

Friends of Berlin Performing Arts

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2019

Call to Order by Melissa Hagerman, FBPA president

Attendees:

Board members: Melissa Hagerman (president), Denise Cambier (VP), Patricia Walker (treasurer), Jessica Spelman (secretary)

Directors: Erin Gibbons (theater), Jillian Henning (orchestra), Michael Reeves (band), Thai Sribanditmongkol (choir). Also present were middle school music directors Jessica Kelley (choir), Rachel Tweedy (orchestra), Christine Wedell (band)

President's Report

There will be no December meeting. Next meeting will be in January.

We are done with concessions sales until March. The concessions building is winterized and the water turned off. Increased number of leaders associated with concessions made us more successful.

Pride Day made money this year despite a few rough spots.

Vice President's Report

Pride Day was October 19. The following stats:

- 41 drivers, 153 students, 74 routes done (5 routes not done).
- Most groups were back within 2 hours
- Made over \$8500 that day.
- Got an additional \$25 from the door hangers (which did not cover the cost of the hangers)
- Got another \$325 via a total of 5 to 6 responses from emails sent out after the event
- Next year will have 10 more routes (from increasing homes built in the district). Will need 48 to 50 drivers and 170 to 200 kids to cover those routes, so will need greater participation than last year.
- Will need to have smoother student sign-in and route distribution

Berkshire Middle School Fundraising

- At the Berkshire MS choir concert on Oct 29, we did 50/50 raffle, candy sales, teddy bear sales. Made \$245.
- Next MS event will be orchestra concert on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 pm

Treasurer's Report

- Current cash balance is \$56,111.14 at the end of October
- Pride Day earned total of \$8600.
- Taxes have been filed for year ending in 12/31/18 and fiscal year ending 6/30/19. From now on, will do fiscal years July 1 thru June 30.

- Most of our big earnings are done, and we didn't raise as much money as we had budgeted. So we will have to watch our spending going forward.
- Major upcoming expenses: Instruments, clinicians to instruct in sessions, guest directors

Concession Report:

- All varsity FB games were fully staffed.
- Challenges: Need a second soft pretzel machine. Need to make more hot chocolate. Need to fill shifts at smaller events better
- \$32, 312 net profit from concessions
- <39% of performing arts parents have participated
- 10% of families cover 55% of shifts
- Consider "Opt Out Fee" for families who don't want to volunteer. Current requirements are 2 concession shifts and Pride Day involvement for each involved family (regardless of number of kids or number of performing arts each kid is involved with)
- Consider the Opt Out Fee to be \$180 per family bc this is the average amount that would be earned by 2 concession shifts and Pride Day per family. No decision was made at the meeting.
- Consider recognition for families that work a lot of games. Maybe mention in the program or reserved seats at concerts. No decision was made at the meeting.

Transportation Report:

- Truck took marching band instruments to all away games, including 1 playoff game in Toledo
- Owning a truck has saved FBPA \$2900 this year (U-Haul rental fees and gas)
- Driver has spent approx. 80 hours of time, which is donated. This saves the school from having to pay a driver.
- (The cost of 1 spirit bus to Toledo would be \$460)
- Also used truck to transport lumbar for building set. Can use for transporting other goods – risers for the choir, sets and supplies for theater, instruments for orchestra, etc.
- School transportation has to be notified RE usage, and driver has to be certified by school district

Choir Director Report (Thai S.)

- On Nov 14, male singers from all 4 Olentangy high schools and some middle schools will participate in an all-day event at Olentangy HS called "Brothers Sing On." 160 basses and tenors will rehearse all day, working with Dr. Ward, the director of the OSU Men's Glee Club. Performance will be at 7 pm at Olentangy High school. The kids will perform with the OSU Men's Glee Club

Orchestra Director Report (Jillian Henning)

- December 5: Chamber orchestra will perform with the 5th graders at Arrowhead Elementary School
- December 11: Concert at the HS with all 3 orchestras and jazz band
- Getting ready to be part of Pit for the upcoming musical

Band Director Report (Michael Reeves)

- Under the Lights is November 15,16 at 7 pm in the auditorium. \$5 per ticket. Order on the website berlinbands.weebly.com. 550 tickets sold so far (last year pre-sold 400). 100 middle schoolers from Berkshire will perform both nights. 2000 lights in the set
- Concert band: 3 students from Berlin qualified for District Honors Band on Dec 7 at Mount Vernon Nazarene University
- Solo and ensemble competition will be Feb 8

Theater Director Report (Erin Gibbons)

- The play went well (mystery show). Audience was up close on the stage. All 3 performances sold out (124 seats per performance)
- Musical will be Cinderella. Had an audition workshop on Nov 13 with a professional performance artist from Columbus.
- 5 Berlin students are participating in community theater shows around the area

Middle school report:

- The "All District 8th Grade Choir" will be January 8 at OHS
- On Feb 22 (8 am to 3 pm) Berkshire will be hosting the solo and ensemble competition
- The MS band will participate in Berlin's Under the Lights Nov 15-16 and at Orange HS Friday Night Live on Nov 22
- Band concert (6th grade and jazz band) December 9

Next meeting Wednesday, January 8 at 7 pm in the orchestra room