

BHS Fine Arts Boosters Board Meeting
Monday, September 14 @ 7pm
Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

Call to Order 7:03

Welcome - Jen Shimp

Reports of Officers

- President – Jen Shimp
 - Future meeting dates include:
 - October 12, 2020 (via Zoom)
 - November 9, 2020
 - February 8, 2021
 - March 8, 2021
 - April 12, 2021
 - May 10, 2021
 - FAB Standing Committee / Updates:
 - Jen asked if Elizabeth Kitzman would join the Publicity Committee; Elizabeth Kitzman agreed; Elizabeth Kitzman motioned to add herself to the Publicity Committee; Kimberly seconded the motion and it was passed by the Board.
 - Noelle asked to remove herself from the Publicity Committee.
- Secretary – Jamie Brashler
 - Attendance
 - **Present:** Brigid Tileston, Jen Shimp, Jamie Brashler, Jeff Roth, Kimberly Priola, Jeri Broderick, Mary Beaubien, Lynnette Farmer, Maggie Bogue, Elizabeth McCoy, Danielle Thome, Suzanne Trent, Keith Colgrove, Elba Mitoraj, Liz Szarek, Noelle Boncher-Garcia, Nicole Zielske, Angela Nazha, Sakina Hamwi, Elizabeth Kitzman, MaryBeth Norton, Jenny Shannon
 - **Absent:** Katherine Logue, Deb Watson, Leah Kazagis
- Treasurer – Jeff Roth
 - 2020-21 Budget Review
 - The Executive Committee met and decided it was important to propose a balanced budget using an estimate of \$10,000 in membership and \$2,000 in citrus / fundraiser sales.
 - Elba recommended Sponsorship at \$2,000.
 - Noelle moved to approve the proposed budget with Sponsorship at \$2,000; Kimberly seconded the motion and it was passed by the Board.

Report of Director of Fine, Visual and Performing Arts – Brigid Tileston

- BHS Fine Arts Department Update
 - Thank you to FAB for your continued dedication to our BHS arts programs.
 - We are #arts200strong: this is a year for creativity, ingenuity, problem-solving, and resilience
 - Staff are creatively working on performance and art show experiences with students and authentic learning opportunities during the school day -- both in person and virtually
 - Tentative Performing Arts Release Dates for Semester 1 include:
 - Friday, October 9: Freshman Spotlight on 24
 - Tuesday, October 13: Orchestra Concert
 - Friday, October 23: Choir Concert

- Friday / Saturday, October 23 & 24: **Live Event** - Experimental Play (War of the Worlds)
- Thursday, October 29: **Live Event** - Fall Mainstage (Edgar Allan Poe)
- Friday / Saturday, October 30 & 31: Fall Mainstage (Edgar Allan Poe)
- Friday, November 6: Jazz Band Concert
- Friday, November 20: Fall Orchesis Dance Concert
- Friday, December 4: Winter Orchestra Concert
- Thursday, December 10: Winter Choir Concert
- December 11-13: Winter Arts Festival/Showcase
- Friday, December 18: Band Concert
- Winter Showcase idea includes performances around the outside of the building, allowing families to drive around the school and enjoy student performances
- Art Projections on Side of BHS
- Musical moved to spring (April 29-May 2)

Reports of Discipline Representatives

- Band - Elba Mitoraj
 - Students are working in small groups.
- BHS - TV - OPEN
 - Brigid reported BHS-TV covered the swim meet.
- Choir - Mary Beth Norton, Lynnette Farmer
 - Mary Beth reported:
 - All five choirs are preparing for a video concert October 23.
 - Acapella group members were selected for 2020-21.
 - Forty students selected for Madrigals and will be assigned to octets.
 - Spotlight on 24 includes 21 performers; video performance will be released October 9.
- Dance - Katherine Logue & Jenny Shannon
 - Jenny shared:
 - Orchesis has been successful at working virtually. In the spring, there were virtual auditions for 65 possible NEW Orchesis dancers. Because of the circumstances, we grandfathered all current Orchesis dancers (43 dancers) into the 2020-2021 Company.
 - Throughout the summer we elected officers, had officer meetings, full Company meetings, chose a Fall Concert theme (RISE), and choreographed and taught our Homecoming Dance through zoom.
 - Last week we had our first in-person rehearsal for our Homecoming Dance. This dance will be filmed on the football field, under the lights, on Monday, September 21. We will use this video in our Fall Concert and be ready for Homecoming, whenever it happens.
 - Currently we are working both virtually and in-person on 10 dances for our virtual Fall Concert. Six of the dances are from our Spring Concert that was cancelled.
 - Choreographers are working on adjusting their choreography to meet CDC guidelines and fit on the outdoor stage. We are grateful for everything the Fine Arts Department & school is doing for our program. Having an outdoor stage to rehearse and perform on for our filming is appreciated. Also, having Amy & Patrick videotaping and editing our performances will ensure a unique, quality production.
 - The dance classes are progressing well. We are focusing on Pilates, anatomy, and Ballet.
- Drama - Kimberly Priola & Noelle Boncher-Garcia
 - Kimberly reported:
 - The fall experimental play, *War of the Worlds*, will use the front steps of the building as a stage with the audience in cars, listening via radio. Performances are October 23 and 24. Admission will be charged per car.

