

## BHS Fine Arts Boosters Board Meeting

Monday, November 11 @ 7pm

BHS Room C271

Attendees:

Jen Shimp, Claudette Lew, Brigid Tileston, Paul Mahon, Lori Madison, Diane Mahon, Elizabeth McCoy, Kimberly Priola, Kelli Davenport, Maggie Bogue, Mary Beaubien, Lynnette Farmer, Christine Lunt, Elba Mitoraj, Deb Watson, Jenny Shannon, Leah Lazzari, Marybeth Norton, Kelly Trapp

### MINUTES

**Call to Order 7:08pm**

#### Reports of Officers

- President – Jen Shimp
  - Approval of Updated 2019 - 2020 Slate
    - Lots of activity in the fine arts right now. We need volunteers for citrus pick up.
    - Welcome Sakina Hamwi to the FAB. She is the mother of Allana, a freshman who is involved in orchestra and drama. Sakina will be taking the Student Board position.
    - Jen also introduced Kim Holland, who will be added as another visual arts rep on the FAB board.
    - Elizabeth McCoy made a motion to vote Sakina Hamwi and Kim Holland into the above-mentioned FAB board positions. Deb Watson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion was passed.
    - Jen Shimp reminded the board members that there will be no meetings in December and January. Our next meeting will be February 10, 2020.
- Secretary – Claudette Lew
  - Claudette passed around a 2020-2021 FAB Board Planning sign up. FAB board members can indicate whether they will continue in their FAB role or would like to move to something else, or possibly discontinue being on the FAB Board next year.
  - Approval of October minutes
    - October minutes were distributed via email. Maggie Bogue made a motion to approve them. Jen Shimp seconded. All voted in favor of passing the October minutes.
- Treasurer – Paul Mahon
  - Treasurer Report
    - Reported \$31,700 revenue so far from memberships, citrus and concessions. Reviewed the current balance sheet.
    - Reminded the board that our February meeting will include the faculty requests and we will review funding for them.

## Report of Director of Fine, Visual and Performing Arts: Brigid Tileston

- BHS Fine Arts Department Update
  - Brigid reported the new touch screen monitor has been installed in the fine arts wing. She took members of the group into the fine arts hallway after the meeting and gave them a demonstration.

## Reports of Discipline Representatives

- Band - Elba Mitoraj & Deb Watson
  - Football season is now over.
  - Band completed its cheesecake fundraiser.
  - New band spirit wear is currently on sale.
  - 11/13 will be the Band Spirit club meeting.
  - 11/23 is ILMEA @ Lake Zurich.
  - 12/10 is our first concert. We will promote Fine Arts Booster memberships there.
- BHS-TV - Kelly Trapp
  - 3 BHS-TV students got the unique opportunity to cover a Windy City Bulls practice and interview players.
  - BHS-TV took a field trip to NBC towers and learned about the radio stations. In addition, they were invited to a private concert for Jimmy Eat World.
  - BHS-TV alum Catherine Goetz was recently hired as a distribution manager for Disney Plus.
  - Both the fall jazz concert and the Anne Frank production were filmed.
  - Distinguished BHS TV alumni are now featured on the new fine arts touch screen monitor.
- Choir - Kelli Davenport & Mary Beth Norton
  - 3 students represented BHS Choir at ILMEA: Melissa Ivers, Gretta Frank and Audrey Van Beauen.
  - Auditions for Footloose are next week. The musical workshop is tomorrow.
  - Madrigals tickets will be on sale soon. 12/8 at MaCray noon and 6pm.
- Dance - Katherine Logue & Jenny Shannon
  - ORCHESIS MAIN STAGE PERFORMANCE – The four Orchesis October main stage performances were of exceptional quality, very well received and successful. Lines and Sunny Hill 3rd graders were an enthusiastic and appreciative audience for the Thursday matinee performance. We are thankful we have the opportunity to entertain and educated the elementary students in the art of dance and performance. Their questions are endearing and our Senior Orchesis dancers enjoy helping answer the questions. Parents, guests and students raved about the Friday, Saturday & Sunday performances. Christine Bauer, former Chair of the New Trier Dance Division, was impressed by the performance.
  - GIORDANO CHOREOGRAPHY PROJECT – The Giordano Dancers began setting choreography on Orchesis dancers this past weekend, in preparation for the January 18th Concert. Eight other high schools and local studios are also beginning to learn choreography from their assigned professional choreographers. BHS Orchesis Dance Company hosts the concert and is already working towards producing it! This has become a BHS tradition! This year’s participants are, Bataille Academy of the Danse, Buffalo Grove HS, John Hersey HS, Libertyville HS, McDonald Dance Academy, Highland Park High School, Rolling Meadows HS and Trilogy School of Performing Arts.
  - ORCHESIS SPRING CONCERT - Orchesis dancers are already brainstorming choreographic ideas for their Spring concert. These ideas will be proposed on January 8th with rehearsals to follow. Our Spring Concert is April 3, 4, & 5.

