

Barrington High School Fine Arts Boosters
Minutes of the Board Meeting
February 10, 2014

18 Attending: Barry Altshuler, Jeri Broderick, Susan Buerckholtz, Pam Conroy, Marilyn Dato, Lisa Gabriel, Jay Gerak, Cindy Johnson, Diana Jonske, Terri Longo, Chrissie Mena, Lyn Messemer, Char Moos, Kimberly Priola, Anthony Priola, Grant Sahr, Carrie Stegvik, Gregg Werner.

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting - Barry Altshuler made a motion to approve the January 13, 2014 minutes. Diana Jonske seconded the motion. The motion was passed and the minutes were approved.

President's Report (Kimberly and Anthony Priola):

- Kimberly asked Chrissie Mena for an update from the Nominating Committee. Chrissie reported she emailed the interest form to Grant that included the office positions and committee reps. There was a discussion about the list and thoughts on how it should be presented. Chrissie will send out the new format to everyone so we can make sure the committee descriptions are complete. She would like to put the form on the website and email it to the entire Fine Arts membership in March. First, Chrissie will send revisions to Carrie who will blast it out to the board.

Treasurer's Report (Gregg Werner):

- We set aside \$12,000 for income tax in this year's budget in case the IRS asked us to pay back taxes. If we haven't gotten a bill by the end of the year, we'll have to pre-pay expenses to the school for next year in order to keep from having to pay taxes on that amount.
- \$7,000 in teacher requests have been submitted so far. Of that amount, we had already pre-paid \$4,000 and have only paid \$3,000 out of this year's budget. Grant offered to keep the teacher request form open to staff and will bring any additional requests to the March meeting.

Secretary's Report (Carrie Stegvik)

- Carrie asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet.
- She also informed everyone that The Wisconsin Singers are coming to the Barrington High School auditorium on Sunday, March 9th at 4:00 p.m. BHS alumnus Tara Martino is a member of the group. She arranged for the Singers to conduct a workshop with 50 BMS Prairie choir students and to have them perform in the opening number. The show is for all ages and is open to the entire community.

Committee Reports:

Membership (Jeri Broderick, Susan Buerckholtz, Louise Fox and Lyn Messemer)

- The committee will be meeting with Grant to discuss streamlining the mailing and cutting printing and mailing costs. They feel it would be best to put the savings back into the booster funds.

Website (Chrissie Mena)

- Chrissie is willing to promote anything fine arts related on the website, so please send her any information.

Citrus (Diana Jonske, Laura Kamptner and Louise Nelson)

- The committee will meet with Grant to discuss their procedures.

Concessions (Marilyn Dato and Char Moos)

- They are setting up for CATS, which will take place at the end of February and early March.

Scholarship (Kelly Yager)

- Kelly was absent. Grant said he'd like to get together with her and any interested parents to discuss the scholarship applications. He would like to award more scholarships this year and promote summer stipends. He asked that any savings from the revamped mailing/printing of membership and citrus materials to go toward additional scholarships.

Student Board (Lisa Gabriel):

- Almost the entire student board came to the 8th grade Fine Arts Open House with fresh baked goods. Many 8th grade families thanked them for being so warm and welcoming.
- Lisa wanted to firm up the date for their April event. The idea would be an event that would showcase examples from each discipline of the Fine Arts. They would like the event to be held during a school evening from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Grant offered to meet with the Student Board liaison to firm up the date.

PTO Representative (Louise Fox):

- No report.

Alumni Representative (Starr Shum):

- Starr was absent. There was no report.

Publicity/Special Projects (Terri Longo):

- The Playbill for CATS is all set and ready to go.

Best Seat in the House (Cindy Hesselbein)

- Cindy was absent. There was no report.

Rep Reports:**Choir (Cindy Johnson and Chris Rudolphi):**

- Everyone is busy getting ready for CATS. Nancie is pleased with the way the show is progressing. The school was able to rent a star backdrop and the stage is looking great. Everyone is very excited.
- Grant let us know that ticket sales are now open to the public. 50 tickets have been sold so far for the Sunday Gala Preview event. It includes 30 minutes of the show, background about how the show was made and “catlike” appetizers such as goldfish, smoked salmon, etc. There will be a non-ticketed open dress rehearsal on Wednesday so parents can take photos. So far, the show has sold 639 out of 3,500 tickets.

Drama/Theater (Jay Gerak):

- There are a few upcoming field trips for theater:
 - March 13 - Cabaret
 - April 1 - The Diary of Anne Frank
 - May 15 - Lost in Yonkers
- The theater banquet venue has been changed to Makray Memorial Golf Club.

Band (Barry Altshuler):

- Some band members will be performing in the pit for CATS.
- Last month, the band was on the Channel 2 CBS Morning Show to discuss their trip to England.

Dance (Kirsten Neptun):

- Kirsten was absent. The Giordano Dance Collaborative that was scheduled for February 1st was cancelled due to weather. Grant rescheduled the event for Sunday, March 16th at 7:30 p.m. Those who bought tickets were refunded through Arts People. Tickets will go on sale once again and the district is covering the credit card fees.

Orchestra (Pam Conroy):

- The Orchestra Festival was held yesterday, February 9th in the gym. It included the 4th grade, 5th grade, middle school and high school orchestras. There were over 750 kids performing in the gym with a total 2,500 people when adding the parents. The show lasted an hour. Each orchestra played two pieces. While the bleachers are uncomfortable, families appreciated the kids being all in one spot. Having the younger students see how much the older student have progressed is a great motivator to keep the youngers kids in the program through high school.
- March 15th will be the solo ensembles, where small groups play in front of judges.
- April 15th will be the concerto concert. Six to seven students will play solo pieces with the orchestra.
- May 8th is the final orchestra concert.
- May 12th is the CSO Field Trip.

Department/District Report (Grant Sahr):

- Sign Up Genius is the volunteer website the department is officially using. The department has already paid to not have ads on the site, so please use this sight for volunteers.
- Grant plans to discuss fundraising after Spring Break. He also would like to work with the directors and chaperones to firm up guidelines and procedures for future tours.
- The search for a new choral director is going well. Grant is deep into reviewing applications from 17 states and Pakistan. He would like to have approval from the School Board at their meeting in mid-March. Steve McWilliams is still trying to fill two other administrative openings.
- There is a theatre alumni scholarship available through Mark Parker that can be applied toward college. It will be awarded at the drama banquet.
- Diana Jonske mentioned there is going to be a summer theatre camp offered this year in the afternoons during the first session.

Kimberly mentioned the date of the next three meetings. Barry Altshuler pointed out that Monday, April 14th is Passover. It was suggested to move the meeting to Monday, April 7th, but that is College Night. It was decided the April board meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Anthony Priola moved to adjourn the meeting. Terri Longo seconded the motion. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Stegvik
Secretary