- The fall mainstage production, *Edgar Allen Poe*, will be filmed for release. There may be a screening at the high school with admission charged per car on October 29, followed by a video release October 30 and 31.
 - Fanagrams will be available and packaged goods may be approved for concessions.
 - Meals will not be provided for either production.
 - The Drama Club is trying to plan safe activities including an outdoor movie or gaming night.
 - The winter experimental play will be the last weekend of January. The winter mainstage play will be the first weekend of February. The musical will be the last weekend of April and the first weekend of May.
- Brigid suggested that Boosters receive complimentary car entrance, in lieu of free tickets, for drive-in productions.
- Orchestra - Deb Watson (absent, no report)
- Visual Arts - Leah Kazagis (absent)
 - Brigid reported the school will soon project student artwork on the side of the school building to display it at night.

Reports of Standing Committees

- Membership – Jeri Broderick, Mary Beaubien, Lynnette Farmer
 - Jeri said membership will be a challenge due to pandemic conditions. The committee is hopeful based on the \$3,700 in membership from Back to School Night. In a typical year, membership raises \$20,000 by the end of September. The committee sent their annual email appeal to parents and will send to alumni, asking recent alumni to support at the \$25 level. Membership will work with the Student Board on newsletter.
 - Lynette said the committee is promoting #arts220strong.
 - Mary encouraged everyone to stay positive and promote kids’ and teachers’ activities.
 - Nicole suggested the Board consider ‘gifting’/purchasing memberships on behalf of recent alumni/college students.
 - Jen encouraged the Membership committee to include promotions on the website.
- Playbill – Elba Mitoraj, Liz Szarek
 - Jen and Brigid recommended digitally displaying the playbill/promoting via social media and producing physical copies for participants.
 - Liz said there were 14 sponsors from the previous year with no email addresses. Both Elba and Liz are teachers and unable to talk on the phone with potential sponsors during the day.
 - Keith offered to help the Playbill committee by phoning previous sponsors to solicit for 2020-21.
 - MaryBeth agreed to be a sponsor.
- Scholarship – Angela Nazha
 - Angela recommended 60 \$100 stipends are offered once/year rather than twice/year. Sakina moved to accept Angela’s proposal, Elizabeth seconded the motion and it was passed by the Board.
 - Angela will resign her position as Scholarship committee chair in December 2020 because policies and procedures for scholarships are not upheld. Board members should let Jen know if they are interested in serving as Scholarship chair.
- Citrus Fundraiser – Katherine Logue, Maggie Bogue, Elizabeth McCoy, Danielle Thome, Suzanne Trent
 - Elizabeth said the committee will sell pizza and toffee this year for two weeks, possibly October 1-15. All sales will be online. Sales from these items totaled \$5,000 last year.
 - Jen recommended the committee work with Jeff to determine payment details.
- Student Board - Sakina Hamwi
 - Sakina said the committee is working to determine the Student Board purpose – given new circumstances.

- Jen recommended a newsletter compiled of student representative contributions.
- Brigid recommended she meet with the Student Board to understand how they would like to contribute. Brigid will draft a student representative solicitation email and send to Sakina to approve.
- Publicity – Noelle Boncher-Garcia, Nicole Zielske
 - Nicole said the Publicity committee is promoting #arts220strong. They would like to include more membership information, include a Booster link every couple of weeks, and include ticket info/virtual show information.
 - Nicole or Elizabeth asked the Board to send them information to post.
 - Jen asked Brigid to send a list of all Fine Arts social media accounts to the Board and that Board members follow these accounts.
- Website – Noelle Boncher-Garcia, Elizabeth Kitzman
 - Noelle said the Website committee is compiling a binder with website information.
 - Brigid said the high school is trying to assemble a poster with all semester dates.
 - Jen asked all committee members to review their web pages and send changes to Noelle and Elizabeth.
 - Jen asked the Website committee to send the list of subscribers to the Membership committee.
- Concessions – Keith Colgrove
 - Brigid suggested Boosters partner with a local business to provide hot chocolate for the Winter Festival.
 - Mary thanked the Concession committee for donating last spring's items. Students assembled care packages for Journeycare workers including the donations.
- Advisor - Kimberly Priola (no report)

New Business (no New Business)

Adjourn

- Elba motioned to adjourn the meeting; Nicole seconded the motion and it was passed by the Board at 8:57.

Next Meeting: October 12, 2020 @ 7 pm via Zoom