- Dance I, II, & III are moving into the creative realm, with a focus on choreography.
  - Dance I will focus on researching the movement of water and utilizing their findings to propel the concept of their project while addressing the choreographic elements of formation, canon, direction changes, levels, time (as in rhythm and tempo), and body shape and design.
  - Dance II & III classes are researching 6 historical, pivotal modern dancers who have led us to the contemporary modern style we do today. Their research into their choreographer's biographical information; significant contribution to dance; departure from artists prior to them; collaboration with other artists; types of accompaniment, costuming, sets, props, concepts, images, & metaphors will guide them into developing a dance consistent with their choreographer's philosophy, and yet totally original! The Giordano Dance Chicago performance in our auditorium for BHS students and community was the same performance the Company will do at the Harris Theatre in Chicago on October 25 & 26. They premiered their new work here at BHS entitled "Groove, in formed" by Peter Chu.
  
- Drama - Claudette Lew & Kimberly Priola
  - The Diary of Anne Frank had performances on Friday, November 8th at 7pm and Saturday November 9th at 2pm and 7pm. We had 1,400 students attend our two in-school matinee performances on Thursday the 7th at 9:30am and 12:45pm including Station's 6th grade and 8th grade and our Freshman class through their Global Studies courses. I couldn't be more proud of the work of our student involved in this production!
  - The fall experimental Pumpboys and Dinettes directed by Ceci Yasell and Music directed by Jalen Fertig opens on Thursday, November 14th and runs Thursday @ 7, Friday @ 7 and Saturday @ 7 in the Black Box Theater. Tickets are \$6 for traditional seating and \$8 for seating with a slice of pie :) Booster comps do not apply to this production. I anticipate this production selling out so I encourage you to get your tickets ahead of time!!
  - The link to sign up to audition for our musical Footloose is now available on the Fine Arts Website! Links to audition music, dance videos and the audition form are all available on the BHS website under "Fine Arts", "Theater", "2019-2020 Season". We will be offering an audition music workshop tomorrow after school in the choir room from 3:30pm to 5pm and dance workshops with our Choreographer Graham from 3:30pm to 4:00pm on each audition day. Students involved in Pump Boys and Dinettes will be able to schedule time with Mr. Pemberton before school to go over any and all audition music!
  - Drama Club has recently gotten the "okay" from Craig Winkleman to have current senior students join us on our trip to London and Scotland planned in August of 2020!! I will be sending out more information about how to register for the trip through our drama club list serve shortly!
  - Drama Club is currently looking at taking a Trip to London, England and Eidenborough, Scotland August 4th- August 11th of 2020. We had a parent informational meeting on 9/26 and I have a call scheduled today at 2:45pm to get more information about sign up deadlines and pricing. I will send up a follow up email about the status of the trip shortly!
  - Thank you so much to the boosters and parents for supporting us through all of our productions and events! We couldn't do it without you!!
  
