 4x4 projects for Back-to-School night. Each student completed 4 projects in 4 days. Their next event is a trip to the Botanic Garden.
- The Orchestra performance during Back-to-School night was great. Mr. Sheldon spoke with the AP Interrelated Arts classes this week about classical music.
- The Theatre Department is very busy with Spotlight on 19, the Mainstage Play, student directed Experimental play and the Improv show.
- BHS TV – Jeff is amazing collaborating with us to highlight what we do in Fine Arts.
- Orchesis had is hosting the Giordano Project this week.

Regarding teacher requests, Brigid is in the process of getting her final Wish List together, getting a total dollar amount and setting priorities. She will try to send Carrie her list so she can blast it out to the FAB before the November meeting.

Sue Buerckholtz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Adriana Rahfaldt seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Stegvik
Secretary