- Orchestra - Dale Juffernbruch
  - The Orchestra's ILMEA District 7 festival was Saturday, and we had great representation in the Orchestra: 8 string players represented BHS, plus a Clarinet player played in the District 7 honor orchestra.
  - 9th grade orchestra students had a great trip to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on November 1 and enjoyed a back-stage tour of the Lyric Opera House.

- Orchestra students are also gearing up for a trip to experience Don Giovanni at the Lyric Opera on November 20.
- Visual Arts - Leah Lazzari and Kim Holland
  - The planning process for the art show has begun. We are looking for a new location.
  - The art show at Harper is now open.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

- Student Board – Sakina Hamwi
  - The first meeting is November 21<sup>st</sup> and events will be reported at the next meeting.
- Scholarship – Angela Nazha & Christine Lunt
  - Fall Stipend e-mails were sent out to the 22 students that applied. We did end up sending two rejection letters to students that had multiple entries within their family. One student from each family will receive a stipend. We would like to add verbiage to the web page regarding this rule, so families are aware that only one student per family per year are allowed to receive the scholarship. We plan to make this change to the web page before the spring application window opens. Letters and checks will go out in the next couple weeks once Paul has cut the checks.
  - One change to last month's report is that we issued 22 scholarships rather than 23. This means we will have 8 additional scholarships available to distribute to students in the spring for a total of 38 spring stipends.
- Membership – Jeri Broderick, Kelli Davenport, Mary Beaubien, Lynnette Farmer
  - We have 100 members.
  - We have launched the collegiate membership. 4 students have already joined.
- Alumni – Diane Mahon & Paul Mahon
  - Diane Mahon has conducted several social media posting experiments to increase visibility to the websites/social media pages and possibly increase memberships. Several posts have spiked number of views.
- Playbill – Elba Mitoraj
  - We have 10 businesses sponsoring right now. We are short \$2,100 from last year at this time.
- Citrus Fundraiser – Kimberly Priola, Katherine Logue, Maggie Bogue, Elizabeth McCoy, Danielle Thome
  - Great numbers so far. Looks as if we may come in 5k less than last year (24k vs 29k). Still need volunteers for upcoming pick up dates.
- Concessions – Tracy Stenson-Rivera
  - Tracy Rivera was not at the meeting, but it was reported that concessions were sold at the Orchesis event as well as Anne Frank. Final reports of inventory were sent to Tracy for replenishing purposes.

- Publicity –Nicole Zielske
  - Posted events on Facebook and Instagram for Orchestis, Anne Frank and Pump Boys and Dinettes. Posted pictures of fall activities, hallway art and Anne Frank. We received some good comments. Will look into setting up a Twitter account for the FAB.
  - Had one question asked through Facebook messenger - *Do you know what happened to the piece of art that was in the library painted by Mark Foster? Do you have any pictures of it? It was a generations painting.* Asked by Kayla Foster. Anyone have an answer to this question?
  - Let us know if you would like something posted on these sites.
  
- Website – Noelle Boncher-Garcia
  - A Fine Arts Boosters Mailing List link has been added to the Welcome Page of the website. Please sign up so we can add your name and email address to our database!
  - An updated 2019/2020 Performing Arts calendar has been added to the site. All mainstage events are highlighted in grey (which all qualify for Boosters members complimentary tickets).
  - Citrus Pickup information is now showing
  
- Advisor - Lori Madison
  - No report

### **New Business**

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn brought by Lori Madison, seconded by Claudette Lew. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

**Next Meeting: February 10, 2020 @ 7 pm in room C271**

### **Important FAB Dates**

12/5: Citrus Sale Pick Up (3-7 pm) 12/6: Citrus Sale Pick Up (3-5 pm)

12/7: Citrus Sale Pick Up (10 am - 1 pm)

For information on BHS Fine Arts events, please check the [BHS Fine Arts Calendar](#). 2019-2020 BHS Performing Arts performance dates: [click here](#)